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The Board		26 March 2004
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Biographies		
Organization Chart	Democratic Republic of Congo: Treatment of a person whose family members served in the army under the regime of former President Mobutu (March 2004)	
Employment	Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa	
Legal and Policy		
References	The President of the African Association for the Defence of Human Rights (Association africaine de défense des droits de l'homme, ASADHO) said during a 25 March 2004 telephone interview that his organization is not aware of any particular treatment that would be imposed on a person merely because members of his or her family had served in the former army, under the Mobutu regime. He added that most members of the Zairean Armed Forces (Forces armées zaïroises, formerly FAZ) are currently serving in the Congolese Armed Forces (Forces armées congolaises, FAC) (ASADHO 25 Mar. 2004).	
Publications		
Tribunal		
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Decisions	A report on the Democratic Republic of Congo (RDC), published in October 2003, indicated that many former FAZ soldiers are now serving in the current Congolese army and that, in 2002, "all the key positions in the FAC high command were occupied by former FAZ soldiers" (United Kingdom Oct. 2003). FAZ soldiers who are still living abroad are therefore not at risk of "persecution" if they return to RDC (ibid.).	
Forms		
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Research Program	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.	
National Documentation Packages		
Issue Papers and Country Fact Sheets		
Responses to Information Requests	<u>References</u>	
Recent Research	Association africaine de défense des droits de l'homme (ASADHO) [Kinshasa]. 25 March 2004. Telephone interview with the President.	
Media Centre		
News	United Kingdom. October 2003. Ministry of the Interior, Immigration and Nationality Directorate (IND). <i>Democratic Republic of Congo. Country Report</i> . < http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/default.asp?pageid=172 > [Accessed 26 Mar. 2004]	
Information Sheets		
Media Relations		
<u>Additional Sources Consulted</u>		
Proactive Disclosure	<i>Africa Confidential</i>	

Africa Research Bulletin

Jeune Afrique/L'Intelligent

Keesing's Record of World Events

Resource Centre country file. RDC.

Internet sites, including: Africetime, AllAfrica, Amnesty International, *Country Reports 2003*, Dialog, Digitalcongo.net, European Country of Origin Information Network, FIDH, HRW, Minorities at Risk Project.

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