



The Acholi Religious Leaders Peace Initiative

Situational Report: April, 2010

British MP's Sign Motion Against Uganda's Anti Homosexuality Bill:

- A total of 118 British Members of Parliament have signed an Early Day Motion (EDM 575) condemning Uganda's Anti-Homosexuality Bill urging the Ugandan government to fully scrap it. The Bill in its current form would imprison any religious leader, parent, or neighbor who does not report any suspected homosexuals and prevents legal bodies to provide help to accused or risk being shut down (INDEPENDANT).

New Amnesty Report Highlight Lack of Justice for Victims of SGBV in Uganda:

- Amnesty International has urged the Ugandan authorities to provide support for women seeking justice for sexual and domestic violence in a new report highlighting the barriers faced by the victims. *I Can't Afford Justice – Violence against women in Uganda* documents the economic and social obstacles to justice, including the costs of criminal investigations and discrimination by government officials. Victims are left facing inadequate responses by police, having to pay for the cost of police transportation to arrest the accused, forensic examination fees and other expenses related to the investigation. Some official responses to sexual violence also reflect a widely held attitude that the women are to blame for sexual violence in a country where the government often appears to promote “preservation of the family unit” ahead of justice for victims.

UPDF Kills 42 Cattle Rustlers in Kaabong:

- The UPDF on April 9th, shot dead 42 suspected Jie warriors and recovered eight AK47 rifles in a mid-night gun battle in Kalapata sub-county in Kaabong district. One soldier was injured in the fire exchange. However, the warriors succeeded in taking 1,600 head of cattle. Witnesses said about 150 suspected Jie warriors attacked Kalapata army protected kraal but were fought back by the UPDF (NEW VISION).

LRA Activity During the Month of April:

Sudan:

- An LRA attacks was reported on April 6th in Ezo district killing 2 civilians and injuring one other. After the exchange of gunfire between the LRA and the UPDF/SPLA/Arrow Boys the rebels left Ezo advancing towards Degere but local people say they again turned away from Degere and headed to Mariagba where they have a suspected base (SUDAN TRIBUNE).

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DR Congo:

- It was reported in March, a total of 19 LRA attacks (against only 7 in February), all in Dungu territory, including 14 in a radius of 25 km around-Bangadi, which killed 36 people, 9 adults and 22 children abducted. 3 civilians were killed in Sukadi (75 km N of Ango) during a firefight (UNOCHA).
- Oxfam-Quebec, a partner of UNHCR, has registered 115 adult survivors of LRA attacks in Faradje during the period from March 17 to 22 and 104 other adult survivors have been identified Bangadi from March 25 to 31 (UNOCHA)
- In the night from 02 to 03 April, a group of 19 LRA elements attacked the town of Faradje Sambia territory and abducted 12 young people after looting several shops and houses of the square (UNOCHA).
- On April 11th, it was reported that the police chief of Gangala na Bodio, a town in the Faradje territory in the Orientale province was killed when the LRA ambushed him while he investigated a previous attack in Sambia (MISNA).
- Civil society shows that 3 children rescued from LRA (two aged 12 and 16) arrived in the town of Ngilima (UNOCHA).

Central African Republic:

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Other Reports:

- "I Can't Afford Justice: Violence Against Women Continues Unchecked and Unpunished" (*AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL*)
- "Why Being Able to Return Home Should Be Part of Transitional Justice: Urban IDPs in Kampala and their quest for a Durable Solution" (REFUGEE LAW PROJECT)