



REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

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AFFAIRS**

TO PARLIAMENT

ON THE

**CURRENT SITUATION OF UGANDAN TRADERS AND TRUCK
DRIVERS IN SOUTH SUDAN**

PARLIAMENTARY BUILDINGS

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Rt. Hon Speaker,

I am pleased to update the House on the current situation of Ugandan traders and truck drivers operating in South Sudan.

At the outset, I wish to express my appreciation to you and Honorable Members of this August House for the interest you have demonstrated on this matter.

Rt. Hon Speaker,

You may recall that, in my statement to this House on 25th August 2021, I informed you about the recent spate of attacks, ambushes and incidents of insecurity along the Juba-Nimule road resulting in the loss of lives and destruction of property in the past few weeks.

Every life lost is precious and this Government takes any Ugandan life lost seriously. The Government received with shock and horror reports of the killings of Ugandans and the destruction of their property along this stretch of the Road and we condemn these attacks. The Government took immediate steps and my colleague Hon. Okello Henry Oryem, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in charge of International Affairs travelled to Juba where he engaged with his South Sudan counterpart on the security and safety of Ugandan and their goods in that country. The Minister also engaged them on the possibility of compensation for the people killed, trucks destroyed and property lost.

During this engagement, he received assurances that the Government of South Sudan;

- would reinforce security on all major roads including Juba – Nimule road
- Dismantle all illegal road blocks and ensure no illegal taxes are collected
- Provide security convoys to cargo and passenger vehicles
- Guided drivers to channel demands for compensation through the respective

Rt. Hon. Speaker,

The information that we have about recent incidents is attached as Annex I.

It is important to note that the majority of ambushes have occurred to vehicles that do not respect the convoy agreed arrangements. Hon Members are requested to add your voice in urging travelers to respect and use the convoys provided.

Rt Hon. Speaker,

As Government we have taken the following steps in addressing this matter;

1. Whenever any attacks and killings occurred on Ugandans, we have condemned these killings and attacks and communicated our concern to the Government of South Sudan;
2. Government have engaged the Government of South Sudan and other stakeholders (including traders and truck drivers) on several occasions and this continues to ensure the security of our people who travel to and from South Sudan;
3. Ugandan security officers have advised all Ugandans not to proceed to South Sudan without security guarantees. This advice has been communicated to all border crossings including those transiting through Busia, Malaba and Mutulula on the way to South Sudan;
4. Whenever Ugandans have been killed, the Government have made arrangements for the recovery and repatriation of their bodies;

Rt Hon. Speaker,

It is important to note that;

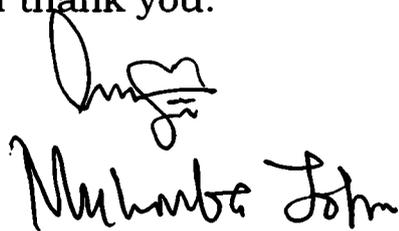
- a) these attacks happen in the territory of South Sudan;
- b) Government of South Sudan has sovereign authority;
- c) Other nationals have also been victims and there has been no targeting of Ugandans per se.

South Sudan is a young brotherly country. We need to work with them and all other relevant stakeholders to guarantee the security of our traders, truck drivers and all travelers to and from South Sudan.

The Government remains committed to engage with the Government of South Sudan on matters of common interest and concern. We shall continue to emphasize in our engagements the need to take necessary measures to effectively secure the Juba – Nimule road.

We believe that restoring security along routes from the Ugandan border points into Juba is essential to strengthen our bilateral relations with South Sudan and in particular facilitate the safe movement of persons, goods and services.

I thank you.



Muhamba John

NO	ISSUE
1	<p>AMBUSHES AND GUNSHOTS</p> <p>27/09/2020 – Three Ugandans were kidnapped on Nimule - Juba highway. One Asiimwe Andrew escaped and Ssebagala Ahmed, Mayende Kamadi were killed on 29th September 2020 around Jebelen area.</p> <p>05/01/2021 - A Uganda national Gidudu James from Sironko District was shot dead.</p> <p>03/02/2021 – Amandu Fred from Terego District was shot dead.</p> <hr/> <p>29/03/2021 - Armed attack by unknown gunmen on four (4) Ugandan nationals traveling from Koboko along Yei – Juba road. Namely;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ali Mark Sony - died 2. Amati Stephen - died 3. Dada Abugo - died 4. Sadam Andama - died <p>Truck was burnt. Phones, Money and cloths were confiscated by the gunmen and ran into bushes.</p> <hr/> <p>31/03/2021 - Another armed attack on five (5) Ugandan truck drivers traveling from Koboko, Oraba – Kaya along Yei – Juba road. Namely;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Katongole Hussein - dead 2. Abdu Makanga - dead 3. Kuraish Mutebi - dead 4. Sembusi Kato - dead 5. Sentongo Asadu – Survived with wounds. <p>Truck and Timber were all burnt.</p> <p>Phones, Money and clothes were confiscated by the gunmen.</p>

	14/05/2021 – Amono Anna Clara (Female) from Kitgum District was shot dead.
	19/07/2021 – Murder by shooting of Kalyowa Musa (Kayunga District) a Ugandan lorry driver at Nisitu along Nimule – Juba Road