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**STRANDED UGANDANS IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN AND THE  
STATE OF ISRAEL**


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In the wake of the armed conflict between the State of Israel and the Islamic Republic of Iran that broke out on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in close coordination with the accredited diplomatic missions and various agencies of Government in Iran and Israel, have taken steps to ensure a safe and secure evacuation of Ugandans stranded in Iran and Israel. We wish to update as follows:

1. Using our established evacuation plan under such circumstances, we have registered Ugandan students in Iran and received information on Ugandans stranded in Israel from parents, relatives, and other concerned citizens.
2. We have engaged the relevant authorities in the Islamic Republic of Iran to ensure the safe passage and evacuation of our nationals from the conflict-affected areas. On this note, we are glad to report that 48 Ugandan students are being safely evacuated from Tehran.
3. We have communicated to the Governments of the countries that border Iran and Israel, namely, Türkiye, Azerbaijan, and Jordan, to allow Ugandans being evacuated to be accorded gratis visas on arrival.
4. We have communicated to our embassies in the region, namely; Türkiye, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Qatar, where the evacuees may eventually end up, to offer the necessary consular support.
5. The respective embassies will dispatch officers to receive these evacuees and process their return to Uganda through these neighboring countries.

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6. It is worth noting that Iran and Israel have both closed their airspace until further notice, and given the security situation and the dynamics on the ground, there are challenges and delays in securing the appropriate transport for all distressed Ugandans. The Ministry is doing everything within its means to ensure that all the stranded Ugandan nationals are accorded safe and secure transportation out of the affected areas.
7. For any inquiries and information pertaining to the evacuation of the Ugandan nationals in the region, the public is encouraged to contact the Ministry via email: [consular@mofa.go.ug](mailto:consular@mofa.go.ug).



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