



MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT URGING GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE FORMER STUDENTS OF LWALA GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL WHO WERE ABDUCTED BY THE LORD'S RESISTANCE ARMY IN 2003

(Moved under Rules 55 & 56 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament)

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda under objective XXIII of the National Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy enjoins the state to institute effective machinery for dealing with any hazard or disaster arising out of natural calamities or any situation resulting in general displacement of people or serious disruption of their normal life;

AND WHEREAS the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), led by Joseph Kony, led a rebellion in Northern Uganda against the Government of Uganda for twenty six (26) years, killing and maiming many people, destroying property, abducting, raping and displacing thousands of people in Uganda, Sudan, Southern Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Central African Republic (CAR);

RECALLING THAT on 24th June, 2003, the Lord's Resistance Army attacked Lwala Girls Secondary School, an all-girls secondary school located in Otuboi sub county, Kalaki County, Kaberamaido District, vandalizing classrooms and teacher's houses and abducting 180 girls;

AWARE THAT the abducted girls suffered under the terrible circumstance they were being held in, some died as a result, while others were forced to marry and become wives and child mothers of Kony and commanders of LRA rebels;

FURTHER AWARE THAT in February 2008, the Lord's Resistance Army and the Government of Uganda signed a Permanent Ceasefire Agreement ending all hostilities and violent acts thereby bringing peace to Northern Uganda;

NOTING THAT the permanent cease fire enabled the return of some of the abducted girls of Lwala Girls Secondary School to their villages;

FURTHER NOTING THAT when the formerly abducted girls of Lwala Girls Secondary School returned to their villages, Government and other Non-Governmental Organisations did not provide this particular group of victims with social, economic and psychological support services which has resulted in stigmatisation, guilt, ridicule, isolation and rejection by their families and the wider communities;

CONCERNED THAT at the time of abduction, these girls were still very young and had not yet accomplished their education, hence making it very difficult for them to find gainful employment to support themselves and their children born while in captivity;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT at the height of the LRA insurgency in Teso region, Lwala Girls Secondary School was used to accommodate internally displaced persons and has struggled to rebuild the infrastructure that was destroyed during that time and now operates in dilapidated structures, lacks an administration block, teacher's quarters, laboratory and a perimeter fence;

COGNISANT of the peculiar situation and challenges faced by the former abducted girls of Lwala Girls Secondary School as well as the management of Lwala Girls Secondary School, there is need for special assistance by Government to address those challenges through the formulation and introduction of specific programs targeting the former abductees of Lwala Girls Secondary School and Lwala Girls Secondary School;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved:

- (a) Government considers a supplementary budget for the rehabilitation of Lwala Girls Secondary School as well as the provision of start-up capital, training and skills development for former abductees of Lwala Girls Secondary School;
- (b) that Government interests itself in the recovery, rehabilitation and integration challenges faced by the former students of Lwala Girls Secondary School who were abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army;
- (c) that Government adopts measures to ensure the safe release of the remaining 85 former school girls of Lwala Girls Secondary School who were abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army;
- (d) that Government embarks on sensitization campaigns to ensure that former school girls of Lwala Girls Secondary School who were abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army and their children are socially protected to avoid stigmatization and discrimination perpetuated against them; and
- (e) that this Parliament finds it fitting to contribute financially towards the construction of an all-purpose hall at Lwala Girls Secondary School in memory of the victims of the Lord's Resistance Army attack on Lwala Girls Secondary School.

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