

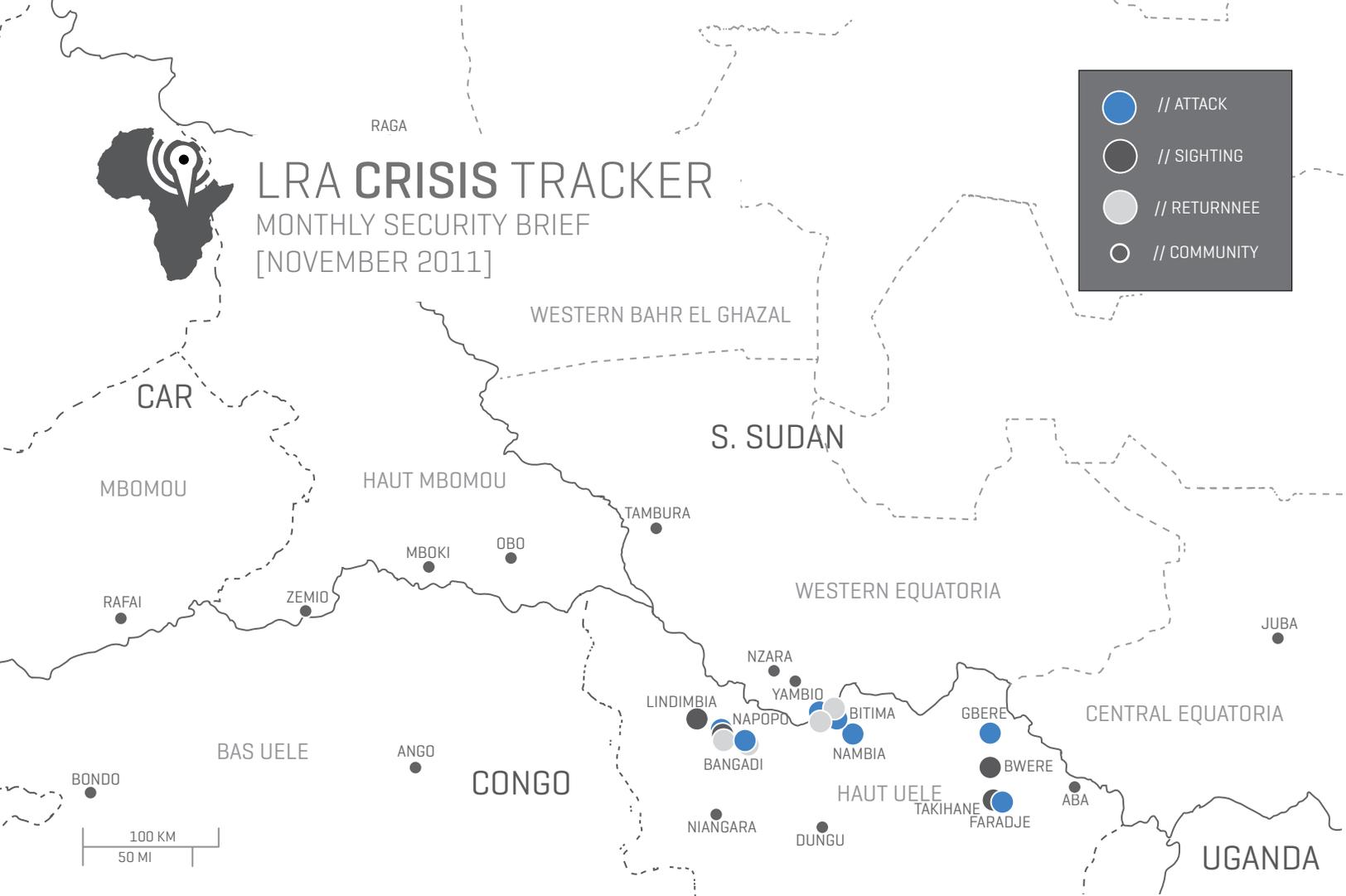


LRA CRISIS TRACKER

MONTHLY SECURITY BRIEF

[NOVEMBER 2011]

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NOVEMBER SECURITY SUMMARY

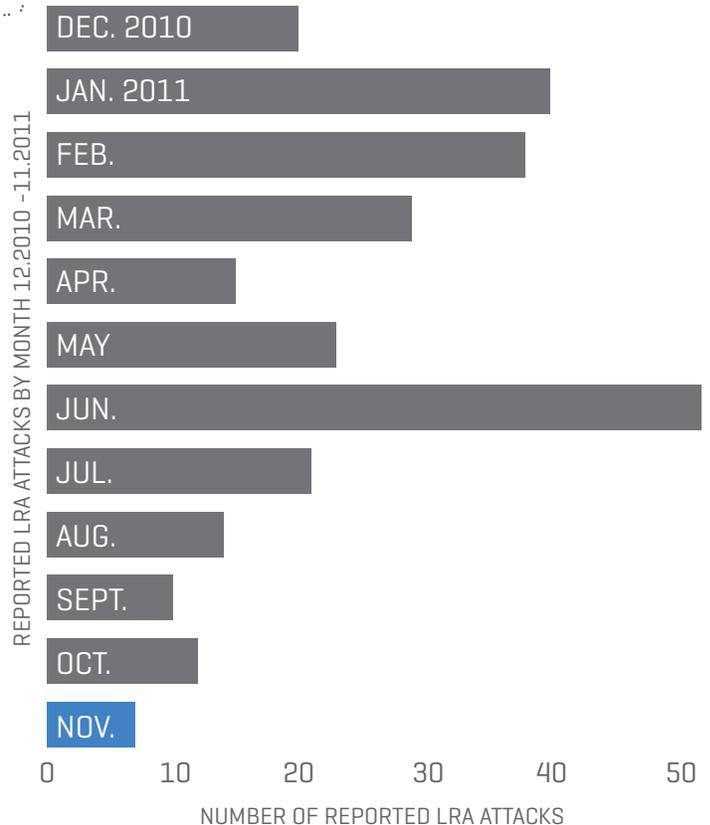


In relation to the first seven months of 2011, reported LRA attacks, killings, and abductions in November continued at lower levels for the fourth consecutive month. November had the second lowest number of reported LRA attacks of any month currently in the LRA Crisis Tracker database, which dates to December of 2009.

However, reported civilian killings and abductions have risen slightly compared to October 2011.

As in October, all reported LRA attacks in November took place in Haut Uele, Democratic Republic of Congo (Congo). Reported attacks in October 2011 were all centered in a 110 km-wide area west of Garamba National Park. In comparison, the dispersal of attacks in November expanded eastward to areas surrounding Faradje, as well as one attack directly north of Faradje, inside Garamba.

Several LRA Crisis Tracker sources indicate that LRA leader Joseph Kony likely remains in eastern Central African Republic (CAR). However, sources indicate that several LRA commanders have returned to Congo after gathering in CAR this year.



LRA ATTACKS AND SIGHTINGS [NOVEMBER 2011]

KEY

DATE | COMMUNITY, PROVINCE

Incident Description

[Incident Rating: Confidence in incident accuracy from 1 - 5,

LRA Rating: Confidence in LRA involvement at Low, Medium or High]

CONGO

2NOV | BANGADI, HAUT UELE

LRA forces released 13 people (6 women and 7 children) near Bangadi. Several of these women had been abducted from Uganda and had been in captivity for over 10 years. [5, Confirmed]

3NOV | NAPOPO, HAUT UELE

LRA elements reportedly ambushed a hunter in Napopo. They chased him for 6 kilometers and fired at him 9 times, but he escaped uninjured. [3, Low]

6NOV | BITIMA, HAUT UELE

Suspected LRA forces were sighted crossing a road near Bitima. [2, Low]

6NOV | BITIMA, HAUT UELE

Suspected LRA reportedly attempted to stop the son of a community leader traveling near Bitima, but he was able to escape. [3, Low]

7-8NOV | NAMBIAPAI, HAUT UELE

Suspected LRA forces reportedly looted several houses in Nambiapai. The leader of the community has asked security forces for protection. [3, Low]

8NOV | BITIMA, HAUT UELE

An unknown number of suspected LRA coming from South Sudan reportedly attacked and looted a community near Bitima before returning to South Sudan. [3, Low]

8NOV | GBERE, HAUT UELE

Suspected LRA forces reportedly shot and killed 2 civilians (both men) and an unknown number of people were reportedly abducted. [3, Medium]

10NOV | BANGADI, HAUT UELE

4 suspected LRA elements reportedly attacked 5 households just north of Bangadi. [3, Low]

11NOV | BWERE, HAUT UELE

2 pregnant women, one Congolese (a minor) and the other Ugandan, reportedly escaped from LRA captivity. They reported to security forces based in Bwere. [4, Medium]

15NOV | LINDIMBIA, HAUT UELE

One suspected LRA element stopped a traveler on the road. The LRA combatant told the traveler he was tired of being in the forest and needed medication. Upon assurance that he would not be injured, the traveler agreed to take the combatant to local security forces. [3, High]

20NOV | NAMBIA (NEAR DURU), HAUT UELE

At least 10 suspected LRA elements reportedly attacked a group of merchants in Nambia returning from the Nabiapay market. [3, Medium]

27NOV | TAKIHANE, HAUT UELE

In Takihane suspected LRA forces reportedly killed a man with machetes and abducted at least 5 people. Some sources indicate that additional civilians were abducted. [4, Medium]

27NOV | TAKIHANE, HAUT UELE

LRA forces reportedly released two children, aged 5 and 2 1/2, who were abducted near Takihane. Sources say they were too young to remain with the LRA, so they were let go immediately. [4, Medium]

29NOV | NAPOPO, HAUT UELE

In Napopo 2 suspected LRA reportedly signaled a 25 year old man to approach them. They laid down their weapons, but as the civilian walked towards them a third individual jumped out of the bush with a machete. The man ran away and escaped. [3, Low]

30NOV | BANGADI, HAUT UELE

A woman reportedly came across 2 abandoned weapons near Bangadi. Security forces immediately investigated, but the weapons had disappeared. However, there were tracks leading into the forest and a letter from the LRA which expressed interest in defecting. [3, Low]

NOTES

ABOUT THE LRA CRISIS TRACKER

Data reflected in this brief was collected as part of the Invisible Children + Resolve LRA Crisis Tracker, a geospatial database and reporting project which aims to track incidents of violent conflict in areas of Central Africa affected by the Lord's Resistance Army. Through publication of regular reports and open-source sharing of collected data, the LRA Crisis Tracker seeks to help overcome the current deficit of relevant and timely information related to the LRA crisis and to support improved policy and humanitarian responses.

For a real-time, geospatial look at LRA activity, or to download the data found within the Monthly Security Brief please visit the LRA Crisis Tracker Map at: LRACrisisTracker.theResolve.org

METHODOLOGY

For more detailed information regarding data verification, data sourcing and key definitions utilized to create the Monthly Security Brief, please refer to the LRA Crisis Tracker Security Brief Methodology at LRACrisisTracker.theResolve.org.

ABOUT RESOLVE

Resolve is a Washington D.C.-based advocacy organization seeking to move U.S. and international political leaders to take the actions needed to see a permanent end to the violence of the Lord's Resistance Army in Central Africa and justice to LRA-affected communities. Learn more at theresolve.org.

ABOUT INVISIBLE CHILDREN

Invisible Children is an international NGO working to assist communities in LRA-affected areas of Central Africa by expanding community-based early warning systems, reaching out to potential LRA defectors and affected communities through FM radio, and rehabilitating formerly-abducted children. Learn more at invisiblechildren.com.

CONTACT

In the interest of continually improving the LRA Crisis Tracker dataset, LRA Crisis Tracker project administrators welcome feedback and new sources of current or historical reports of LRA activity. To contact administrators please email LRACrisisTracker@theresolve.org.