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Chad: Dady Hassan Guero and Idriss Hassan Guero, including their position in the public domain, their place of residence, their place of business, and the treatment of their family members by the authorities
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

Information on Dady Hassan Guero (a.k.a. Daby Hassane Guéro) and Idriss Hassan Guero (a.k.a. Idriss Hassane Guero) was scarce among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

In a 15 April 2008 article, Agence France-Presse (AFP) identified Dady Hassan Guero as [translation] "a leader" of the delegation of the Rally of Forces for Change (Rassemblement des forces pour le changement, RFC), a Chadian rebel group involved in peace talks with the government of Chad, which took place in Tripoli in April 2008. However, AFP did not identify Dady Hassan Guero's position in the RFC. Additional information on this subject could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

In January 2008, Idriss Hassan Guero was named colonel of the RFC; he was reportedly appointed second assistant of the unified command of rebel movements operating in eastern Chad, which was established in January 2008 and which consists of the Union of Forces for Democracy and Development (Union des Forces pour la Démocratie et le Développement, UFDD), the Union of Forces for Democracy and Development-Fundamental (Union des Forces pour la Démocratie et le Développement-Fondamental, UFDDF or UFDD/Fondamental) and the RFC (Tchadactuel 1 Jan. 2008; APA 2 Jan. 2008). The military command unification agreement was signed in December 2007 by the leaders of the three movements-General Mahamat Nouri of the UFDD, Abdelwahid Aboud Mackaye of the UFDDF, and Timane Erdimi of the RFC (AU 18 Feb. 2008, 4; see also Lique 29 Dec. 2008). According to the African Union (AU), the goal of this alliance was to "oust President Déby" (18 Feb. 2008, 4). Information on whether the unified military command of these three rebel movements is still operating could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

Information on whether Dady Hassan Guero and Idriss Hassan Guero are still RFC members or information on their place of residence and the treatment of their family members by the authorities could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

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