

AU to join S.Sudan border demarcation team

Reason. The exercise seeks to end clashes between residents of both countries over the disputed borderline.

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MOYO. An African Union (AU) team will work with two technical committees from South Sudan and Uganda to demarcate the disputed borderline between the countries.

The Chief of Military Intelligence, Brig Charles Bakahumura, told a meeting of the two committees currently educating communities living on the border that a continental

team would soon join them to start re-mapping the 470km boundary between the countries.

"There will be a team from the African Union which will join you to help end this dispute," Brig Bakahumura, who chaired the meeting, said.

The technical committees have identified Moyo and Lamwo districts as hotspots of clashes between Ugandans and South Sudanese.

The CMI boss, who represented President Museveni, said the disputed border is a security issue and that's why the army is involved in the demarcation process of the borderline drawn by the colonialists in 1913.



Brig Charles Bakahumura

The Ugandan team is headed by the commissioner of surveys in the Lands ministry, Mr Wilson Ogalo, while the South Sudanese side is led by Mr Jerome Gama Surur, a Member of Parliament.

Moyo District chairman Jimmy Okudi Vukoni told the meeting the disputed border is a big worry to the area communities.

"Wrong elements cross the border from South Sudan and they come to attack people because the borderline is not controlled. This is a very big security problem," he said.

The technical teams are using colonial documents to redefine the borderline.

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In August last year, at least 400 Ugandans fled their homes after about 200 armed South Sudanese armed groups entered nine kilometres into Uganda and put a boundary demarcation at River Limu in Lokung Sub-county. In December, armed South Sudanese security officials confronted a Chinese Construction Company in Madi-Opel Sub-county and asked them to stop the road works, claiming they had trespassed in their territory.