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PRE-TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before: Judge Tuiloma Neroni Slade, Presiding Judge
Judge Fatoumata Dembele Diarra
Judge Mauro Politi

Registrar: Mr Bruno Cathala

SITUATION IN UGANDA

**Under seal
Ex Parte, Prosecutor Only**

**Prosecutor's Submission of BBC News Article Dated 4 October 2005 as Referred
To During Hearing Held on 6 October 2005**

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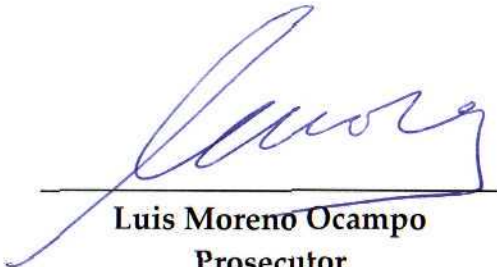
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Request for Sealing of This Application

1. Because this submission is related to the currently sealed warrants of arrest, the OTP requests that this submission also be received under seal, and *ex parte*, and that the contents and existence of this submission remain sealed until further order of this Pre-Trial Chamber.

Submission of Report Relied Upon At Hearing

2. The OTP respectfully submits the BBC News article dated 4 October 2005 as published at 9:12:52 GMT on the BBC News website and as referred to during the hearing held on 6 October 2005. As was also stated at the hearing, the article was modified later in the day.



Luis Moreno Ocampo
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Dated this 11th day of October, 2005

At The Hague, The Netherlands



Uganda rebels in daylight ambush

By Will Ross
BBC News, Kampala

Four people were killed in a rare afternoon ambush on a civilian pick-up truck in north east Uganda by rebels on Monday, officials say.

Members of the Lords Resistance Army (LRA) are suspected of shooting the driver and two passengers, and killing a fourth with an axe.

Several other passengers were wounded in the heavy gunfire.

The LRA has been weakened by over three years of military pressure but they continue to target civilians.

While the Ugandan government says the LRA rebels are defeated, ongoing attacks by rebels continue to keep northern Uganda insecure.

Pregnant mother survives

One o'clock in the afternoon is considered to be one of the safer times to travel on the dirt roads in the isolated areas of northern Uganda.

Survivors of the ambush say the vehicle, which was heading from Kitgum town to Orom in the north east, came under heavy gunfire and then caught fire.

The wounded were taken to hospital in Kitgum town where they are being treated for gunshot wounds

Amongst them a pregnant mother who had a lucky escape - she was shot in the stomach but both the mother and the unborn baby survived.

In recent days hundreds of people fled their homes after suspected LRA rebels burnt down up to 200 huts in the east of Uganda in Teso region - an area which has been relatively free from LRA attacks for almost two years.

Last Thursday four farmers were killed near Palenga in Gulu District - their bodies hacked with machetes.

Returned to bush

As people grieved following Monday's ambush east of Kitgum, a few kilometres away there was more of a celebratory mood.

This after news spread that a small group of LRA rebels was surrendering having caused misery for people living near Mucwini north of Kitgum.

But late on Monday night, the Ugandan army said the rebels had at the last minute returned to the bush.

People in northern Uganda wish more rebels would turn themselves in - to see security improve and more reunions between formerly abducted children and their families.

Meanwhile, 450km away in the north-east of the Democratic Republic of Congo another group of the LRA continues to keep the Ugandan military busy.

Trucks full of soldiers and military hardware have been moved to the Congolese border.

The army says this is a precautionary measure to prevent LRA rebels who recently crossed into DR Congo from attacking Ugandan civilians.

Confusion

Not surprisingly observers of the region are nervous at the thought of Ugandan troops crossing into DR Congo.

As if this conflict did not have enough complications, confusion surrounds the issue of arrest warrants for senior LRA commanders by the International Criminal Court (ICC).

The ICC is rather unhelpfully saying absolutely nothing as rumours persist that the warrants of arrest may have already been issued secretly.

Can the senior rebels still get amnesty? Can the peace talks continue?

Nobody is sure as the ICC's lack of transparency sows seeds of confusion.

Story from BBC NEWS:
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/1/hi/world/africa/4307558.stm>

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