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Sri Lanka: Treatment of Ahmadis by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), other Muslims, and society; the protection available to Ahmadis by the state (January 2003 - February 2005)
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa

Sources that confirm the existence of an Ahmadiyya Muslim Community (or Jama'at) in Sri Lanka were found by the Research Directorate (*Daily News* 28 Dec. 2004; *Daily Mirror Online* 29 Apr. 2003; *ibid.* 23 Oct. 2002; Ahmadiyya Muslim Community n.d.a; *ibid.* n.d.b). However, specific information on the treatment of Ahmadis by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), other Muslims, and society, as well as information on the protection available to Ahmadis, could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate. According to the Colombo-based *Daily Mirror Online* and the Website of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the national headquarters of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at in Sri Lanka are located on Baseline Road in Colombo (*Daily Mirror Online* 23 Oct. 2002; Ahmadiyya Muslim Community n.d.a).

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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