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of the heroic to perceptions of criminal domination by 'foreigners' and 'Congolese traitors'. Yet if there is criminal gain from tantalum on the part of Congolese and foreign actors, tantalum mining has also become a critical mode of survival for many at the grassroots. International action against the 'war economy' in the Congo must therefore be careful to punish the real villains.

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