

# **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE SHOOTING OF TWO PEOPLE IN BY THE UPDF SOLDIERS IN BUKOOLI ISLANDS**

**BY MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND VETERAN AFFAIRS**

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Rt. Hon. Speaker,

Hon. Members

At the last Sitting of Parliament, Hon Felix Ouma Okot MP Bukooli Islands raised a question for clarification over the alleged shooting of 2 people by the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces on Bukooli Islands.

I wish to clarify as follows:

During the recent LC1 elections held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in Lolwe sub-county, Bukooli Island, Namayingo District, Violence erupted in some villages of that sub-county prompting the electoral Commission to postpone the election excise. Among the notable villages where supporters of the various candidates had violence is Kadange village where the contestants Odwor George (NRM) and Mr. Mukabire Sulaiman Gaboine (Independent) unfortunately evoked tribal secretarian sentiments during the campaigns.

In order to contain the situation, the Joint Force of Uganda Police and Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces came in to calm the situation.

During the process of containing the situation, it was unfortunate that 2 people were injured namely: Mr. Ocheng Kevin (injured in the thigh) and Ms. Acheng Damalie (injured on her finger). The two people were evacuated and taken to Namayingo Health Centre for first aid and were later referred to Bugiri Hospital for further medical attention.

I am happy to report that the two people have been discharged from the Hospital

