

THE LRA: 1987 - ?

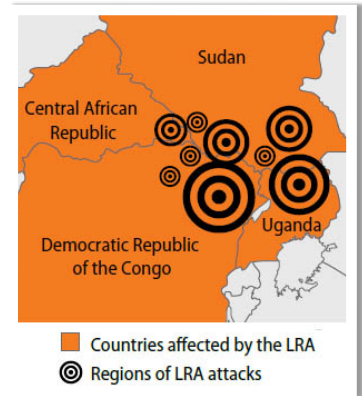
ORIGINS

A rebel group led by Joseph Kony since 1987, the LRA began as a violent campaign against the government of Ugandan president Museveni. Kony expressed a desire to rule Uganda according to the Ten Commandments and claims to fight for the rights of the

Acholi people of the under-represented and neglected northern part of the country.

CHILD ABDUCTIONS

After rapidly losing support among the people Kony claimed to protect, he resorted to kidnapping children, forcing them to become fighters, porters and sex slaves.



TODAY

The LRA was forced out of northern Uganda in 2006 and is now terrorising civilians in neighbouring countries. Community protection is badly lacking and people live in constant fear of

attacks and abductions. Millions have been displaced over the years, and communities and economies have been left devastated and struggling to recover.

THE WORLD'S RESPONSE

ARREST WARRANTS

Kony and his top commanders have been wanted by the International Criminal Court since 2006 for war crimes and crimes against humanity. As a State Member, the UK has a duty to help implement them.

PEACE TALKS

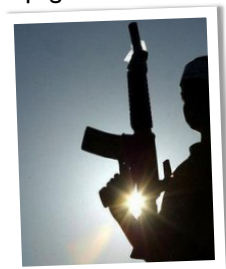
Attempts to sign a peace agreement have failed six times, the last time in 2008. There is doubt about whether further peace talks will be effective, although negotiation and reconciliation are crucial to any peace process.

MILITARY INTERVENTION

The Ugandan army has been pursuing the LRA for over two decades. A failed push in 2008 led to the rebels scattering across three countries where they continue their rampage.

NOW

In November 2010 the US demonstrated a commitment to ensure the protection of civilians, disarm and demobilise the LRA, rehabilitate abducted soldiers and help communities recover. We're asking for the UK to make similar commitments and ensure words on paper become actions on the ground.



WHAT MPs CAN DO

Use their influence to:

1. **Sign** EDM 1171: Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army
2. **Join** the APPG for the Great Lakes
3. **Table** a debate asking what efforts are being made by the UK Government to stop the LRA
4. **Ask** parliamentary questions - **keep this issue on the agenda**

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JOINT AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS

Fresh appeal by 19 organisations urges:

1. Better information gathering, sharing and analysis to understand the threat
2. Prevention of retaliation against the most vulnerable
3. Encouragement of LRA fighters to return from the bush
4. Protection by peacekeepers and national armies
5. Bringing aid, infrastructure and communications to remote villages
6. Long term security sector reform and development

Read the joint report
'Ghosts of Christmas Past'

<http://tiny.cc/LRA-Christmas>

RESOLUTION
possible aims to connect individuals and organisations that care about the communities affected by the LRA.

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