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Summary:

Taraba reports military relations between North Korea and Uganda as a military delegation inspects military units in the Ugandan Army.

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On 26 May-3 June 1975, a military delegation of the Republic of Uganda-headed by Major General Mustafa Adrisi, the chief of the general staff-visited the DPRK.

The delegation visited several military units and defense factories, and its leader was received by DPRK Vice-President Kang Ryang-uk, to whom Mustafa A. [sic] handed over the personal letter that the president of the Republic of Uganda [Idi Amin Dada] had sent to Kim Il Sung. Kang Ryang-uk honored the head and members of the delegation with awards and medals.

Soviet diplomats informed an official of our embassy [Dr. László Eperjesi] about the main results of the visit of the Ugandan military government delegation. They signed three agreements:

□□ Uganda requested that in the future, 30-40 [Ugandan] persons be allowed to study at the military academy of the DPRK for 2-3 years. The government of the DPRK fulfilled the request, and thus it can be expected that the first group of Ugandan soldiers will soon arrive.

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□□ Uganda asked the DPRK to provide it with arms. The DPRK fulfilled this request, too, on condition that it would transport the requested arms via Tanzania.

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□□ Uganda asked the DPRK to investigate whether it might be able to build a defense factory in Uganda, and invited a group of Korean [military] experts to visit Uganda, where they could carry out an on-the-spot investigation about the possibilities of fulfilling the request. The DPRK promised to dispatch its experts.

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The military cooperation between the two countries has been going on for several years; it has undergone a particular intensification after a high-ranking Ugandan military delegation participated in the celebrations that were held in Pyongyang in April 1972.

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