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David E'ngazi \$70 Million Fraud

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Lithium: the intriguing transformation of \$ 70 million from Zijin Mining to an NGO

As part of its partnership with La Communière, a subsidiary of the Chinese mining Zijin paid an important contribution to a mysterious Congolese NGO, whose president is himself a public company administrator.

The counterparts of the deal on manono lithium between the Chinese giant Zijin Mining Group and the Communière public enterprise agitate the small business world in the province of Tanganyika, where one wonders about the methods of a payment of 70 millions of dollars. This was carried out by one of the subsidiaries of Zijin, Jinxiang Lithium, to an NGO recorded in 2020 with the Congolese authorities, called the shield.

In its statement announcing the deal, Zijin Mining mentioned a contribution of \$ 70 million "to support humanitarian aid efforts in the northeast and eastern DRC". The envelope was allocated in its entirety to the shield. Its president, Jean-David E'ngazi, worked for a long time in Canada, where he presents himself as the president of the Congolese community in Montreal. He returned to 2020 in the DRC, where he became a member of the Economic and Social Council.

Above all, Jean-David E'ngazi joined the Common Board of Directors in September 2023, a few weeks before the public company concretizes its deal with Zijin. An appointment which he owes to the new president of the board of directors, Lisette Kabanga Tshibwabwa. Member of the Union for Democracy and Social Progress (UDPS, the party of President Félix Tshisekedi), the latter took the lead in the coming in August 2023 after having officiated as director of Jean-Claude Bukasa, ex-interim

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"Brading" of mining active ingredients

Lisette Kabanga, who also creeps a senator's armchair in the elections scheduled for April 21, played a key role in bringing the comicine with Zijin Mining Group. And this, well before they are appointed president of the board of directors. As Africa Intelligence had revealed (AI Du13/12/22), his company Focus Plaidoirie had worked in the sale in 2021 in Zijin of the shares held by the comine in a joint venture intended to exploit the deposit of Manono. An operation described as a "sale" of the company's mining assets in a report by the General Inspectorate of Finance (IGF). Lisette Kabanga had perceived for this work a remuneration of \$ 1.6 million.

Contacted by Africa Intelligence, Neither Lisette Kabanga ni Jean-David E'ngazi wanted to follow up on our requests, in particular concerning the use of funds paid at the end of 2023 to the shield by Zijin. The \$ 70 million first landed at the end of November on the account of a bank whose identity remains questionable. However, it appears that this account has been the subject of many disbursements: a few weeks later, the balance, or 40 million dollars, was transferred to another account of the NGO at EquityBCDC.

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Jean-David E'ngazi was involved in 2015 Panama Papers Scandal (see picture) & was briefly jailed during Kabila regime before fleeing to Montrael, Canada. Jean used a Shell company in a Tax Haven (picture) to route his money laundering operation via the #DRC "NGO Le Bouclier" \$AVZ

Commus (Nonprofit subsidiary of Zijin-Mining in DRC) NGO donated \$70 million USD to DRC Nonprofit "Le Bouclier"

Zijin News Source is this:

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/rioblancocoppersa_apoyohumanitario-manonolithium-ongabrelebouclier-activity-7156668485375303681-MGq9/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_ios

DRC Media Article (Dec-13, 2023, Kinshasa) is this:

<https://7sur7.cd/2023/12/15/rdc-lasbl-le-bouclier-recoit-un-don-financier-de-manono-lithium-sas-pour-assister-les>

Twitter (X) references are:

https://x.com/emil_jens/status/1752698283536093234?s=20

https://twitter.com/emil_jens/status/1752629690303676537

Who is - Mr. Jean David E'ngazi

https://twitter.com/jead1008/with_replies

<https://youtu.be/AfCBmdCVsik?si=xm7jklx9dZlBRilY>

He was involved (and named) in the **2015 Panama Papers Scandal** (Within Joseph Kabila's corrupt circle) and was temporarily jailed in DRC in 2015-16 before "Immigrating" (fleeing) to Canada, living in Montreal as President of the Montreal Congolese community. He returned to DRC in 2021-22 under President Felix regime.

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Mining in DRC

MOÏSE KATUMBI EXPOSES CORRUPTION SCANDAL IN CONGOLESE MINING SECTOR

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Moïse Katumbi, a prominent Congolese opposition figure and former governor of Katanga, has raised concerns about a corruption scandal involving the public mining company COMINIÈRE and a mysterious Congolese NGO in the lithium exploitation project in Manono with Australian firm AVZ.

According to Katumbi, after the sale of shares in COMINIÈRE, a significant sum of \$70 million was transferred to the accounts of an NGO, whose president is an administrator of the public company. He highlighted that \$40 million of this amount mysteriously disappeared.

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Katumbi implicated a Chinese subsidiary of Zijin Mining Group in the bribery scheme and criticized the neglect of justice and transparency institutions like the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in addressing the issue. #2



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Expressing concern for the well-being of the Congolese people, especially those in the East, Katumbi urged an end to the "shameful looting" of resources and demanded accountability to secure the future for the country's children.
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This accusation of corruption adds to a series of scandals tarnishing President Félix Tshisekedi's governance. Katumbi, with presidential ambitions, called for national The "CNPAV" says it is deeply concerned about the information reporting a

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NGO le COMINIÈRE David E'ngazi a été accusé de fraude par le groupe Zijin Mining Group over the lithium project in Manono, despite hopes raised by AVZ Minerals Ltd's initiative. Given the lack of transparency can improve:

SOURCE: mines-cd.



Communiqué de Presse

La gestion des précieuses réserves de lithium de la RDC est entachée de corruption – CNPAV exige des comptes.

La coalition le Congo N'est Pas à Vendre "CNPV" se dit vivement préoccupée par les informations faisant état d'une « donation » de US\$70 millions qui aurait été faite par Zijin Mining au profit d'une organisation non-gouvernementale (ONG) dirigée par monsieur Jean-David E'ngazi, membre du conseil d'administration de la Cominière.

Le CNPAV constate que ceci n'est que le plus récent d'une succession d'informations inquiétantes sur la gestion opaque des actifs de lithium du pays par la Cominière – une société du portefeuille de l'Etat. Il demande une enquête officielle et que les hauts fonctionnaires impliqués dans la mauvaise gestion des ressources du pays soient tenus redevables.

La République démocratique du Congo (RDC) possède un des gisements de lithium les plus stratégiques du monde, notamment le gisement de Kitotolo-Manono, dans le Tanganyika. Dans le contexte de la transition énergétique, ce minerai est hautement convoité en raison de son utilisation dans les batteries des véhicules électriques. Le gisement de lithium de Manono présente un énorme potentiel pour aider la RDC à se développer économiquement. Cependant, il a été au centre de nombreuses accusations, notamment de corruption et de mauvaise gestion.

Ce gisement a fait l'objet d'une forte compétition entre investisseurs et appartenait jusqu'en 2022 à Dathcom, une joint-venture contrôlée par une société australienne AVZ Minerals. En avril 2022, le ministère avait demandé la rétrocession de la partie nord-est du gisement, et a ensuite annulé le permis pour Kitotolo-Manono complètement en février 2023. Vu le fort intérêt d'investisseurs pour le site, le gouvernement aurait dû organiser un appel d'offre pour négocier un accord en position de force. En lieu et place, le ministère semble avoir permis à la Cominière de négocier de gré à gré un accord avec Zijin Mining qui reste non publié jusqu'à aujourd'hui.

En octobre 2023, la Cominière a signé un nouveau contrat de coentreprise avec Zijin Mining lui donnant effectivement le contrôle de la section nord-est du gisement Manono en créant une coentreprise appelée Manono Lithium SAS. Il a été annoncé que dans le cadre de cet accord, Manono Lithium ferait une donation de 70 millions de dollars « pour soutenir les efforts humanitaires » dans l'Est et le Nord-Est de la RDC. Le 19 avril 2024, Africa Intelligence a rapporté que Zijin Mining avait fait cette donation à une ONG relativement méconnue appelée "Le Bouclier", et que le président de cette ONG est Jean David E'ngazi, membre du conseil d'administration de la Cominière.

CNPV considère que les fonds pour les interventions sociales octroyés en marge de la conclusion d'un contrat minier stratégique devraient être gérés par l'Etat congolais et non par une entité privée. Pire, le transfert de \$70 millions à une ASBL dont le président est membre

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du conseil d'administration de la Cominière ayant participé aux discussions pour l'accès à ce permis minier, pourrait constituer un acte de corruption.

La CNPAV estime que ces paiements pourraient créer des conflits d'intérêts à travers un enrichissement illicite des membres du conseil d'administration de la Cominière et constitue en effet un détournement des fonds au détriment de la population congolaise qui vit dans l'extrême pauvreté. Cette pratique est contraire au code de conduite des agents de carrières et de l'administration publique. Les membres du conseil d'administration de la Cominière sont responsables de décisions importantes concernant les précieux actifs miniers de la RDC, décisions qui pourraient clairement être influencées par des paiements importants aux organisations privées des membres du conseil d'administration par un investisseur.

Le contrat du « joint venture » Manono Lithium SAS n'a pas été publié, malgré l'exigence de la loi de la RDC selon laquelle tous les contrats miniers doivent être divulgués dans un délai de 60 jours. Le CNPAV estime que ce contrat devrait être publié immédiatement afin de permettre aux citoyens congolais de vérifier si l'accord est dans le meilleur intérêt du pays et de son développement économique.

La CNPAV note également, en guise de contexte, que la gestion par la Cominière des actifs de lithium de la RDC, qu'elle détient pour le compte de l'État, fait l'objet de critiques depuis plusieurs années. Des questions ont également été soulevées sur la manière dont le contrôle du gisement Manono a été accordé en 2016 à la société australienne AVZ Minerals, et si le contrat était une bonne affaire pour la RDC.^[1]

De plus, la Cominière a été accusée en 2022 par l'Inspection générale des finances (IGF) d'avoir « bradée » les actifs de lithium de l'État et d'avoir « dilapidé » les bénéfices. De plus, sa gestion des gisements de lithium autour de Manono a contribué aux conflits très médiatisés entre les investisseurs, notamment AVZ Minerals, ouvrant la RDC à un arbitrage commercial international qui pourrait à terme coûter au pays des millions de dollars.

Enfin, il avait été rapporté en 2023 que l'actuelle présidente du conseil d'administration de la Cominière, Lisette Kabanga, avant sa nomination chez la Cominière, dirigeait une société de consultance qui avait reçu 1,6 million de dollars en « commission » lorsque Zijin Mining a acquis pour la première fois des actions du projet Manono auprès de la Cominière en 2021.

Le CNPAV appelle au gouvernement de la République et les institutions de contrôle à :

- Lancer une enquête officielle sur la mauvaise gestion par la Cominière et les ministères des mines et du portefeuille, du gisement de lithium de Kitotolo-Manono;
- Entamer une action disciplinaire contre les membres du conseil d'administration impliqués dans la transaction vers l'ONG le Bouclier;
- Passer à la restitution des fonds au trésor public et entamer un audit indépendant des fonds déjà reçus et dépensés par Le Bouclier;
- Utiliser les résultats de l'enquête de l'IGF pour des actions judiciaires contre les personnes impliquées dans le dossier ;



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DRC: Congo Is Not For Sale requests an investigation into the controversial management of the Manono lithium deposit by Cominière

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Lithium samples at the Manono development site, operated by a subsidiary of the Australian AVZ Minerals. © AVZMINERALS

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In a statement on Friday, May 10, the Congo Coalition is Not for Sale (CNPAV) demands an official investigation into the management of the Kitotolo-Manono lithium deposit by the Cominière, a public mining company in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), which reportedly received \$70 million from Zijin Mining, a Chinese company headed by Jean David E'ngazi, at the same time also a member of the Cominière's board of directors

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According to Congo is not for sale, this "donation" was made as part of a joint venture agreement for the exploitation of the Kitotolo-Manono lithium deposit in Tanganyika, which has enormous potential to help the DRC develop economically, in view of its role in the context of the "energy transition" and the high lust to which it is subject because of its use in the batteries of electric vehicles. This Manono lithium deposit, regrets the CNPAV, is the subject of many accusations, including corruption and mismanagement.

For the CNPAV, the required investigation must be extended to the Ministries of Mines and the Portfolio, which have an active look at mining management in the DRC.

"The CNPAV also calls for disciplinary action against the members of the board of directors involved in the transaction to the NGO Le Bouclier, to proceed to the return of funds to the public treasury and to initiate an independent audit of the funds already received and spent by Le Bouclier, to use the results of the IGF investigation for legal actions against the persons involved in the file,... invite the Minister of Mines before parliament to prepare an oral question with debate on the Cominière file and ensure the publication of the Manono Lithium SAS contract in accordance with the requirements of the Mining Code", can be read in the press release.

The Cominière has already been accused by the General Inspectorate of Finance (IGF) of "selling" the State's assets and "squandering" profits. The allocation of the Manono deposit to AVZ Minerals in 2016 has also been the subject of controversy.

For Congo is not for sale, the Congolese government should have organized a call for tenders to negotiate an agreement in a position of strength, because "this deposit was the subject of strong competition between investors and belonged until 2022 to Dathcom, a joint venture controlled by an Australian company AVZ Minerals". This structure regrets that instead, the government has allowed the Cominière to negotiate an agreement with Zijin Mining by mutual agreement.

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RDC : Congo N'est Pas à Vendre demande une enquête sur la gestion controversée du gisement de lithium de Manono par Cominière

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DRC: The Minister of Mines called to clarify the embezzlement of USD 70 million involving an administrator of the Cominière

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The Cominière company is at the center of a scandal of proven corruption and embezzlement of about US\$70 million. According to the Coalition Congo N'est à Vendre (CNVAP), this is an endowment that would have been carried out by Zijin Mining for the benefit of a non-governmental organization (NGO) led by Mr. Jean E'ngazi, who is also a member of the board of directors of this company in the state

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According to the CNPAV coalition, this observation is only the most recent of a succession of worrying information on the opaque management of lithium assets of the country by the Cominière - a company in the state portfolio. To do this, this anti-corruption platform requires a formal investigation and that senior officials involved in the mismanagement of the country's resources be held liable.

In particular, the Minister of Mines, Antoinette N'Samba is called upon to clarify the embezzlement of this sum of USD 70 million involving an administrator of the Cominière.

"The funds for social interventions granted on the sidelines of the conclusion of a strategic mining contract should be managed by the Congolese State and not by a private entity. Worse, the transfer of \$70 million to a non-profit organisation whose president is a member of the Cominière board of directors who participated in the discussions for access to this mining permit, could constitute an act of corruption," revealed the CNPAV coalition.

Further on, this platform, which campaigns against anti-values, considered that these payments could create conflicts of interest through an illicit enrichment of the members of the board of directors of the Cominière and indeed constitutes a misappropriation of funds to the detriment of the Congolese population who live in extreme poverty.

"This practice is contrary to the code of conduct for career officers and public administration. The members of the Cominière Board of Directors are responsible for important decisions concerning the valuable mining assets of the DRC, decisions that could clearly be influenced by significant payments to the private organizations of the members of the board of directors by an investor," denounced the CNPAV coalition.

Faced with the above, the Congo is for sale calls on the Minister of Mines to take urgent measures to shed light on this case and punish those responsible for this embezzlement.

The CNPAV calls on the Government of the Republic and the control institutions to launch an official investigation into the mismanagement by the Cominière and the Ministries of Mines and the Portfolio of the Kitotolo-Manono lithium deposit; In the same vein, the Congo Is Not for Sale coalition has made some recommendations, including:

- Register this issue with the Council of Ministers and invite the Minister of Mines before the press as part of the government's accountability;
- Invite the Minister of Mines before parliament to ask her an oral question with debate on the Cominière file.

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Reminder of the facts

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has one of the most strategic lithium deposits in the world, including the Kitotolo-Manono deposit in Tanganyika. In the context of the energy transition, this ore is highly coveted because of its use in electric vehicle batteries. The Manono lithium deposit has enormous potential to help the DRC develop economically. However, he has been at the center of many accusations, including corruption and mismanagement.

This deposit was the subject of strong competition between investors and belonged until 2022 to Dathcom, a joint venture controlled by an Australian company AVZ Minerals. In April 2022, the ministry requested the retrocession of the northeast part of the deposit, and then cancelled the permit for Kitotolo-Manono completely in February 2023. Given the strong interest of investors in the site, the government should have organized a call for tenders to negotiate an agreement in a position of strength. Instead, the ministry seems to have allowed La Cominière to negotiate by mutual agreement with Zijin Mining that remains unpublished until today.

In October 2023, the Cominière signed a new joint venture contract with Zijin Mining effectively giving it control of the northeast section of the Manono deposit by creating a joint venture called Manono Lithium SAS. It was announced that under this agreement, Manono Lithium would make a donation of \$70 million to support humanitarian efforts in the East and Northeast of the DRC. On April 19, 2024, Africa Intelligence reported that Zijin Mining had made this donation to a relatively unknown NGO called "Le Bouclier", and that the president of this NGO is Jean David E'Ngazi, member of the board of directors of La Cominière.

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Additional posts on Twitter relating to the NGO (David E'ngazi - Director of Cominiere) fraud

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Including this one by Moise Katumbi 📌

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La corruption en #RDC prend des proportions scandaleuses ! Après la cession des parts de la COMINIÈRE, une somme colossale de 70 millions USD atterrit dans les coffres d'une mystérieuse ONG congolaise Bouclier dont le président est lui-même administrateur de l'entreprise publique.

Plus louche encore, sur ce transfert, 40 millions USD ont mystérieusement disparu. Tous les doigts accusateurs pointent la société chinoise, filiale du minier chinois Zijin Mining Group, dans ce jeu de pots-de-vin. Pendant que Manono crie à l'aide pour la réhabilitation du barrage de Piana-Mwanga, nos élites se goinfrent sur le dos du peuple.

Pourquoi le Procureur reste-t-il sourd à cette affaire, alors que l'ITIE reste muette depuis 2021, sans produire de rapport ? L'argent s'évapore, pendant que nos frères et sœurs de l'Est souffrent. Qui garantira l'avenir de nos enfants lorsque nos ressources seront épuisées ? Il est grand temps de mettre fin à ce pillage honteux et d'exiger des comptes. #CorruptionRDC #JusticePourManono"

Translated from French by

Corruption in #RDC takes on scandalous proportions! After the sale of COMINIÈRE's shares, a colossal sum of 70 million USD landed in the coffers of a mysterious Congolese NGO Bouclier, whose president is himself a director of the public company.

Even more suspicious, of this transfer, 40 million USD mysteriously disappeared. All accusing fingers point at the Chinese company, a subsidiary of the Chinese miner Zijin Mining Group, in this bribery game. While Manono cries for help for the rehabilitation of the Piana-Mwanga dam, our elites are glutting themselves on the backs of the people.


Why is the Prosecutor remaining deaf to this matter, while the EITI has remained silent since 2021, without producing a report? Money evaporates, while our brothers and sisters in the East suffer. Who will guarantee the future of our children when our resources are exhausted? It is high time to put an end to this shameful looting and demand accountability. #CorruptionRDC #JusticePourManono "

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Jean-Baptiste Kasekwa receiving the Kanyaka Award, from Eric Nsenga, spokesman for the ECC

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Saturday, January 25, 2025

Known for his multiple refusals to be bribed during the 2019-2023 legislature, corresponding to Félix Tshisekedi's first term, Jean-Baptiste Kasekwa, elected honorary national deputy from Goma, in the province of North Kivu, was awarded this Friday, January 24 by the coalition "Congo is not for sale" (CNPAV), which awarded him the first "Kanyaka" award. It was at the awards ceremony held at Silikin Village, Kinshasa.

The winner, according to the CNPAV, showed a flawless commitment during his passage to the National Assembly, refusing in particular a sum of 10,000 US dollars intended to influence the impeachment vote of the Mabunda office, as well as the refusal of a jeep given for this cause. He also denounced wage injustices and opaque practices within the institutions of the Republic. This attracted him threats, to which he did not give in, becoming an important figure in the fight against corruption in the DRC.

Speaking for the occasion, Jean-Baptiste Kasekwa welcomed the CNPAV's initiative and reassured all anti-corruption organizations that it is possible to remain honest

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"We must practice fighting corruption in small things already. This will make it possible to hold in the big ones. Corruption kills. We must therefore all commit ourselves together to fight it, each in his sphere of responsibility," he said.

Understanding the Kanyaka prize

The Kanyaka Prize is created to raise awareness of the harmful effects of corruption and the importance of fighting it; to recognize and celebrate those who have made a significant contribution to the fight against corruption in the DRC; to further encourage individuals to take an anti-corruption stand and to promote integrity and ethics. It also aims to draw more public attention to acts of corruption that have had a major negative impact on the community and to encourage competent entities to conduct more investigations into acts of corruption to punish their perpetrators and, if necessary, to grant reparations to victims.

It consists of two prizes: the negative and the positive. The negative prize highlights the most serious corruption cases, which have had a significant negative impact on society, while the positive prize rewards those who have actively contributed to the fight against corruption.

Other personalities and institutions have also earned to win the Kanyaka Positive Award because of their remarkable fight against corruption in recent years. These include Grady Koko and Navy Malela, known for their role in denouncing financial embezzlement by Dan Getler through Afriland First Bank to circumvent US sanctions. They were sentenced to death in absentia and now live in exile in Europe. Then comes the Lycée Liziba, a Catholic primary and secondary school located in Mbudi, Kinshasa, which is known for having, in 2022, taken measures to expel high school finalists involved in attempts at corruption to pass the state exam. They were thanked by the delivery of a certificate of recognition.

Corruption in Senators' Elections: The Most Serious Recent Case of Corruption

The negative Kanyaka prize, at this ceremony, was awarded to the glaring events of corruption that characterized the recent senators' elections in the DRC. During these elections, several testimonies reported enormous sums of money offered by candidates to voters in exchange for their votes. Institutions such as the Céni and the Court of Cassation had warned of the serious sanctions that would be invoked by all those who committed these unhealthy practices. Several candidates abandoned the race, giving way to the highest bidders. Candidates holding public office used the material, human and financial resources of the State to be elected. These practices have had incalculable consequences on public finances, diverting useful resources to development projects. This corruption has favored the election of "mediocre", "less efficient" and "less honest" candidates, which weakens the management of public affairs.

Other most obvious cases of corruption identified recently include the "Jeux de la

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without direct consideration, funds managed outside the normal public spending circuit, resulting in embezzlement of public money.

There is also the case of the \$70 million paid to the NGO Le Bouclier as part of the lithium exploitation project in Manono, involving the Chinese company Zijin Mining.

Next come the embezzlement of funds including those of the services of the Ministry of Health, estimated at about \$300 million for the purchase of medicines, medical equipment and the awareness campaign, embezzled by ministry officials, according to a 2022 IGF report. The other case mentioned is the Forage case, which aimed at the construction of 1,000 mobile water treatment and drilling stations, valued at nearly 400 million US dollars, having involved senior officials and ruling personalities, especially within the Ministry of Finance and Local Development. Finally, there is the diversion of funds from the mining fee in the Luilu sector in Lualaba, estimated at USD 14.5 million.

What they think of the Kanyaka Prize

Several high personalities, from all spheres of Congolese social life, took part in this ceremony and indicated their satisfaction. For Monsignor Donatien Nshole, Secretary General of the National Episcopal Conference of Congo (Cenco), this initiative promotes moral integrity in a context where corruption is becoming endemic and cultural.

Al Kitenge, entrepreneur, economist and author of the book "Sine qua non", which talks about the seriousness of corruption in the institutions of the DRC, for his part, welcomed an initiative aimed at raising awareness against corruption, a practice whose emergence he welcomes. "Initiatives like this must continue because they create a space for the promotion of collective prosperity, given that corruption is the greatest destroyer of this prosperity," he said.

For his part, Eric Senga, spokesman for the Church of Christ in Congo (ECC), welcomed an initiative that aims to measure the degree of impact that corruption has on the lives of millions of Congolese. He called on the population to avoid distraction and to initiate mechanisms of citizen control to prevent an effective fight against corruption.

"Corruption is a state of mind, and fighting it must also be a state of mind," he said. Also present at the ceremony, Salomon Tudieshe, Attorney General at the Court of Auditors, welcomes the "commendable" initiative, which deserves to be known. "Corruption is a scourge that must be fought," he said.

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