

Complete the text about a famous African rebel leader with the words from the box. There are TWO words you will not need.



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children, made soldiers out of the boys and had the girls raped or killed. The group has spread (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and terror throughout Uganda, killing thousands of people, in many cases the families of the children he abducted. Over two million people have been driven away from their homes.

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In 2006 Kony was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ with 33 war crimes, including murder and rape, by the International Criminal Court. After these allegations Kony left Uganda. Today his LRA rebel group (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from neighbouring countries, mainly South Sudan and the Central African Republic.

Captured youngsters who have escaped from Kony's rebels tell horror stories of how they had been (9) \_\_\_\_\_. They describe Kony as a fearless man who shoots those who do not (10) \_\_\_\_\_ his orders.

For the last few years many countries, including the United States, have tried to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Kony. After the 9/11 attacks on the United States, Kony's rebels were declared a terrorist (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

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## KEY

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