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09 December 2003

**SLE42222.E**

Sierra Leone: Update to SLE34681.E of 12 June 2000 and SLE40923.E of 27 January 2003 regarding the government's treatment of forcibly recruited members of the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) (February - November 2003)

Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa

Information regarding the government's treatment of forcibly recruited members of the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate. The editor of Sierra Leone Web-a Website containing current and archived news reports from Western news wire services, the United Nations and the Sierra Leone government-said, in correspondence with the Research Directorate, that he had not heard of any incidents involving the government's treatment of forcibly recruited ex-combatants (27 Nov. 2003).

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.

### Reference

Editor, Sierra Leone Web (SLW). 27 November 2003. Correspondence.

### Additional Sources Consulted

Dialog

IRB Databases

Unsuccessful attempts to contact the Freetown offices of the Campaign for Good Governance and Search for Common Ground.

### **Internet sites, including:**

Africa Online

AllAfrica.com

Amnesty International

BBC Africa

Campaign for Good Governance

Centre for Democracy and Development

Conciliation Resources

Global IDP

Human Rights Watch

Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN)

International Christian Concern (ICC)

International Crisis Group (ICG), Freetown/Brussels. 2 September 2003. "Sierra Leone: The State of Security and Governance." Africa Report, No. 67.

Relief Web

Reuters Foundation

Save the Children (International)

Search for Common Ground

*Sierra Herald*

Sierra Leone Web

*Standard Times*

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

United Nations (UN) Security Council. 5 September 2003. "Nineteenth Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone." (S/2003/863)

U.S. Committee for Refugees (USCR)

U.S. Department of State

World News Connection (WNC)

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