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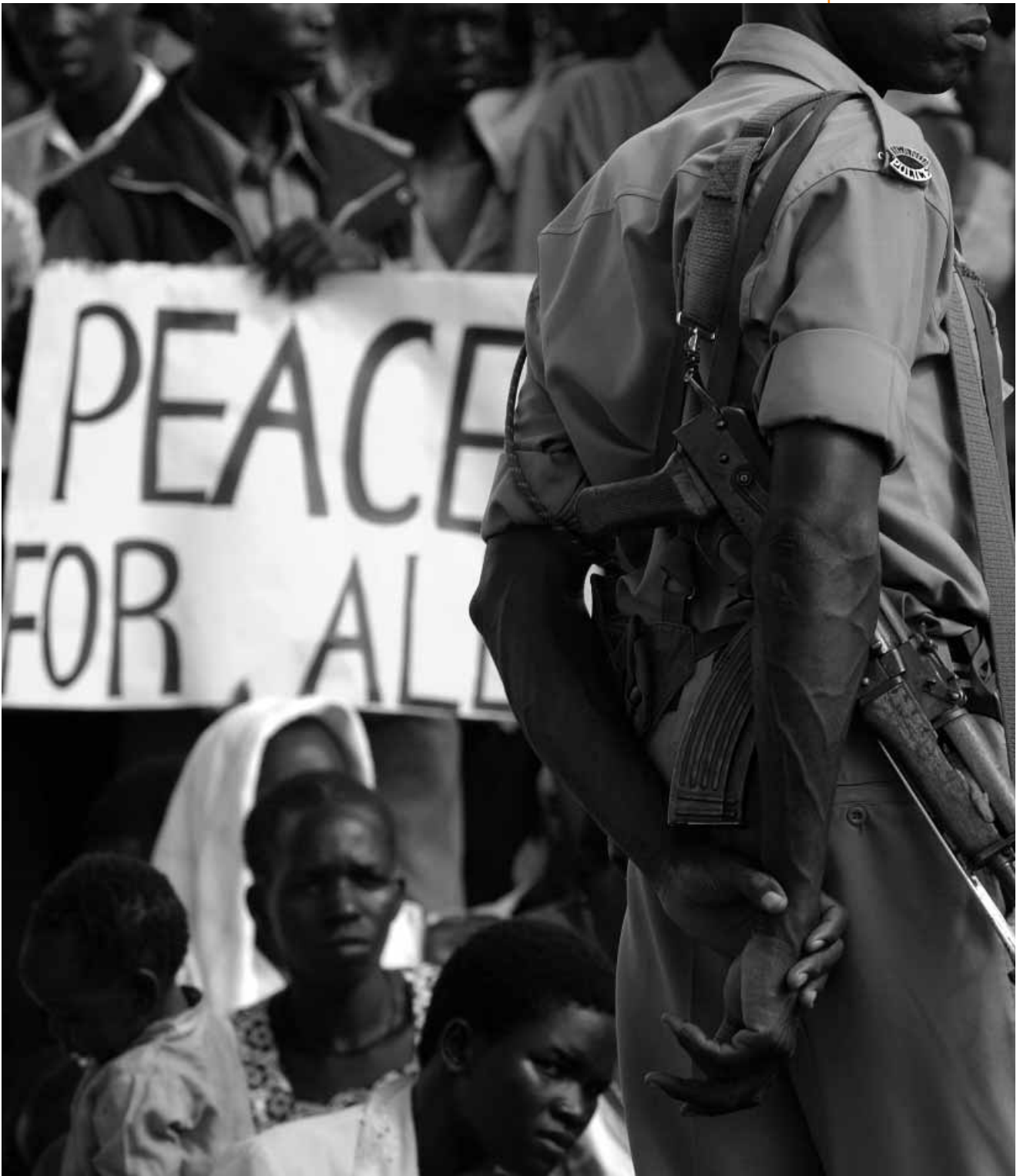
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Gathering at the Ugandan town of Odek, home town of LRA leader Joseph Kony.

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list of acronyms

ATM:	HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	GCAP:	Global Call to Action Against Poverty
AU:	African Union	HIPC:	Heavily Indebted Poor Countries
ACHPR:	African Commission on Human and People's Rights	HSGIC:	NEPAD Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee
ACP:	African Caribbean Pacific group of countries	IGAD:	Intergovernmental Authority on Development
AfDB:	African Development Bank	IMF:	International Monetary Fund
AfriMAP:	African Governance Monitoring and Advocacy Project	INGOs:	International Non-Governmental Organisations
AFRODAD:	African Forum on Debt and Development	MDRI:	Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative
AMIS:	AU Mission in the Sudan	MDGs:	Millennium Development Goals
APF:	Africa Partnership Forum	NAMA:	Non-Agricultural Market Access
APRM:	African Peer Review Mechanism	NEPAD:	New Partnership for Africa's Development
ATN:	Africa Trade Network	NGOs:	Non-Governmental Organisations
CIDO:	AU African Citizens Directorate	OAU:	Organisation of African Unity
CPA:	Sudan Comprehensive Peace Agreement	OVCs:	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
CSI:	Civicus Civil Society Index	PAP:	Pan-African Parliament
CBOs:	Community-Based Organisations	PRC:	Permanent Representatives' Committee
CSOs:	Civil Society Organisations	PSC:	Peace and Security Council
CSSDCA:	Conference on Security, Stability, Development and Co-operation in Africa	RECs:	Regional Economic Communities
DANIDA:	Danish International Development Agency	SADC:	Southern African Development Community
DFID:	UK Department for International Development	SERAC:	Social and Economic Rights Action Centre
DPA:	Darfur Peace Agreement	SOAWR:	Solidarity for African Women's Rights Coalition
EAC:	East African Community	UNECA:	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
EALA:	East Africa Legislative Assembly	UNGASS:	UN General Assembly Special Session on AIDS
ECCAS:	Economic Community of Central African States	WACSO:	West African Civil Society Forum
ECOSOCC:	Economic Social and Cultural Council	WB:	World Bank
ECOWAS:	Economic Community of West African States	WTO:	World Trade Organisation
EPAs:	Economic Partnership Agreements	WV:	World Vision
EU:	European Union		
EULO:	World Vision European Union Liaison Office		



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