

SOUTHERN AFRICA MONTHLY REGIONAL BULLETIN

MRB

INDEX **Vol. 15 2006**

Angola:

Jan-06
Chinese company secures Benguela railway contract

Jan-06
EU is sceptical about transparency commitments

Mar-06
Intelligence purge raises concerns about ruling elite's stability

Mar-06
French newspaper takeover may sink 'Angolagate' probe

Apr-06
US navy visits Luanda

Apr-06
Gaydamak's bid over France-Soir rejected

Apr-06
China takes up most new oil production

May-06
Cholera spreads throughout country and spotlights enrichment of elite

May-06
Despite peace talk tensions remain high in Cabinda

Jun-06
State media monopoly to end

Jun-06
New boost to oil imports from Chinese deal

Jul-06

Controversy over autonomy deal for Cabinda
Jul-06

China extends its \$2bn reconstruction credit
Jul-06

Food aid money dries up
Jul-06

Standard Bank opens up
Jul-06

New diamonds investment
Oct-06

Election campaign begins in slow motion
Oct-06

Catholic Church remains divided in Cabinda
Nov-06

High-level security shake-up
Nov-06

Booming Portuguese bank doubles presence
Nov-06

Russia signs oil, diamonds deal
Dec-06

Conflict diamonds attention shifts to conditions of diggers
Dec-06

OPEC membership likely to limit production

Botswana:

Feb-06
BDF may send troops to Darfur

Apr-06
Inflation surges

Sep-06
Botswana considers tannery boost

Nov-06
Power exports will bring in \$1bn

Dec-06
AIDS takes six percent of budget

Congo DR:

Jan-06
Increase in trade with China

Jan-06
EU sends fact-finding mission amidst dispute on military participation

Jan-06
Infrastructure investment sought as economy brightens

Feb-06
Indiscipline in national army adds to election insecurity

Feb-06
Billiton sets in motion giant aluminium smelter project

Feb-06
Fears grow of a political vacuum as election is postponed

Feb-06
Flurries in mining industry after 'plunder' report

Mar-06
EU force gets the political go-ahead amidst concern over exit strategy

Mar-06
Attempts grow to ensure main parties participate in election

Mar-06
Musicians recruited for the electoral campaign

Apr-06
Kinshasa politicians uneasy over projected EU security force role

Apr-06
Kabila's party and Christian Democrats in pole positions

Apr-06
Gecamines' focus on cobalt rather than copper 'wrong'

Apr-06
Kansteiner company finds more gold

May-06
Coup claims seem an early sign of dirty tricks in electioneering

Jun-06
Kabila likely to hold onto presidency into next year

Jun-06
Excluded UDSP lists complaints and warns of chaos ahead

Jun-06
Wary EU force to use remote controlled drones to check Kinshasa's security

Jul-06
EU troops fly into election marred by violence, intolerance and distrust

Jul-06
Mafia climate in media casts doubt on fairness of election

Jul-06
Port disruption threatened

Jul-06
SA's troops took part in massacre by national army says UK report

Aug-06
As dust settles on election the scramble for mining riches begins

Aug-06
Fresh uranium smuggling claims

Aug-06
Three-day war raises stakes for second round of voting

Aug-06
Anti-fraud body set up own tax on Zambia trade

Aug-06
Warning of 'massive' plague in Ituri

Sep-06
Bemba-Kabila interface remains a 'tinderbox'

Sep-06
UN and EU forces under pressure to stay on

Sep-06

Bemba on the defensive as rivals declare for Kabila

Oct-06

Confident Kabila lays out his 'contract for the new Congo'

Oct-06

SA observer team for poll

Oct-06

Reshuffle indicates 'militarisation' say Kabila's opponents

Oct-06

Political and military actors prepared for worst-case scenario

Oct-06

Concern that 'war crimes' case may deter miners

Nov-06

Divisions over strategy in Bemba's camp may limit all-our fight

Nov-06

Concerns mount that Eastern flare-up could spread

Nov-06

British firm wins rights in tactic to control uranium exports

Dec-06

Coffers emptied for election land new government with cash crunch

Dec-06

EU troops pack up leaving security situation still fragile

Dec-06

Light goes out for rhinos as game parks become new battleground

Dec-06

Kabila promises an end to corruption but scepticism remains high

International:

Feb-06

Turkey looks to military cooperation with SA

Mar-06

Brazil scam may undermine conflict diamonds system

Apr-06

US-SACU free trade deal runs into the sands

Apr-06

Russian G8 leadership may push Nepad onto back burner

Jun-06

SADC's regional identity confusion delays EU partnership deal

Jun-06

Demand for Swiss banks probe after SA report

Jul-06

EU may make strategic pact with South Africa

Jul-06

EU announces surge in aid and investment

Aug-06

Pentagon may set up separate African command

Aug-06

Government grapples with South African military activities abroad

Sep-06

Western donors seek to bring China into line on loans

Sep-06

Putin makes 'historic' visit to SA and pledges massive investment

Oct-06

Swaziland, Malawi still backing Taiwan

Oct-06

SA is high on bribe payers' index

Nov-06

China's Ugandan deal thwarts SA's good governance intentions

Nov-06

Mbeki seeks to hold governance line against Chinese

Dec-06

Mbeki and Bush agree on Darfur, Somalia

Lesotho:

Jul-06
Kebble's controversial diamond mine sold

Oct-06
New party challenges government

Dec-06
Assassination bid raises concerns for upcoming election

Malawi:

Feb-06
Price-fixing rumour clouds the air ahead of tobacco sales

Mar-06
Threat of price-fixing case hangs over US tobacco buyers

Apr-06
Minimum set for tobacco fails to boost prices

May-06
Opposition arrests follow treason charge against vice president

Mozambique:

Jan-06
IMF fears inflation as donors line up to fund projects

Jan-06
Dhlakama joins Guebuza's advisory team

Mar-06
Confusion over how to handle Islamic protest

Mar-06
Oil and gas exploration in North

Apr-06
New commercial code cuts red tape

Apr-06
Chinese investors wooed

Apr-06
New Cahora Bassa grid link constructed

May-06
China to finance key Zambezi hydro dam

Jun-06
Zimbabwe tycoon faces hotels default

Jun-06
Decision on Mozal II will follow power availability check

Sep-06
Donors confirm \$583m in aid for 2007

Oct-06
Landmines estimate is revised sharply downwards

Oct-06
Sena rail line will open way for coal exports

Nov-06
Rise of new middle class is reflected in ruling Frelimo party

Nov-06
Government finally gains control of Cahora Bassa

Dec-06
Year ends with yet more promising economic prospects

Namibia:

May-06
AU peer review mechanism on hold

Jul-06
Civil society and government to link up

Aug-06
'Death threat' by Nujoma draws UN attention

Sep-06
Caprivi secessionist party banned

Oct-06
Nuclear power plans are based on uranium boom and unease about regional security

Region:

Jan-06	Landlocked Botswana seeks deals for access to undersea cable
Malawi, Mozambique sign trade agreement	May-06
Jan-06	SA's contribution to AU budget nearly doubles
Burundi clears decks for radical changes	May-06
Jan-06	Hidden areas of dissent revealed in survey
Zambia takes GM food off the boil ahead of WTO ruling	May-06
Feb-06	Uganda watches upcoming Congo election with anxiety
Fearful Equatorial Guinea strains regional relations	May-06
Feb-06	Coup rule set aside in interests of deal with CAR
Zambian expulsion indicates regional agreement to marginalise Tsvangirai	May-06
Mar-06	Hopes for stay of execution on AGOA
Bad news for Zambia if fugitive rises in DRC poll	May-06
Mar-06	More African capital is being sent abroad
'Coup plot' against new Burundi government	May-06
Mar-06	Kenya invites SA to start parallel undersea cable
Little neighbourhood economic solidarity with Zimbabwe	May-06
Mar-06	Port security moves up on SADC priority list
Congolese and Swazi aircraft banned from EU skies	May-06
Mar-06	ADB grant for regional rivers
SA to boost power through Botswana coal exploitation	Jun-06
Mar-06	Uganda upgrades airstrips and radar on borders
SA company to run main Ethiopia rail line	Jun-06
Mar-06	Governments bid to control information technology
Mbeki seeks peace between Museveni and his political rival	Jun-06
Apr-06	SA's oil foray in Equatorial Guinea raises new diplomatic issues
Peacekeeping training in Harare	Jul-06
Apr-06	Peace deals still out of reach of SA mediation efforts
SA makes further incursion into rail management	Jul-06
Apr-06	Nuclear and coal to help prevent a power crunch
	Jul-06
	EU announces E5.6 billion for infrastructure
	Jul-06

Burundi officials 'embezzled SA loan'

Jul-06

AU seeks to take over state functions in integration plan

Aug-06

Congo minerals still beckon despite Uganda's peace talk

Aug-06

Loss of Congo coffee resources hits Uganda's economy

Aug-06

Nepad sets up parallel diamond body

Aug-06

Zambia beefs up security on Congo border

Aug-06

US aids regional military standardisation

Aug-06

SADC again displays paralysis on Zimbabwe

Sep-06

EU-SADC agreement would have limited impact on textile and fisheries trade

Sep-06

E-procurement to be pushed in COMESA

Sep-06

Last Burundi rebel group signs ceasefire

Sep-06

Theft knocks out Congo's electricity supply to Southern Africa

Sep-06

Kenya thwarts SA's Nepad leadership on undersea cable

Oct-06

Kimberley diamond process threatened by mediation failure in Cote d'Ivoire

Oct-06

Benguela line to reopen next year

Nov-06

Uganda's anti-Khartoum operation may rebound on Congo security

Nov-06

Ominous warnings about rise of Burundi 'parallel power'

Nov-06

Concern grows for AGOA facing protectionist US Congress

Nov-06

Fresh bid to breathe life into SADC integration project

Nov-06

Kenya calls SA 'arrogant' and refuses to sign up to Nepad undersea cable

Dec-06

EU shifts focus of partnership talks away from poor relations and onto SA

Dec-06

Trade direction shifting from SADC

Dec-06

SA troops to concentrate on Burundi's FNL demobilisation

Dec-06

SA's power utility gains influence in Uganda

Jul-06

Oil on Uganda-Congo border adds to minerals concerns

South Africa:

Feb-06

Arms package bogs down defence spending

Feb-06

Incentives to investment in Africa

Apr-06

Study plays down AIDS' economic impact

May-06

Business confidence buoyed by gold price

Jul-06

Extra protection for diplomats facing violent crime

Jul-06

China agrees nuclear, textiles deal

Aug-06

SA government challenged over AIDS policy

Swaziland:

Jan-06

Firebombings continue despite arrests

Feb-06

Official glee as Pudemmo supporter confesses

May-06

Donor pressure grows as elite 'alliances' emerge

Nov-06

As sugar and cotton fade 'dagga' cash crop may increase

Zambia:

Feb-06

Oil shock aid sought

Mar-06

Opposition parties ally to present a single opponent

Apr-06

SA's communist leader claims investors are fleeing BEE

Apr-06

Chinese and Indian copper miners boost investment

May-06

Anger grows at copper deals that do not pay

Jun-06

Divisions loom in ruling party over bar on ministers

Jul-06

EU prepares election monitors to avoid re-run of fraudulent poll

Aug-06

Large contenders' list may ease the way for Mwanawasa

Sep-06

China's role in poll may herald wider involvement

Sep-06

Indian industrial giant may move into power generation

Oct-06

Changed deal on copper mining promised

Oct-06

War of words grows between president and rival

Nov-06

Smelting plant will make China biggest investor

Nov-06

Government cautious on oil discovery

Zimbabwe:

Jan-06

Inflation rides high and Zimdollar crashes on eve of IMF visit

Jan-06

Parties on both sides prepare for power transfer

Jan-06

US leaves Mugabe out of talks with SA

Jan-06

Rights report ignored at AU summit

Feb-06

Government seeks to shift blame for inflation onto IMF

Feb-06

SA's Eskom cuts power as IMF issues hardline report,

Feb-06

Poor harvest forecast again

Feb-06

As MDC splits tribal opposition party is formed

Feb-06

Mugabe's support falls together with trust in key state institutions

Feb-06

SA confirms flow of illegal aliens

Mar-06

Charges dropped as judge castigates CIO, police

Mar-06

Chinese hand seen behind mines takeover proposal

Mar-06

Technocrat voted in as leader of pro-senate MDC faction

Apr-06

Seventh 'recovery' programme fails to excite but mines takeover speech does

Apr-06

Attack on property rights was 'key to collapse'

Apr-06

Demobilised opposition faces Mugabe rampant on independence anniversary

May-06

Plan suggested for post-Mugabe revival

May-06

Forex shortage means ARV supply is drying up

May-06

Social and economic trauma boosts churches and sorcery

May-06

Mass police turnout keeps lid on protest

Jun-06

Scepticism remains over China's promise of coal-fired power stations

Jun-06

Mugabe, boosted by China deal, may meet Annan at AU summit

Jun-06

Mugabe strikes deal with foreign miners

Jul-06

'Mercenaries' cargo plane unclaimed

Jul-06

Annan gives up in favour of new mediator

Jul-06

SA bank helps secure food supplies

Aug-06

Large boost to security spending announced

Aug-06

Currency reform fails to impress as way to cure inflation

Aug-06

Closer Equatorial Guinea business ties?

Aug-06

Mugabe backs Gono in anti-corruption drive and economic revival plan

Sep-06

Internetlink cut off over debt

Sep-06

Indian firm pulls out of steel deal

Sep-06

Pressures ease on Mugabe as loans flow in and demonstrations fail

Oct-06

Russian 'infrastructure deals' may be scams

Nov-06

New debt likely for fuel imports

Dec-06

New budget called 'soap opera' ahead of IMF visit

Dec-06

Presidential extension intended to quiet restive ruling party

SUBSCRIBE TO MRB ...

All subscription information on

www.SouthScan.NET