PRELIMINARY STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND VETERAN AFFAIRS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3: (D, E & F) ON THE ORDER PAPER OF TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2020.

Rt Hon Speaker and Hon Members, my Ministry is scheduled to give three Statements on today’s Order paper namely: Item 3 (D, E & F) with regard to the status of implementation of the Parliamentary resolution to suspend all operations of the UPDF Fisheries Protection Unit on major water bodies in Uganda, I wish to state that Cabinet has considered the Resolution and has set up a Cabinet Committee to be chaired by Hon Dr. Bright Rwamirama to study the resolution but also with instructions to investigate all the complainants raised against UPDF Fish Protection Unit since its inception in February 2017 to date.

The same Cabinet Committee is expected to report back to Cabinet first and Cabinet will through the office of the Leader of Government Business report back to the House on the status of implementation of the resolution.

The same Committee referred to above has been tasked by Cabinet to investigate and inquire into the matter of the 16 year old girl Ekit Naume who is alleged to have been raped by a UPDF soldier in Amolator District because this matter is also related to the behaviour of UPDF Fish Protection force.

Rt Hon Speaker, therefore Items D&F are being handled by the appointed Committee of Cabinet.

In regard to Agenda No. 3: F, on the spike of cattle raids in Karamoja and the demise of the of LC3 Chairperson of Rupa sub-county, the UPDF has through the office of the CDF set-up a Board of Inquiry to investigate the circumstance that led to the death of the Chairperson and the Board of Inquiry is yet to submit its report in my office which is expected in a period of 2 weeks and when I receive it, I will report to the House the circumstances which led the death of the Chairperson and the action Government has taken.

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