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Seven members of the Lords Resistance Army peace delegation have resigned accusing their leader, of misleading the rebel leader Joseph Kony not to sign the final text of the agreement.

Leading the walk out, former Pader Woman MP, Santa Okot and the rebel legal counsel, Caleb Alaka said Matsanga is a self confessed consummate liar, an opportunist, a fraudster and a reckless individual who has somehow conned his way into the Juba Peace Process.

"We cannot and will not work under or with Mr David Nyekorach Matsanga. After all, the peace negotiations have already been concluded.

All that is now left is the signing of the Final Peace Agreement by President Museveni and Kony," the group told a press conference in Kampala yesterday. "Never allow a snake to bite you twice," the group added.

In attendance were two Acholi leaders, Mr Yusuf Adek and Aruna Ndema, who have been in the negotiations since July 16, 2006. Other defectors according to Okot is Mr Peter Ongom, Mr. Joseph Aywak, Ms Jolly Laker and Mr Aruna Ndema.

But Mr Matsanga told Daily Monitor on telephone last evening that allegations by the Santa group were "rubbish". He said Kony directed him yesterday to remove them from the team.

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