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IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED ONES WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN NORTHERN UGANDA

**WORDS OF HOPE FOR PEACE - A CONTRIBUTION TO THE 43RD ANNIVERSARY OF  
UGANDA INDEPENDENCE**

"MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE"

AND SO!

Do we all try to seek Dialogue to achieve National consensus to reconcile, in order to facilitate Living together, side by side in harmony, Freedom and Liberty with full rights to:

- Live, work and move freely without fear of being killed, tortured by insurgency / security forces or face social and economic insecurity of any kind in the Country.
- Decide one own future without intimidation from the State.
- Be able to work and be remunerated for the services rendered by the individuals in order to attain self-reliance and competence.
- Be able to raise Family without being confined to protected-camps.
- Be able to return to former Homes and recover lost properties and other values.
- Be compensated for the pains and properties lost.
- Achieve equal chances to medical care, equal access to education and acquire resources for developing living-standard and to secure the social protection for everybody in the community without distinction of any kind.
- Be able to practise and preserve the common and cultural values.
- Be open-minded, always ready for intercultural and opinion exchanges.
- And at most, have all the rights to live and be able to decide freely on common-ground, facilitating active participation in Nation-building and Development.

Therefore, we are all here called upon, regardless of who or what we are, to seek dialogue for peace and reconciliation with our neighbours, friends & opponents, relatives, work-mates, civil service-attendants, business-peoples, foreigners, diplomats, local-authority-members and central-government officials including members of the armed-forces in an effort to bring about National Consensus for Sustainable Peace in Uganda.