



The Acholi Religious Leaders Peace Initiative

Situational Report: October 2010

Collaborations between the DRC, CAR, Sudan and Uganda

The DRC, CAR, Sudan and Uganda have agreed to create a joint military brigade that will pursue the LRA. This initiative is supported by the AU with particular contributions from Nigeria and South Africa. (BBC, October 16, 2010)

The DRC, CAR, Sudan and Uganda are working to have the LRA classified as a terrorist organization rather than a rebel group by the AU. This will allow them greater access to international funds and require increased levels of judicial cooperation. (AGENCE-FRANCE PRESSE, October 16, 2010)

Oxfam Critiques MONUSCO

Oxfam criticizes MONUSCO, the UN peacekeeping mission in the DRC, for failing to protect and provide for the hundreds of thousands of displaced and threatened people in the regions attacked by the LRA. (OXFAM, October 15, 2010)

UPDF Human Rights Abuses in Karamoja

UPDF is under scrutiny for human rights violations in Karamoja. There are documented cases of rape and torture as well as extortion and other forms of misconduct. In response to local protest, the UPDF imprisoned whole communities. All of these activities have undermined the peaceful attempt at voluntary disarmament in the Karamoja region. (THE EAST AFRICAN, October 11, 2010). On October 24th the army found the bodies of 40 suspected Jie warriors in the bush following an attempted raid (THE MONITOR).

Calls for Peace Talks by former IDPs

Former IDPs in Aleka sub-county request peace talks with the LRA to end the war that continues in the DRC and CAR. (NEW VISION, October 11, 2010)

Ugandan Police assign 12 detectives to LRA crimes

The police in Uganda have assigned 12 detectives to investigate LRA crimes using specialized equipment in an analytical laboratory in Wandegeya, Kampala. (THE MONITOR, October 12, 2010)

LRA Activity During the Month of October:

Sudan:

- Archbishop Juan José Aguirre Mu-os of Bangassou in the Central African Republic reported that LRA troops have attacked towns in his country and now are headed north towards Darfur in Sudan. (CATHOLIC INFORMATION SERVICE FOR AFRICA, October 15, 2010). The UPDF has confirmed that they believe Kony is currently in Darfur (REUTERS, October 29, 2010)
- One person was wounded and one killed in an attack that is suspected to be by the LRA near Yambio. (SUDAN TRIBUNE, October 21, 2010)

DR Congo:

- The UN reported an average of nearly six LRA attacks per week in Orientale Province of DR Congo this year. LRA attacks in the province are on the rise; there have been more than 100 attacks in the past three months alone. (RESOLVE)

Central African Republic:

- Four LRA members were killed when they attacked a village in an area controlled by the Union of Democratic Forces for Unity, a former rebel group which has signed a peace deal with the Bangui government. One UFDR member was also killed. (AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE, October 6, 2010)
- 45 abductees were rescued in CAR, predominately people who had been taken by the LRA in August in the area. (RESOLVE)
- Almost 500 households fled the town of Nambiongo in northeastern DR Congo after LRA attacks last week left at least two dead and one wounded. Some humanitarian groups have been forced to suspend their operations due to the insecurity in the area. (RESOLVE)
- The LRA abducted at least five girls and looted the town of Birao in early October. (AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE)

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New Reports:

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ARLPI Documentation:

- ARLPI's Response to "From Promise to Peace," by Resolve.

Other Documentation:

- Resolve report, "From Promise to Peace: A blueprint for President Obama's LRA strategy."