

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

Close
Ugandan Conflicts (1970 -
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Stage	Ceasefire/related
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Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Uganda peace process
Parties	<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>
Third parties	-
Description	<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>

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Groups

Children/youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

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.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society Page 4, CLAUSE V, PREPARATION FOR PEACE TALKS
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Page 5, CLAUSE VIII, STAKE HOLDERS CONFERENCE
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**Traditional/
religious leaders** Page 5, CLAUSE VII, PEACE TALKS
... 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.

Page 5, CLAUSE VII, PEACE TALKS
... 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.

**Public
administration** No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

**Political power
sharing** No specific mention.

**Territorial power
sharing** No specific mention.

**Economic power
sharing** No specific mention.

**Military power
sharing** Power sharing→Military power sharing→Proportionality
Page 2, CLAUSE II, ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
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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.

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.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

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.

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.

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.

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

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- 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

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Intelligence services

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**Parastatal/rebel
and opposition
group forces**

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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.

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... 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.

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Withdrawal of foreign forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

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.

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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