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Eastern Accord 15 Exercise commences in Jinja, Uganda

VICENZA, Italy – In partnership with the Uganda Peoples Defense Forces, U.S. Army Africa conducts Eastern Accord 15 (EA 15), in Jinja, Uganda, March 2-14.

Eastern Accord is an annual-joint exercise that brings together U.S. Army personnel with counterparts from militaries throughout Africa to promote working relations between participating forces.

Approximately 320 military personnel from Uganda, Kenya, Burundi, Djibouti, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and the United States will participate in Eastern Accord this year. The exercise will enhance participants' capability to plan and employ its forces to effectively counter violent extremist organizations as well as enhancing cooperation and coordination among participating partners. This will consist of classroom instruction and a command post exercise.

In a prerecorded message, U.S. Ambassador to Uganda Scott DeLisi said, "This exercise is just one example of AFRICOM's commitment to working with U.S. ambassadors and embassy country teams across the region, to advance our shared vision of a peaceful, prosperous, healthy and democratic East Africa. We want to see the people of East Africa free to live peaceful, productive lives of dignity in which opportunity and freedom are the norm not the exception. AFRICOM, through exercises like Eastern Accord and other engagement activities, has been an outstanding partner helping to make that vision a reality. Together, we not only strengthen security ties but demonstrate our commitment to our core values that shape our engagement in this region."

Once the exercise is complete, U.S. participants will return to their home station.

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