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PRESS STATEMENT

RE-ENGAGING LOCAL DEFENCE FORCE ON TARGETED OPERATIONS.

Owing to the withdrawal of Local Defence Forces from active operations to go back for refresher training, the level of criminality has since increased especially during the night. Severally, local leaders and the general public have petitioned security leaders to re-engage them in order to contain the situation.

Following in-depth consultations with security stake holders, it has been agreed as follows:

1. That LDUs (Local Defence Units) who have undergone and completed their training, resume operations only at night in support of the Uganda Police Force to curtail criminal activities.
2. That LDU's shall also participate in intelligence led limited operations on specific targets on request and in support of Uganda Police Force.
3. That members of the Local Defence Force shall not participate in daytime enforcement of COVID 19 directives outlined by the Ministry of health and the head of state.

The public is therefore implored to cooperate and support these forces in this noble duty of ensuring that every Ugandan is safe and secure from any threat and all acts of criminality.

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