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Uganda: A militia group called "Amuka" (2002-February 2004)  
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa

Information on the Amuka militia is scarce among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

Recent reports refer to Amuka as militia group, which fights against the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) alongside the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) (*New Vision* 24 Dec. 2003; *ibid.* 8 Dec. 2003; *The Monitor* 15 Jan. 2004). Based in Lira district in northern Uganda (United Nations 7 Jan. 2004; *Monitor* 15 Jan. 2004; *New Vision* 8 Dec. 2003) and estimated to have thousands of recruits, Amuka militias are mainly formed by former soldiers (United Nations 7 Jan. 2004) who are trained by Ugandan army officers (*New Vision* 24 Dec. 2003; *The Monitor* 15 Jan. 2004).

No information on the existence of the Amuka militia during the year 2002 could 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 to refugee status or asylum. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

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