

### 3. The LRA's command structure is in upheaval

Ceasar Achellam - Defected May 2012

Otim Ferry - Died October 2012 \*

Binany Okumu - Died January 2013 \*

Otto Agweng - Died March 2013 \*\*

Denis Obol - Died June 2013 \*\*

Thomas Okello "Odano" - Died July 2013 \*\*\*

Samuel Kangul - Died November 2013 \*

Okello Okutti - Defected December 2013

Okot Odhiambo - Died December 2013 \*

Sam Opio - Defected June 2014

Dominic Ongwen - Defected January 2015

2012 2013 2014 2015

\* Killed by military forces

\*\* Executed by the LRA on Joseph Kony's orders

\*\*\* Killed by South Sudanese hunters

**SUMMARY** *The LRA has lost at least a dozen senior officers since 2012, but Kony has compensated by promoting younger commanders, including his sons.*

Since 2012, a significant number of the LRA's senior commanders have defected, been killed by the UPDF and other forces, or been executed on Kony's orders. Their loss, combined with losses in the LRA's rank-and-file, poses a major threat to Kony's ability to motivate and control remaining fighters.

Still, Kony is a master manipulator who frequently reshuffles the LRA command hierarchy to compensate for losses at the top. He has promoted his two oldest sons, Ali and Salim, who have key roles in planning operations and tracking the LRA's finances and logistics. He has also elevated young loyalists who were once his bodyguards, such as Aligac, who was promoted to help fill the gap left when Okot Odhiambo was killed in December 2013.

Kony has promoted other commanders after they successfully completed missions, including Owila, who delivered approximately 50 elephant tusks poached from Garamba National Park to Kony in late 2014. In some cases, Kony has even promoted marginalized older commanders, such as Alphonse Lamola, who he had placed under the supervision of junior officers in 2011. In early 2014 Kony placed Lamola in command of several groups near Nzako, CAR, that had been operating under Samuel Kangul, who was killed by Ugandan troops in November 2013.

### 4. The LRA's fighting capacity is dropping (slowly)