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**UGANDA MEDIA CENTRE**

PRESS STATEMENT

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**Kidnap of Tourists in Queen Elizabeth National Park**

Yesterday Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 four armed men not yet identified between 5:00pm and 7:00pm staged an ambush and kidnapped an American tourist with his Ugandan driver near Katoke Gate in the Queen Elizabeth national park.

Other four tourists who were left abandoned and unharmed later contacted the base (lodge) and were quickly got safely out of any danger.

A joint operation by the Uganda police, Uganda Peoples Defense Forces (UPDF) and Uganda Wildlife Authority Game Wardens is underway to locate and rescue them.

The priority at this point is to locate, rescue and bring them back to safely.

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