

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

Close  
Ugandan Conflicts (1970 -  
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<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
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<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Uganda peace process
<b>Parties</b>	National Resistance Minister of State, Resident in the North, Hon. Mrs Betty Atuku Bogombe with National Resistance Army 4th Division Commander Colonel Samuel Wassawa on the one hand and the Lord's Resistance Army leader H.H. Joseph Kony and his High Command on the other.
<b>Third parties</b>	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.
<b>Description</b>	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.

**Agreement document** [UG\\_940202\\_The Gulu Ceasefire.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

## Groups

<b>Children/youth</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Disabled persons</b>	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;
<b>Elderly/age</b>	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
<b>Migrant workers</b>	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.

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## **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  
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... (c) Documenting men and women under LRA control;

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

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## **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.

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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.

**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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Page 3, Appendix A 'Ceasefire Implementation Programme Schedule, Article 2,  
2 ... (c) ... LRA agrees that mobilisation of elders and performing rituals shall take place within two months from now and the final peace talks

**Public  
administration** No specific mention.

**Constitution** No specific mention.

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## **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.

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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**

<b>Citizenship</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Democracy</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Detention procedures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Media and communication</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Mobility/access</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Protection measures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

<b>NHRI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

<b>Criminal justice and emergency law</b>	No specific mention.
<b>State of emergency provisions</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Judiciary and courts</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Prisons and detention</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Traditional Laws</b>	No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## **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  
Page 3, Appendix A 'Ceasefire Implementation Programme Schedule, Article 2,  
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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.



<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**

<b>Transitional justice general</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Amnesty/pardon</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Courts</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Mechanism</b>	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
<b>Prisoner release</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Vetting</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Victims</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Missing persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reparations</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

<b>UN signatory</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other international signatory</b>	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.

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