

The Investigation in Northern Uganda

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Background to the Conflict in Northern Uganda

1986: Armed uprising, supported by people from Northern Uganda.

1988: Joseph Kony leader of armed group which later becomes the LRA.

1994: LRA establishes bases in Southern Sudan.

2003: 1,6 million people in camps for internally displaced persons.

2004: ICC investigation, focused on crimes committed after July 1 2002.

The Investigation

2003, 16 December: Referral from Government of Uganda re. LRA. Notification to GoU of interpretation of referral as concerning all crimes under the Statute committed in Northern Uganda.

Analysis phase: Gravity is the criteria for case selection. Started with LRA.

2004, 28 July: Decision to open investigation. All States Parties informed.

Uganda team operative. Team of 12 investigators and trial lawyers from 10 countries assembled. Evidence collected in more than 50 missions to Uganda over 9 months. Over 20 missions to meet with local leaders. Meetings in The Hague with national authorities and local community leaders. Witness protection a priority.

2005, 6 May: Application filed before Pre-Trial Chamber II for warrants of arrest for crimes against humanity and war crimes.

2005, 8 July: Sealed arrest warrants issued.

2005, 14 October: Arrest warrants unsealed

The Crimes

At least 2,200 killings and 3,200 abductions recorded July 2002 - June 2004, in over 850 attacks.

Attacking and pillaging communities in Uganda and Southern Sudan.

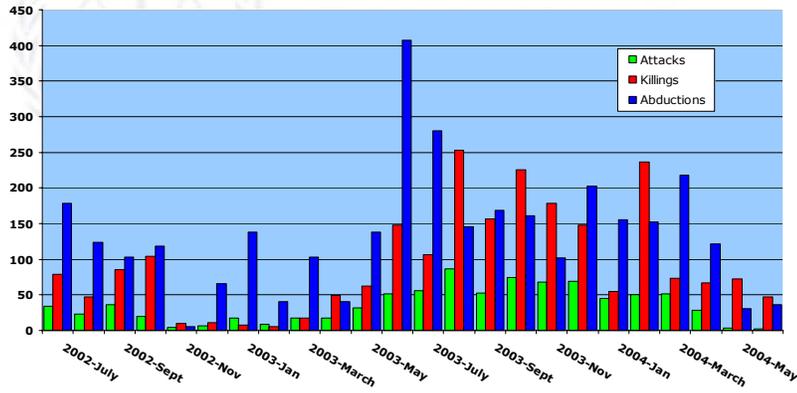
Killing without reason thousands of men, women, boys and girls from different communities.

Destroying villages and camps, burning entire families.

Abducting thousands of persons, (especially children), forcing boys to be killers and girls to be sexual slaves.

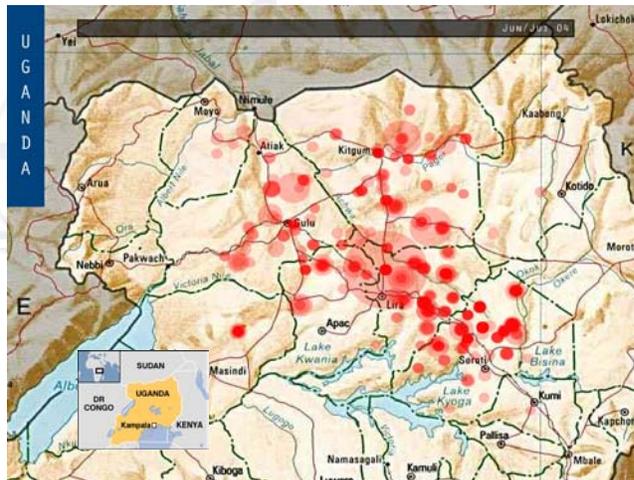
Attacks, Killings and Abductions

July 02 – June 04



Affected Communities

Attacks and Killings July 02 – June 04



Each dot represents one LRA attack, size of dot proportional to number of killed.

Joseph Kony

JOSEPH KONY, Chairman and Commander of the LRA.

Named in 12 counts for crimes against humanity and in 21 counts for war crimes.

Alleged crimes include rape, murder, enslavement, sexual enslavement, forced enlisting of children.



Vincent Otti

VINCENT OTTI, Vice-Chairman and 2nd in Command of the LRA.

Named in 11 counts for crimes against humanity and in 21 counts for war crimes.

Alleged crimes include inducing rape, murder, enslavement, sexual enslavement, forced enlisting of children.



Lukwiya, Odhiambo, Ongwen

RASKA LUKWIYA, Army Commander in the LRA.
Named in 1 count for crimes against humanity and in 3 counts for war crimes.

OKOT ODHIAMBO, Deputy Army Commander in the LRA. Named in 3 counts for crimes against humanity and in 7 counts for war crimes.

DOMINIC ONGWEN, Brigade Commander in the LRA. Named in 3 counts for crimes against humanity and in 4 counts for war crimes. **Reported killed on 2 Oct.**

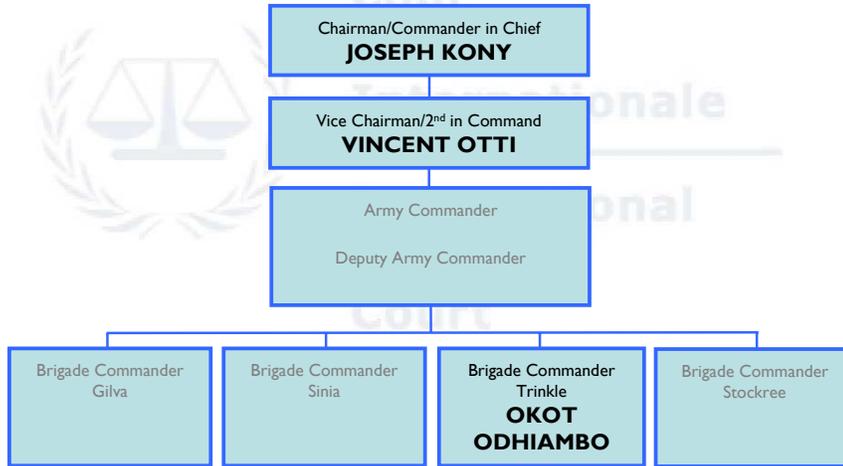
Ranks reflect investigation assessment of LRA organization in May 2004.

The LRA Organization



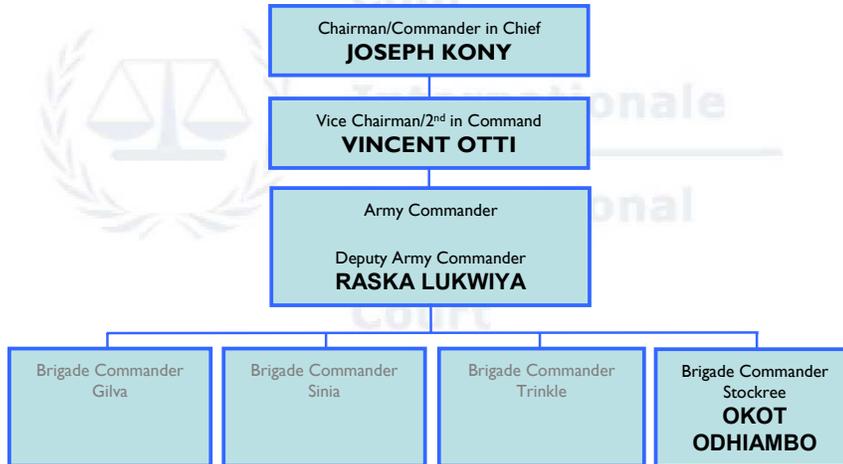
The LRA Senior Command

(July 2002 – September 2003)



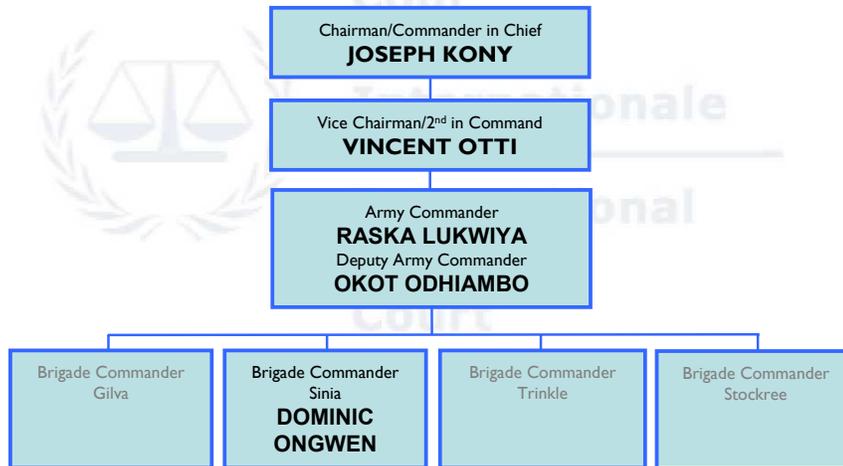
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Justice, Security and Peace

The justice efforts will help to integrate military and dialogue efforts to protect people.

We are working together with International, national and local authorities and leaders from the Lango, Acholi, Teso and Madi communities as part of a common effort to achieve justice and reconciliation, the rebuilding of communities and an end to violence in Northern Uganda.

Arrest

The arrest warrants will help galvanize efforts to apprehend suspects. Arrest is the responsibility of States Parties and the international community.

According to reports the fugitives are moving between three countries; Uganda, DRC and the Sudan.

These 3 countries must work together with the support of the international community to execute arrests.