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**AIR CARGO/PASSENGER COMPANIES OPERATING IN CENTRAL AFRICA TO SUPPORT  
OPERATIONS IN DROC/EASTERN EUROPEAN HELICOPTERS IN AFRICA**

Registration Numbers noted

**SUPPORTING THE REBELS**

**AIRCESS/TRANS AVIA EXPORT CARGO AIRLINES (BELARUS)**

AN 8 2ea but 5 identified (Kigali) reg number TL-WVA, TL-ACM, EL-AKM probably now TL-AKM, TL-ACT, EL-WHL with NASDROVJE in light green on fuselage probably TL-WHL (TL indicates CAR registry, EL indicates Liberian registry)

IL 76 EW-78849 (TRANSAVIA EW indicates Belorus registry)

IL 76 EW 78801 (ATLANT SOYUZ LEASED FOR TRANS AVIA)

IL 76 EW 76710 (TRANSAVIA EW indicates Belorus registry)

NOTE: One AN 8 or AN 12 crashed in DROC the week of 24 May 99

**CENTRAFRICAN AIR (T-shirt observed in Kigali indicates Central African Airline)**

- Victor Butt Mille Collines RM 107

- Roland De Smet

Victor Soukhih

Dimitri LNU

Operates out of Bangui, CAR; Kigali, Rwanda, and Ras Al Khaimah, UAE

IL 76 Candid "TL" (Kigali) probably 3ea from PASS - 3D-RTX now TL ACU, TL-ACN, 3D-RTA probably renumbered (3D indicates Swaziland registry) 1ea 13 Apr 99 Ras Al Khaimah, UAE

AN 72/74 Coaler 3ea (Kigali) TL-ACU, TL-ACV, 3D-RTW probably renumber to TL, 1ea 13 Apr 99 Ras Al Khaimah, UAE

**PASS (Now all probably registered to CENTRAFRICAN AIR)**

LET 410 - 2ea (Kigali) TL-ACI, ER-LIA (one spotted 29 Apr CAR)

MI-8 - 4ea (spotted 29 Apr CAR)

YAK 40 Codling - 4ea (2ea CAR - one spotted 29 Apr) (1ea Kigali 3D-YAQ now probably TL-YAQ)

(note: initially misidentified 1.4(c) is a Falcon but corrected as YAK 40 in later reporting) 2ea 13

Apr 99 Ras Al Khaimah, UAE

AN 32 Cline 4ea (1ea CAR now Kigali) TL-ACS

AN 12 Cub 3ea (Kigali) TL-ACJ, EW-11385 Techia (may not be part of PASS EW indicates Belorus registry)

IL 18 Coot 4ea

TU 154 Careless 1ea TL-ACF 13 Apr 99 Ras Al Khaimah, UAE

IL 62 Classic 1ea 13 Apr 99 Ras Al Khaimah, UAE

**GOMAIR Rwandan owned**

Boeing 727 EL-GPX (EL indicates Liberian Registry) used to transport troops to Goma and military equip to UNITA

Joseph Benimana pilot

**PLANET AIR flies to Goma, Kisingani, Kindu, Kampala (Entebbe), Kigali**

Boeing 707 3D-WKU (3D indicates Swaziland registry)

HS 748/Andover C1 (former Rwandan Air Force)

**SUN AIR Rwanda/South African interests**

AN- 8

Lost an AN 8 at Kalima(e?) on 28 May

**RWANDA AIR - MAJ Ret Francois Munyarangabo**

LET 410 with Blue Tail



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**RWANDA AIRLINES**

BAC 111 9XR-RA (9XR indicates Rwanda registry)

**AIR BARAKA**

Possibly an IL 18 (from PASS) 9XR-AB (9XR indicates Rwanda registry)

**CAGL (Rwandan business interests behind) (NFI)**

**OTHER AIRCRAFT OBSERVED IN KIGALI**

DC 3 Silver

AN-28 2 ea TL ACC (TL indicates CAR registry) and 3C-KHY possibly KKY (3C indicates Equatorial Guinea Registry) white with red trim on tails and red stripe along fuselage owned by Ismail Jabril

Boeing 707 3D-WVA (Swazi registry, note this registration number used to be on a PASS AN-8)

AN 26 UR-26586 tail "URG" in Aqua letters

Note: CL-44 used to resupply UNITA could appear in Kigali

**UGANDA AIR CARGO**

L-100 or old C 130 5X-UCF (Uganda registry)

IL 76 UR DCC (Ukrainian registry)

AN 26 UR ???

AN 12 UR UCK (note: all Russian aircraft piloted by contract Ukrainians)

**AVISTA LTD (Swiss) Entebbe-Lisala**

C-130s (more likely L-100s)

**BEMBA Contracted with KINGAIR SERVICES PARTNERSHIP (KSP) for 6 months**

Bell Jet Ranger 2068

King Air Executive Jet

**IN SUPPORT OF THE DROC GOVT**

**AVIENT AVIATION (Harare, ZI) (used to ferry troops and equipment to DROC)**

Owner - Andrew Smith/Loius Kling

IL 76 2 EA EK 76446 (EK indicates Armenia registry) another UR rest unknown (UR indicates Ukrainian registry)

Possible AN 124

AN 12 with dark tail Russian Crew equipped to drop bombs

Executive Jet N86MA (N indicates US registry)

**KS AVIA (LATVIA) (operates following to support DROC Govt inside country)**

IL 76

AN 12

**ANTONOV DESIGN BUREAU (UKRAINE) (used to fly arms to DROC)**

AN 124 UR 82007 (Ukrainian registry)

VEGA Airlines often charters Antonov Design Bureau aircraft

AN 12 LZ VEA (Bulgarian registry)

**WORLD TRANS INTERNATIONAL (Front Company from Dubai could be part of Butt's organization)**

AN 26 - 2 EA one in Gbadolite, one in Mbuji Mayi; one has rails on the ramp for bombs

**MIBA (Diamond Mining Parastatal)**

Boeing 727

**GECAMINES AFFILIATED GMR 9Q = Congo registry**

Boeing 727 9Q-COJ

Unided jet 9Q-GCM

Kingair jet 9Q-CGK

**INTERNATIONAL AIR BUSINESS (ITAB in Lumbumbashi) 9Q = Congo registry**

DC-6 9Q-CVC

DC-6 9Q-CYA

DC-6 9Q-CYB

DC-6 9Q-CLL

DC-6 9Q-COE

DC-6 9Q-CAP

DC-6 9Q-BLE

Cessna 9Q-AHA

Cessna 9Q-CMB

**CONGO AIRLINES 9Q = Congo registry**

Boeing 707 9Q CKB

Boeing 707 5N-TNO (5N = Nigeria registry) Chartered

Boeing 727 9Q-CRS

Boeing 737 9Q-CNK

Boeing 737 9Q-CWD

Boeing ? 9Q-CKZ

Boeing 727 9Q-CWA

Boeing 727 9Q-SRG

**WHEELS OF AFRICA N = US registry**

Kingair jet N99WA

Jet N89WA

Kingair N856WA

Helicopter ZS-RWA (ZS = South Africa registry)

Cessna ZS-MVS

Unk type N56WA

**AZZA AIRWAYS (SUDAN)**

IL 76 UR VCJ (UR =Ukraine registry )

**AIR KATANGA 9Q = Congo registry**

Rolls Royce Aircraft 9Q-LSJ

**SHABA AIR 9Q = Congo registry**

Rolls Royce Aircraft 9Q-CHB

**ECOPATROL (UKRAINE) UR =Ukraine registry**

UR-76438

AN? UR-HCT

AN? UR-ULC

AN ? HA 76 (Hungarian registry)

AN 32 HCT-UR  
IL 76 HA-HCT  
IL 76 HA-TCG (marked "Atlantic Aerobatics" possibly "Atlantic Aeronautics")  
IL 76 HA-76MA (marked "Atlantic Aerobatics" possibly "Atlantic Aeronautics")

**UKRANIAN CARGO AIRWAYS UR =Ukraine registry**

AN? UR-UCO  
AN? UR-ULG  
AN? UR-UCR

**MALTA FOREST 9Q = Congo registry**

Kingair 38-OFI (note 38 is not a registry could be 3B which is Mauritius)  
Kingair 9Q CRF

**DAS AIR CARGO 5N = Nigeria registry (Transports Cobalt to Zimbabwe)**

Boeing 707 5N-QRN  
Boeing 727 5N-ARQ

**OTHER AIRCRAFT**

Congolese Presidential Aircraft Boeing 727 9Q-CDC, 9Q-CLK  
Sudanese Airways Boeing 727 9G-ADM (Ghana resgistry)  
Boeing 727 9G-ABC (Ghana resgistry)

**KATALE DC 6 9Q-CAI**

Boeing 727 YR-ABC (Romania registry)  
Air Zimbabwe Boeing 727 Z-WP8 carried Pres Mugabe  
Boeing 737 EL AJO (Liberia registry)

**ZIMBABWE AIR FORCE AT LUMBABASHI LUANO AIRPORT**

Unided Helicopter tail number 9T-HM (transferred to DROC Air Force)  
Mi-35 Attack Helicopter tail number 08  
2 ea Unided Jet fighters  
1ea Unided aircraft tail number 140 F  
4 ea Puma Helicopters  
Casa Transport tail number 800  
Unided Jet cargo aircraft tail number 804  
Unided Cargo Helicopter tail number GP-7

**EASTERN EUROPEAN CONTRACT HELICOPTERS IN AFRICA**

**Congo Brazzaville**

Mi 8 - 1 ea probably piloted by Eastern Europeans (Could be an Angolan Mi 8)  
Mi 24 - 1 ea

**Liberia**

Mi 8/17 Hip - Blue and White registration number RA 24620

**Guinea**

Mi 24V 1 ea

**Nigeria**

Mi 35 12 ea due to arrive shortly; 100(+) pilot and ground staff in training in Russia

**Rwanda**

Mi 24V - 3ea Green Camouflage; Desert Camouflage; Dark Green; Black and Tan Camouflage flown by contract Ukranians/Belarussians  
Mi 18 Hip - 3 ea Green RAF 110; Green RAF 58; Desert RAF 0407 flown by Rwandans

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**Sierra Leone**

Mi 24V Hind – 2 ea South African pilots/crews contracted by govt  
Mi 26 Halo - 1 ea PAE contracted by ECOMOG  
Mi 8/17 Hip – 2 ea PAE contracted by ECOMOG  
Mi 8/17 Hip – contracted by RUF

**Uganda**

Mi 8/17s –  
Mi 24V - 2 ea

**Zimbabwe**

Mi 35 - 9 ea in DROC, 3 ea in Zi (marked 08)

**DROC**

Mi 24V – 2 ea observed in Lumbambashi

NOTE: Mi 17V/Mi 8TV costs 1.45 million dollars US), Mi 17/Mi 8MT costs 1.4 million dollars US

NOTE: Rwanda has SA-7B and SA-18 MANPADS; Uganda has SA-16 MANPADS

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