SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY (3) OF PRESS CUTTINGS ON BIOFUELS, LAND RIGHTS IN AFRICA & GLOBAL LAND GRABBING, 2007-2013

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Note: I have been compiling select bibliographies on Biofuels, Land Rights in Africa and Global Land Grabbing for the past 5 years. My prime motive was to attempt to arouse awareness of what I regard as a very dangerous phenomenon with likely extremely serious long-term consequences for small-scale farmers across Africa. I’m delighted to note that awareness has certainly been raised - in the media, in research institutes and pressure groups, in international NGOs and, increasingly, among academics. We are now seeing some serious books being published on both land grabbing and biofuels. With new material appearing at such a rapid rate, my fears of a dangerous conspiracy of silence have long abated. So this will definitely be my last round of bibliographies.

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INTRODUCTION

The contents of this bibliography of press cuttings have risen over the past 18 months from 103 to 157 pages!

As outlined above, it is divided into:
- Global
- Africa general
- 37 individual African countries or regions (Algeria – Zimbabwe)
- Middle East general
- Asia general
- 10 individual Asian countries
- Latin America general
- 5 individual Latin American countries.

I have divided it this way for ease of use, with the focus always on Africa.

It is not surprising to see that, among African countries, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Sudan / South Sudan and Tanzania are the top scorers, with Ethiopia comfortably taking the gold medal and Tanzania the silver!

But recent months have seen an increase in coverage of Cameroon, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Uganda. Vigorous promotion of palm oil is a feature in the three West African countries, with the Oakland Institute applying pressure in Cameroon and Sierra Leone.

There are interesting articles on the growing unease over India’s role in land grabbing in Africa, especially Ethiopia, and cautions about Indian attempts at large-scale agricultural operations in Africa.

The global cuttings in recent months cover, *inter alia*:
- continuing pressures on the EU to alter its stance on biofuel quotas (June and July 2013);
- concerns about the future of smallholder farmers (4 June 2013);
- controversies over land grabbing statistics, e.g. the Land Matrix (10 June 2013);
- increasing awareness of the linked issue of water (January, February and March 2013);
- pension funds and land grabbing (March and April 2013).

By and large *The Guardian*, in its environment and global development pages, provides the most sustained, serious and critical coverage of the issues to which this, and the two other select bibliographies, are devoted.
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