

<b>Country/entity</b>	Uganda
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Ceasefire Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Uganda and the Uganda National Rescue Front II
<b>Date</b>	15 Jun 2002
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

#### Ugandan Conflicts (1970 - )

Uganda has long experienced tensions along ethnic, religious and national lines. On independence in 1962, Ugandan politics were defined by smaller monarchies, among which the Southern Kingdom of Buganda dominated the national sphere. Resistance to this system was the campaign platform of the Uganda People's Congress (UPC) led by Milton Obote, who won the 1962 elections. Tension between the Buganda's ruler King Mutesa II and Obote with his then-ally Idi Amin, led to Obote changing the constitution, abolishing the monarchic system and thus, centralizing power. However, a split between Obote and Amin eventually led to a military coup d'état in 1970, which brought Amin the presidency where he instituted his genocidal regime.

Despite economic collapse, President Amin was only removed from power following a failed attempt at invading Tanzania in 1979, whereby the Tanzanian counter-attack alongside forces loyal to former-President Obote toppled Amin. Authoritarianism continued under the new regime, after Obote won the 1980 elections under dubious circumstances, and in 1985, Obote was once again deposed in a coup. Out of the fray, Yoweri Museveni and the National Resistance Army (NRA) captured the presidency in 1986 and began instituting economic and democratic reforms.

Resistance to Museveni, however, continued with various insurgencies across the country including by former-supporters of President Obote or President Amin. Other insurgencies based on chiliastic beliefs based on the return of Jesus Christ, most notably the Holy Spirit Movement, fought in the late 1980s before splintering into several smaller factions. One such faction later became the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) led by Joseph Kony. Many of the 22 or more insurgency groups estimated to contain more than 40,000 insurgents, operate from across the Ugandan border and are based in either South Sudan or the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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Ugandan Conflicts (1970 - )

<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
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<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Uganda peace process
<b>Parties</b>	<p>Signed [Signature]  Rt. Hon. Eriya Kategaya  1st Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Internal Affairs  FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA  In the presence of: Name [illegible], [signature]</p> <p>Signed [Signature]  Major General Ali Ramnze  Chairman, UNRF II  FOR THE UGANDA NATIONAL RESCUE FRONT II  In the presence of: Name Yasim Doula [Signature]</p>
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	<p>Agreement provides for a ceasefire between the UNRF and Ugandan Government, it then goes on to outline the formation of the Implementation committee consisting of three members from the two parties. Agreement then outlines the DDR of the UNRF II, including the resettlement of UNRF II fighters to the former-UN Refugee Camp in Bidi Bidi, handover of weapons, screening of UNRF fighters, the integration of suitable UNRF fighters in to the Ugandan Army, the repatriation of UNRF leadership to Uganda for peace talks, peace talks, and the arrangement of a stake-holders conference.</p>
<b>Agreement document</b>	<a href="#">UG_920615_Ceasefire_agreement_between_GOU_and_UNRF_II.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a>
<b>Groups</b>	
<b>Children/youth</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Disabled persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Elderly/age</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Racial/ethnic/national group</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Religious groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Indigenous people</b>	No specific mention.

**Other groups** No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced persons** No specific mention.

**Social class** No specific mention.

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**Gender**

**Women, girls and gender** No specific mention.

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** Page 4, CLAUSE IV, SCREENING OF UNRF II EX-COMBATANTS  
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## **State definition**

**Nature of state (general)** Page 2, Preamble  
... RECOGNISING the significance of this agreement in the quest for national unity and development,

**State configuration** No specific mention.

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** No specific mention.

**State symbols** No specific mention.

**Independence/secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/unification** No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** No specific mention.

**Cross-border provision** No specific mention.

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## **Governance**

**Political institutions (new or reformed)** No specific mention.

**Elections** No specific mention.

**Electoral commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties reform** No specific mention.

<b>Civil society</b>	<p>Page 4, CLAUSE V, PREPARATION FOR PEACE TALKS</p> <p>... 2) The UNRF II also undertakes to immediately meet political, civic and opinion leaders in Yumbe District from time to time and brief them on the progress of the peace talks.</p> <p>Page 5, CLAUSE VIII, STAKE HOLDERS CONFERENCE</p> <p>After the signing of the peace agreement, both parties shall jointly convene a conference of all stake holders vide Government, UNRF II, Amnesty Commission, International Donor Community, Non Governmental Organisations and the Private Sector to prepare and facilitate the re-settlement and rehabilitation of those UNRF II ex-combatants who will not have been integrated into the UNDF.</p>
<b>Traditional/ religious leaders</b>	<p>Page 5, CLAUSE VII, PEACE TALKS</p> <p>... 2) The peace talks referred to in 1) above shall, in addition to ten representatives from each side, be attended by two elders, two AROPIC members and the UNRF II legal counsel.</p> <p>Page 5, CLAUSE VII, PEACE TALKS</p> <p>... 4) At the opening and at the conclusion of the talks, the leaders of the major three religious denominations vide; Roman Catholic Church, Anglican Church and Islamic Faith plus members of the donor community and other stake holders shall be invited to witness the ceremonies.</p>
<b>Public administration</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Constitution</b>	No specific mention.

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## Power sharing

<b>Political power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Territorial power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Economic power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Military power sharing</b>	<p>Power sharing→Military power sharing→Proportionality</p> <p>Page 2, CLAUSE II, ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE</p> <p>1) The parties hereby agree to form a joint task force (hereinafter referred to as "the Joint Committee") composed of three representatives from Uganda People's Defence Forces and three representatives from UNRF II who shall oversee the implementation of this ceasefire agreement.</p>

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## **Human rights and equality**

**Human rights/RoL general** No specific mention.

**Bill of rights/similar** No specific mention.

**Treaty incorporation** No specific mention.

**Civil and political rights** No specific mention.

**Socio-economic rights** No specific mention.

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## **Rights related issues**

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

**Media and communication** No specific mention.

**Mobility/access** No specific mention.

**Protection measures** No specific mention.

**Other** No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

**Regional or international human rights institutions** No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

**Criminal justice and emergency law** No specific mention.

**State of emergency provisions** No specific mention.

**Judiciary and courts** No specific mention.

**Prisons and detention** No specific mention.

**Traditional Laws** No specific mention.

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

**Development or socio-economic reconstruction** Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development  
Page 1, Preamble  
... MINDFUL that there cannot be any reconstruction and economic development in the region in the absence of peace;

**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** No specific mention.

**International funds** Page 5, CLAUSE VIII, STAKE HOLDERS CONFERENCE  
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**Business** No specific mention.

**Taxation** No specific mention.

**Banks** No specific mention.

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## **Land, property and environment**

**Land reform/rights** No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/  
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

**Cultural heritage** No specific mention.

**Environment** No specific mention.

**Water or riparian  
rights or access** No specific mention.

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## **Security sector**

**Security  
Guarantees** No specific mention.

**Ceasefire** Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision  
Page 1, Preamble  
... CONVINCED that there is an urgent need for a formal and comprehensive ceasefire agreement in order to pave way for political discussions for the entire West Nile region.

Page 2, CLAUSE I, CEASEFIRE  
The parties hereby mutually and unequivocally undertake to stop all forms of hostility, confrontation and any other acts that may be described as belligerent with effect from the hour and date of the signing of this agreement.

Page 2, CLAUSE II, ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE  
1) The parties hereby agree to form a joint task force (hereinafter referred to as "the Joint Committee") composed of three representatives from Uganda People's Defence Forces and three representatives from UNRF II who shall oversee the implementation of this ceasefire agreement.  
2) The Joint Committee herein above created shall be constituted within five days after the signing of this agreement.  
3) The Joint Committee shall ensure that there are no hostile acts and/or omissions between the Parties.  
4) The tasks of the Joint Committee shall, in addition to that prescribed in 3) above, be to monitor and oversee the smooth implementation of the ceasefire, and any other tasks that may be deemed incidental and conducive to the attainment of the purpose and spirit of this agreement.

**Police** No specific mention.



**Armed forces**

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Page 6, CLAUSE IX, DISARMAMENT, INTEGRATION, DEMOBILISATION AND RESETTLEMENT

1) Thirty days after the conclusion of the peace settlement, the UPDF shall take into its ranks those UNRF II ex-combatants who wish to join and meet the UPDF recruitment requirements.

2) Those UNRF II ex-combatants who either do not qualify to join the UPDF or do not wish to join shall be demobilised and re-settled by the Government and other interested parties.

3) Immediately after the signing of the peace agreement, UNRF II shall hand over all the arms and ammunitions in their possession to the UPDF.

## DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

Page 3, CLAUSE III, ENCAMPMENT AND DOCUMENTATION

1) It is hereby agreed that all the ex-combatants of UNRF II shall immediately encamp at the old United Nations High Commission for Refugees camp at Bidi Bidi in Yumbe District and this exercise shall be completed within five days after the signing of this agreement.

2) Immediately after the completion of the encampment at Bidi Bidi in accordance with this agreement, the Joint Committee shall carry out comprehensive documentation of all the personnel, arms and ammunition in the possession of UNRF II and immediately thereafter all weapons or arms so documented shall be deposited in a designated armoury within Bidi Bidi Camp.

... 4) The custody and security of the armoury herein above referred to shall be the responsibility of UNRF II personnel who shall be accountable to the Joint Committee.

5) It is hereby expressly agreed that all arms and ammunitions deposited in the armoury shall be beyond use by either party and any attempt by either party to gain access to the arms and ammunitions without the consent of the other shall be deemed as a violation of this agreement.

6) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-clause 4) above, UNRF II shall be able to make use of the arms and ammunitions in its armoury for self-defence in the event of an attack by a hostile force. A report detailing out the circumstances under which the arms and ammunition were used shall then be made to the Joint Committee within two days.

Page 4, CLAUSE IV, SCREENING OF UNRF II EX-COMBATANTS

Immediately following the signing of this agreement the Joint Committee shall carry out of a screening exercise of all UNRF II ex-combatants and their families for purposes of determining their suitability for integration in either the UPDF of civilian life after the conclusion of the entire peace process.

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## Intelligence services

No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel  
and opposition  
group forces**

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... 3) The Joint Committee is hereby given the mandate to oversee and coordinate the return of Seventy (70) UNRF II ex-combatants currently based in Juba and Khartoum.

4) The custody and security of the armoury herein above referred to shall be the responsibility of UNRF II personnel who shall be accountable to the Joint Committee.

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Page 4, CLAUSE V, PREPARATION FOR PEACE TALKS

1) The UNRF II hereby undertakes to convene a meeting of its political leadership in preparation for the peace talks.

2) The UNRF II also undertakes to immediately meet political, civic and opinion leaders in Yumbe District from time to time and brief them on the progress of the peace talks.

3) The UNRF II shall also immediately embark on preparing an agenda for the peace talks and forward it to Government for its input.

Page 4-5, CLAUSE VI, RETURN OF FOREIGN-BASED UNRF II LEADERS

1) It is hereby agreed that Government shall within 14 (fourteen) days after the signing of this agreement facilitate the return of some of all of the following five UNRF II leaders:

- John Yebuga based in Canada;
- Ismail Sebbi based in Saudi Arabia;
- John Aluma based in the United Kingdom;
- Betty Andima based in the United Kingdom;
- Uyemi Asedri based in Kenya.

Page 5, CLAUSE VI, RETURN OF FOREIGN-BASED UNRF II LEADERS

... 2) It is hereby understood and agreed that the Government's undertaking in 1) above is subject to UNRF II furnishing clear and known addresses where the said ex-combatants shall be located.

Page 5, CLAUSE VI, RETURN OF FOREIGN-BASED UNRF II LEADERS

... 3) Failure by Government to locate the said UNRF II leaders after due diligence shall in no way be interpreted to mean breach of this agreement on the part of the Government.

Page 6, CLAUSE IX, DISARMAMENT, INTEGRATION, DEMOBILISATION AND RESETTLEMENT

1) Thirty days after the conclusion of the peace settlement, the UPDF shall take into its ranks those UNRF II ex-combatants who wish to join and meet the UPDF recruitment requirements.

<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Terrorism</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** No specific mention.

**Amnesty/pardon** Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper  
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**Courts** No specific mention.

**Mechanism** No specific mention.

**Prisoner release** No specific mention.

**Vetting** No specific mention.

**Victims** No specific mention.

**Missing persons** No specific mention.

**Reparations** No specific mention.

**Reconciliation** Page 5, CLAUSE VII, PEACE TALKS  
1) The Parties hereby agree to embark on arrangement for the convening of the peace talks conference.

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## **Implementation**

**UN signatory** No specific mention.

**Other international signatory** No specific mention.

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar** No specific mention.

**Enforcement mechanism** Page 2, CLAUSE II, ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE  
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**Related cases** No specific mention.

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