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Eritrea: Information on the activities of UNIT 2001 of the Eritrean army, commanded by officer Ghebregzabhier Wuchu, during the border war between Eritrea and Ethiopia (1998-2000)
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa

Limited information on the above-mentioned topic could be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

In correspondence to the Research Directorate, a professor of the University of Durham (UK) who conducted research on the recent conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea, described Commander Wuchu as "one of the figures in the Eritrean political military establishment whom young Eritreans hold responsible for mass conscription and the rather rough treatment of their generation" (14 March 2005).

In November 1999, *Africa Confidential* mentioned that "elements from 2001 Corps (Gen. Gabregziabher Gebremariam 'Wacho')" took part in the battles against Ethiopia, along with other units of the Eritrean army near Badme, in June 1998. (5 Nov. 1999). However, the article did not provide specific information on the activities of Unit 2001.

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

Africa Confidential [London]. 5 November 1999. Vol. 40, No. 22. "Battling for Badme."

Professor, Department of History, University of Durham, United Kingdom. 14 March 2005. Correspondence.

Additional Sources Consulted

Oral sources : Unsuccessful attempts to contact five oral sources within the time constraints of this Response.

Publications : *Africa Research Bulletin* [Jan.1998-Dec. 2001], *Horn of Africa Bulletin* [Jan.1998-Dec. 2001].

Internet sites, including : Abyz News Links, AllAfrica.com, Amnesty International, BBC News, European Country of Origin Information Network (ecoi.net), *Jeune Afrique/L'Intelligent*, World News Connection (WNC).

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