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The Board		3 February 2011
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Biographies		
Organization Chart	Ghana: Whether the government targeted soldiers considered close to the opposition before the 2004 presidential elections; if so, whether these soldiers were arrested, detained, court-martialled or transferred elsewhere (2003)	
Employment	Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa	
Legal and Policy References	Information about whether the government of Ghana targeted military personnel before the 2004 presidential elections was scarce among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.	
Publications	Two sources consulted by the Research Directorate pointed out that the authors of a conspiracy to overthrow the government of President John Kufuor were arrested in November 2004 (AllAfrica.com 9 Nov. 2004; DH.be 7 Nov. 2004).	
Tribunal		
Refugee Protection Division	According to information provided by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and repeated in an 8 November 2004 article published by Afrik.com, the Ghanaian authorities announced the arrest of seven retired military personnel suspected of [translation] "destabilization', 'sabotage' and promoting a coup" during the period before the December 2004 elections (Afrik.com 8 Nov. 2004). In a 7 November article from that same year, citing a source close to the presidency in Accra, the Belgian journal <i>La Dernière heure</i> (DH.be) indicated that some military reservists had been arrested before an [translation] "attempted coup to overthrow Ghanaian President John Kufuor." According to AllAfrica.com, no charges had been laid at that point against the suspects, and the authorities had provided no details about this matter (9 Nov. 2004).	
Immigration Division		
Immigration Appeal Division		
Decisions	No information about whether the military personnel arrested were close to the opposition or were court-martialled or transferred elsewhere could be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.	
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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 for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.	
National Documentation Packages		
Issue Papers and Country Fact Sheets		
Responses to Information Requests		
Recent Research		
Media Centre		
News		
Information Sheets		
Media Relations		
	References	
Proactive Disclosure	Afrik.com. 8 November 2004. "Des 'comploteurs' arrêtés au Ghana." < http://www.afrik.com/breves-2004-11.html?debut_breves=210 > [Accessed 21 Jan. 2011]	

AllAfrica.com. 9 November 2004. "Ghana : la police interroge des 'comploteurs', un mois avant les élections générales."

<<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/200411100368.html>> [Accessed 21 Jan. 2011]

La Dernière heure (DH.be). 7 November 2004. "Ghana : arrestation de militaires comploteurs." <http://www.dhnet.be/dhjournal/archives_det.phtml?id=413172>

[Accessed 15 Jan. 2011]

Additional Sources Consulted

Oral sources: Attempts to contact the representatives at a United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), the Commission africaine des promoteurs de la santé et des droits de l'homme (CAPSDH) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) were unsuccessful.

Internet sites, including: Africa Governance, Monitoring and Advocacy Project (AfriMAP); Agence France-Presse (AFP); Amnesty International (AI); Education International (EI); Fédération internationale des ligues des droits de l'homme (FIDH); Freedom House; Ghana Armed Forces (GAF); Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD); The Heritage Foundation; Human Rights Watch; International Crisis Group; Migration Policy Institute (MPI); PANAPress (PANA); Radio France internationale (RFI); Reporters sans frontières (RSF); United Nations Development Program (UNDP); United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); United Nations - Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN); United States - Department of State.

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