

Country/entity	Uganda
Region	Africa (excl MENA)
Agreement name	Peace Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Uganda and the National Rescue Front II (Yumbe Peace Agreement)
Date	24 Dec 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	Rt. Hons ERIYA KATEGAYA, The First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Internal Affairs For and On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Uganda. Maj. Ge. ALI A. BAMUZE, Chairman Uganda National Rescue Front II High Command For and on behalf of the Uganda National Rescue Front II.
Third parties	Signed in the presence of Maj. Gen. Yoweri Museveni (for Government) and LT. Col. Amis Akuaku (UNRF II)
Description	The Peace Agreement signed between the Government of the Republic of Uganda and the National Rescue Front II (UNRF II) (also known as the Yumbe Peace Agreement) is a formal ceasefire agreement committed to peace, stability and development in West Nile in particular and in Uganda at large. Key provisions include, dissolution of UNRF II and the demobilisation, reintegration and resettlement of ex-combatants.

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Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 5, Article VI National Issue ... 8. The Government shall facilitate the One Hundred and Thirty-Five (135) Child Soldiers who are interested in going back to school.
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 Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical
Page 7, Article VIII Miscellaneous

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3. Government undertakes to facilitate the return of all UNRF II ex-combatants currently living in Juba and Khartoum, Sudan as soon as possible.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys Gender→Men and boys→Gender neutral wording
Page 5, Article IV Integration of Selected UNRF II Officers and Men into the UPDF,

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3. The UNRF II officers who wish and qualify to join UPDF shall be allowed to retain their current ranks subject to passing appropriate examinations set and conducted by the UPDF.

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 No specific mention.

**Traditional/
religious leaders** No specific mention.

**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→Merger of forces
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Power sharing→Military power sharing→Joint command structures
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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,

WE, the Parties to this Agreement:

... CONSCIOUS that this instability has impaired development in West Nile and in Uganda at large;

Page 4, Article V, Development in West Nile

1. UNRF II recognizes and appreciates on-going Government programmes in West Nile and calls upon Government to expediate their completion.

2. The Government recognizes the development programmes identified by the UNRF II as priority areas as reflected in the proceedings of the peace talks and agrees to embark on their implementation as soon as practicable.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Article VIII, Miscellaneous

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2. The Parties further recognize and appreciate the invaluable role played by the Government's development partners.

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
The Yumbe Peace Agreement deals with the cessation of hostilities in its entirety.

Page 2, Article I Cessation of Hostilities,

ARTICLE I

CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES

With effect from the signing of this agreement this 24th day of December 2002, all forms of hostilities between the Parties to this Agreement totally, permanently, and unequivocally cease.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes
Page 2, Article II Disarmament

1. Immediately after the signing of this agreement the UNRF II shall hand over all arms and ammunitions in its possession together with their inventory to the Uganda Peoples' Defense Force (UPDF).

Page 3, Art III, Dissolution of UNRF II and the Demobilisation, Reintegration and Resettlement of Ex-Combatants

2. Demobilisation and reintegration of the ex-combatants who are to resettle in civilian life shall be done concurrently within thirty (30) days after the signing of this Agreement. During that period the ex-combatants shall stay at Bidi-Bidi Camps the Amnesty Commission processes their Amnesty Certificates and initial resettlement packages.

3. Government shall provide a sum of UGX 4,200,000,00 (Uganda Shilling Four Billion and Two Hundred Million) for the resettlement of all UNRF II ex-combatants.

4. The sum stated in Article III(3) above shall be made available within one year from the date of signing this Agreement. This period may however be extended if the circumstances relating to the mobilization of funds so warrant.

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6. The UNRF II Chairman shall further nominate sixteen (16) members of the UNRF II not covered in Article III (5) above whom Government shall assist to find gainful employment.

Intelligence services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

Page 3, Art III, Dissolution of UNRF II and the Demobilisation, Reintegration and Resettlement of Ex-Combatants

1. With effect from the signing of this Agreement, the UNRF II shall for all intents and purposes stand dissolved.

See further DDR provisions.

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 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 Page 7, Article VII Implementation

1. All disbursements relating to this Agreement shall be made by Government and other interested parties.

2. On dissolution of the UNRF II, the former members of the Front shall form a Committee through which they shall liaise with Government on matters relating to the implementation of this Agreement.

3. The Government shall whenever appropriate grant clearance for the Committee to solicit for funds from third parties to cover its operation expenses.
