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Confusion has crept into the ranks of rebel Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) camp, with two groups now claiming to be the bonafide representatives of rebel leader, Joseph Kony.

Former LRA peace delegation leader David Nyekorach Matsanga in a statement circulated to the government, diplomatic missions and the United Nations yesterday claimed he had been re- appointed by Kony effective June 5 to lead a six-member peace team.

"He (Kony) further warned Dr James Obita and his group of money hungry diggers to desist from using his name in Uganda," Mr Matsanga quoted Kony as having told him in a telephone interview on Tuesday. Mr Matsanga was sacked by Kony on April 10.

But Dr Obita, hitherto, the known LRA delegation head, who is in Kampala largely to urge President Yoweri Museveni to stay military action against the rebels, told Daily Monitor that Kony has not revoked his mandate to represent him in the negotiations.

"When Matsanga left, Gen. Kony called me to say I lead the team till todate. Kony has not said anything to the contrary, otherwise why should I be in Kampala," Dr Obita said in an interview. "This is the last time am talking about Matsanga," Dr Obita said.

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