

Country/entity	Uganda
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	The Agreement between the Uganda Government and the Lord's Resistance Army ('Gulu Ceasefire')
Date	2 Feb 1994
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 -)

Stage	Ceasefire/related
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Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Uganda peace process
Parties	National Resistance Minister of State, Resident in the North, Hon. Mrs Betty Atuku Bogombe with National Resistance Army 4th Division Commander Commander Colonel Samuel Wassawa on the one hand and the and the Lord's Resistance Army leader H.H. Joseph Kony and his High Command on the other.
Third parties	In the presence and witnessed by: Hon. Mrs. Betty Bigombe, Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister, Resident in the North, the District Administrator, Gulu, District Administrator, Kitgum, Mr Yusuf Okwonga Adek, Mr Okot Ogoni, Mr Okidi, Angol, Mr George William Lugai.
Description	The agreement is pursuant to the previous peace initiatives as a means of finding a non-violent solution in the Northern Uganda districts of Gulu, Kitgum and heighbouring areas. Amounts to a short ceasefire agreement and a commitment to look for peace. With effect from 14:00 hours on the 2nd day of February 1994, hostilities between the two parties to this agreement formally cease forthwith.

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Groups

Children/youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	Groups→Disabled persons→Substantive Page 2, Appendix A CEASEFIRE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 1. To regroup all their forces, and this shall equally incorporate the duty of, (a) Locating and assembling casualties and other LRA members in sickbays;
Elderly/age	Groups→Elderly/age→Substantive Page 3, Appendix A Ceasefire Implementation Programme Schedule, ...2. (a) To, in conjunction with district authorities of Gulu and Kitgum, conduct public rallies in all counties for the purpose of explaining the peace process to the public. During this process two elders shall be nominated from each Division for the purpose of performing traditional cleansing rituals. (b) LRA leader H.H. Joseph Kony will consequently thereafter meet all the nominated elders to draw a programme for the cleansing rituals.LRA agrees that mobilisation of elders and performing rituals shall take place within two months from now and the final peace talks
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	Page 1, Appendix A, To regroup all their forces, and this shall equally incorporate the duty of, Article 1, ... (c) Documenting men and women under LRA control;
Men and boys	Gender→Men and boys→Gender neutral wording Page 1, Appendix A, To regroup all their forces, and this shall equally incorporate the duty of, Article 1, ... (c) Documenting men and women under LRA control;
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general)	No specific mention.
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 3, Appendix A To regroup all their forces, and this shall equally incorporate the duty of, Article 2,
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Traditional/religious leaders Page 3, Appendix A 'Ceasefire Implementation Programme Schedule, Article 2,
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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 No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

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 Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Other
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Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees

Page 2, Untitled Preamble,
All subsequent peace negotiations between the government and the Lord's Resistance Army will be channelled through and handled by the Office of the Minister of State and the 4th Division Commander, National Resistance Army.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision
[Summary] The document in its entirety deals with ceasefire agreement.

Page 1, Untitled Preamble,
... Do now solemnly proclaim for and in the name of peace in the region, the urgent necessity;
Of bringing to a most speedy end, armed conflicts in all its forms and manifestation.
Of restoring total peace, security and good order throughout the region and laying groundwork for that goal. And to this end declare and agree that: After the signing of this agreement there shall be formalized a ceasefire on the following terms:
With effect from 14:00 hours on the 2nd day of February 1994, hostilities between the two parties to this agreement formally cease forthwith.
Atrocities in the form of abductions, highway robberies, ambushes, real and all their disguised forms and manifestations cease henceforth.

Page 2, Untitled Preamble,
... In the event of violation(s) of the ceasefire, punishment will be meted out to the individual member of the force concerned, accruing to the rules of the force and the laws of the country.

Page 3, Appendix A
A ceasefire Implementation Committee constituted by both sides shall periodically review progress on all points every month.

Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

No specific mention.

DDR

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions
Page 2, Appendix A, Ceasefire Implementation Programme Schedule, Article 1,
... (b) Collecting all LRA military equipment and hardware from where they were hidden;

Intelligence services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

Page 3, Appendix A, Article 1,
... (d) Upon orderly regrouping, LRA will inform government and the 4th Division Commander for the purposes of seeking area of assembly.

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	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	Page 2, Appendix A, Article 2, ... (b) LRA leader H.H. Joseph Kony will consequently thereafter meet all the nominated elders to draw a programme for the cleansing rituals
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

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	No specific mention.
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	UN Peacemaker. Available at: https://peacemaker.un.org/uganda-gulu-ceasefire94 (Accessed 6 October 2020).
