

STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT
BY
THE HON. MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
11TH FEBRUARY, 2020

Introduction

I am making this statement in respect to the questions raised by Hon. Acidri James, Member of Parliament for Maracha District that;

On Tuesday, 11th February, 2020, the House was informed that on 20th September, 2019, the Sudanese Government carried out an Air Raid in the Uganda Air space causing loss of lives and property in Nacara village, Ojapi Parish of Tara sub-county in Maracha District.

Further, that a letter asking for compensation for victims of the raid was filed with State House, Kampala on 11th October, 2014. The letter was responded to on 12th July, 2016 and the matter referred to the Solicitor General, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs for further management.

- a) Why has the Solicitor General failed to act on this formal request from State House regarding the compensation claim by victims of the 1991 Ojapi Air Raid?
- b) When will the victims of the infamous Air raid be compensated?
- c) How do you intend to ensure that such cases are expeditiously handled to avoid injustice in future?

The Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs is working jointly with Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs. A special team has been put in place by the Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs to handle the matter expeditiously and a detailed report shall be availed in due course.

As of now, the team is in the process of identifying the victims, affected persons and the property that was destroyed. Once the verification is complete, I shall inform the House accordingly.

I beg to request that you give us three months to complete the verification exercise and substantially respond to this matter.

I so pray.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ephraim Kamuntu', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu (M.P)

Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs

19th February, 2020