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Biographies		
Organization Chart	Democratic Republic of Congo (RDC): An event that took place on or around 19 July 1999 near Kinshasa organized by the Union for Democracy and Social Progress (UDPS), and the names of people arrested in Limete at this time.	
Employment	Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa	
Legal and Policy		
References		
Publications	Information on a specific action or event that took place 19 July 1999 in or around Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo (RDC) could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.	
Tribunal		
Refugee Protection Division	However, there is information on the arrests of members and supporters of the Union for Democracy and Social Progress (UDPS) that took place during July and August 1999. Various sources of information have provided conflicting dates for some events during this time period.	
Immigration Division		
Immigration Appeal Division		
Decisions	In 1999, the UDPS was one of the main opposition parties in the RDC (Human Rights Watch 1999a). At that time, its headquarters were located in Limete, an area of Kinshasa (VSV 1999).	
Forms		
Statistics		
Research		
Research Program	Amnesty International reported that in 1999, approximately 200 members of opposition political parties were arrested and held, mostly from the United Lumumbist Party (PALU), and the Union for Democracy and Social Progress (UDPS) (Amnesty International 2000).	
National Documentation Packages	La Voix des Sans Voix (VSV) reported that on 9 June 1999, nine members of the UDPS in Limete were detained, but they were not named (VSV 1999).	
Issue Papers and Country Fact Sheets	Modeste Sadiki-Lutombo of the UDPS estimated that between January and June 1999, more than 100 members of the UDPS were detained (UDPS July 2002). In July and August 1999, an unknown number of members and supporters of UDPS were arrested and detained (Human Rights Watch 1999a; UDPS 8 Aug. 1999; Amnesty International 10 Jan. 2000). The following is a partial list of members and supporters who were reported as having been detained in July and August 1999:	
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Recent Research		
Media Centre		
News		
Information Sheets	Kambaji wa Kambaji (VSV 1999; UDPS July 2002; <i>ibid.</i> 30 Oct. 1999; <i>ibid.</i> 8 Aug. 1999; Human Rights Watch (HRW) 1999b; Amnesty International 10 Jan. 2000; <i>ibid.</i> 2000; UNECOSOC 18 Jan. 2000);	
Media Relations		
Proactive Disclosure	Tabu Kalala Mwin Dilemb, president of the UDPS in Katanga (Amnesty International 10 Jan. 2000; <i>ibid.</i> 2000; UDPS July 2002);	

Gilbert Musoswa (Kyunga), vice-president of the UDPS in Katanga (VSV 1999; UDPS July 2002; *ibid.* 8 Aug. 1999; UNECOSOC 18 Jan. 2000);

Valentin Mutonji (VSV 1999; UDPS July 2002; *ibid.* 8 Aug. 1999; UNECOSOC 18 Jan. 2000);

(Teleshore) Tshiswaka Mwepu (VSV 1999; UDPS July 2002; *ibid.* 8 Aug. 1999; UNECOSOC 18 Jan. 2000);

The manager (unnamed) of the UDPS Guest House "Uvira" (VSV 1999; UDPS 8 Aug. 1999);

Tshiwadi Shamuyi (Tshivuadi) (Amnesty International 10 Jan. 2000; *ibid.* 2000; UDPS 30 Oct. 1999);

Kabamba Kadima (UDPS July 2002; *ibid.* 30 Oct. 1999);

Kabu Kalala (UDPS 30 Oct. 1999)

Raymond Kabalu Kadima fled after his hotel room was searched in July 1999 and he believed that he was about to be arrested (Amnesty International 10 Jan. 2000; VSV 1999; UDPS 30 Oct. 1999; *ibid.* 8 Aug. 1999; *ibid.* July 2002; UNECOSOC 18 Jan. 2000).

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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