



Irish minister decries rights situation in Karamoja

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Mr Michael Martin, the visiting Irish Foreign Affairs minister, has challenged the government to come clear on alleged human rights abuses by the UPDF in Karamoja region.

Addressing journalists after a closed meeting with Mr Med Kaggwa, the chairman of Uganda Human Rights Commission yesterday, Mr Martin said human rights violations in Karamoja have become a “major international concern.”

“We are concerned about reports on human rights violation against women and children in Karamoja,” Mr Martin said, adding, “We have been assured by the commission that it is investigating extra-judicial killing by Ugandan military in Karamoja.”

His comments come after diplomats, under the Partners for Democracy and Governance Group, pitched camp in Moroto District, where a week ago, the army reportedly opened fire on Karimojong cattle rustlers fleeing from custody, killing at least two.

This is exactly what “UTR” has been reporting about ever since launching this site. Not only Karimojong but also those in the Northern part of Uganda including the Bagandas and so on with an exception of the Nyankores, have been violated and abused by the dictator’s regime.