



The Acholi Religious Leaders Peace Initiative

Situational Report: November 2010

US Releases the LRA bill implementation plan:

On November 24th the White House released their implementation plan for ending the LRA conflict. It comprises on four components:

- Increase protection of civilians
- Apprehend or remove from the battlefield Joseph Kony and senior commanders
- Promote the defection, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of remaining LRA fighters.
- Increase humanitarian access and provide continued relief to affected communities

Finding a negotiated solution to the conflict is not included in the plan.

Inter-religious Council of Uganda appointed elections task force:

The task force was formed in response to the upcoming challenges facing Uganda on the road to free and fair elections. The task force includes Rt. Rev Dr Zac Niringiye (Church of Uganda) as Chairperson and Archbishop John Baptist Odama (Catholic Church) as vice-chairperson. Among their tasks is promoting dialogue between political actors and recording human rights abuses. It will be forming similar task forces at the regional and district levels. (NEW VISION, November 22, 2010)

Dungu works towards increasing communication systems:

USAID and the Justice and Peace Commission of the Dungu-Doruma diocese in the DRC are working together to enhance the communication systems around the Dungu area in an attempt to enhance civilian protection from the LRA. Abbot Benoît Kinalego, president of the commission, believes faster alerts will allow for faster intervention by security forces. (UN RADIO, November 3, 2010)

President Museveni offers compensation for 5000 LRA victims:

During his campaign speech in Gulu President Museveni promised that 5000 LRA victims would be receiving compensation for their loss during the war. Bishop Ochola responded during the launch of the Institute for African Transitional Justice by stating that such a promise should not be made as a campaign statement, but rather should take place through systematic government policies that promote durable peace and reconciliation, and reparations, restocking and education programmes. (THE NEW VISION)

LRA Activity During the Month of November:

Note: "No LRA activity reported" indicates there were no reports in the media, not that no incidents have occurred.

Sudan:

- Chronic food shortages continue to be felt in the Western Equatoria Region of south Sudan due to LRA attacks. Furthermore, aid agencies are facing the ongoing complication of the LRA attacks on camps directly following food distribution. (AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE)

DR Congo:

- Several minor attacks were reported by the UN in the DRC from Nambia to Duru districts. MONUSCO has deployed troops in the area as a preventative measure as attacks often increase during the holiday season. (UN NEWS SERVICE)

- In the last two weeks of November one person was killed and eight kidnapped in the regions of Dungu and Niangara, in the region of Haut-Uélé. These are the same regions in which there is an ongoing joint military operation between Uganda and the DRC. (MISNA)

Central African Republic:

- No LRA activity reported this month

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New Reports:

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ARLPI Documentation:

- Nothing new at this time.

Other Documentation:

- Statement by EurAc, "Military strategies against the LRA will have no lasting impact without dialogue and negotiations." November 15, 2010
- White House Implementation Strategy for *LRA Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act 2009*.