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Albania: Whether any level of government or the municipality of Vau Dejes maintains a list of existing blood feuds in order to provide financial assistance to those who are unable to leave their homes because of the blood feuds

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In 5 April 2009 correspondence, the Chairman of the Committee of Nationwide Reconciliation (Komiteti I Pajtimit Mbarëkombëtar, CNR) in Tirana, an organization that works toward the rule of law, reconciliation, gender equality and the prevention and resolution of blood feuds in Albania (CNR n.d.), stated that neither any level of government in Albania, nor the municipality of Vau Dejes, maintains a record of existing blood feuds for the purpose of providing financial assistance to the families who are in self-confinement because of the blood feuds. No corroborating information on whether any level of government in Albania or the municipality of Vau Dejes maintains a list of existing blood feuds in order to provide financial assistance to those who are unable to leave their homes because of the blood feuds 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 for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

### References

Committee of Nationwide Reconciliation (CNR), Tirana. 5 April 2009. Correspondence from the Chairman.

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<<http://www.pajtimi.com/index.php?faqe=rrethneshang>> [Accessed 7 Apr. 2009]

### Additional Sources Consulted

**Oral source:** The embassy of the Republic of Albania in Ottawa did not respond to a request for information within the time constraints of this Response.

**Internet sources, including:** Albanian Helsinki Committee, Amnesty International (AI), The Balkan Human Rights Web Pages, British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Euro