



The Acholi Religious Leaders' Peace Initiative

Situational Report: September, 2011

Central African Republic Calls for International Security Support

- CAR Foreign Minister, Antoine Gambi, explained to the U.N. General Assembly on September 26th that the December 2010 withdrawal of UN Peacekeeping forces in Chad and CAR has resulted in a security vacuum that urgently needs filling. He noted that parts of CAR continue to be subjected to ongoing LRA violence (ALL AFRICA).

UN Warns of Impending South Sudan Food Crises

- The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization warned this month that, due to internal and border insecurity, erratic rainfall, and the influx of returnees from the North, South Sudan faces severe and chronic food shortage next year. An August crop assessment suggests that the new nation is on track to produce only half of the food needed to support its growing population (ALL AFRICA)

Amnesty Granted to Former LRA Commander

- Former Lord's Resistance Army Commander, Thomas Kweyelo, was granted amnesty by Uganda's Constitutional Court on September 22nd in a landmark case. Mr. Kweyelo, who faced over 53 counts of murder, willful killing, kidnapping, aggravated robbery and destruction of property, was ultimately found eligible for amnesty under Uganda's Amnesty Act which pardons former combatants who publicly apply and denounce rebellion (THE DAILY MONITOR).

Gulu Families to Take UPDF to Court

- Over 300 families in the Gulu municipality announced on September 16th that they plan to take the UPDF to court over land from which they were evicted in 1986 to

allow for the building of the UPDF's 4th Division Headquarters. Though promised by the government in 1997 to be monetarily compensated Shs1.2 million for the land, the families have yet to see any recompense and are now calling for legal action (NEW VISION).

AMREF Uganda Scales up HIV/AIDS Program

- The African Medical and Research Foundation announced this month that it is implementing a five year project to help support the improvement of comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention services in eight Ugandan districts with an average virus prevalence of 8.2%. The initiative, supported with funding from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is slated to last until August, 2015 (RELIEF WEB).

Continuing Famine in Horn of Africa

- The United Nations announced in September that the Horn of Africa's famine will likely continue to impact lives well into the coming months. Somalia, at the epicenter of the disaster, stands to lose 750,000 lives over the next few months, according to the report. Compounding the nation's already daunting challenges of famine, drought, and political instability, the report goes on to detail the growing epidemic of diseases such as measles, malaria, cholera and typhoid. To stem the tide of increasing deaths and social collapse, an international, multi-sector response is being called for (NEW YORK TIMES).

Monthly LRA Activity

- The month of August saw 11 reported LRA attacks. Taking place exclusively in Democratic Republic of Congo (Haute and Bas Uele), two individuals were reportedly killed and 21 abducted. These numbers mark a continued decrease from June—the year's most active month of LRA activity. August stands as the quietest month of LRA activity in 2011 (LRA CRISIS TRACKER).

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