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Biographies		
Organization Chart	Rwanda: The level of corruption of public institutions; the involvement of army personnel, police officers and government officials in extortion practices (2002-2004)	
Employment	Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa	
Legal and Policy		
References	Information on the involvement of army personnel, police officers and government officials in extortion practices was limited among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.	
Publications		
Tribunal		
Refugee Protection Division	A 7 August 2002 report referred to the arrest and imprisonment on corruption charges of the deputy prosecutor of the city of Butare, a police investigator and a Rwandan journalist (Radio Rwanda 7 Aug. 2002). The report also indicated that the deputy prosecutor was accused of accepting a RWF100,000 bribe for the release of two detainees; the police investigator, of receiving RWF50,000 from a thief so that he would not be charged; and the journalist, of pretending to be a criminal investigator and asking for RWF100,000 from a citizen about whom he said he had incriminating information (ibid.).	
Immigration Division		
Immigration Appeal Division		
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Research Program	Quoting a report by KPMG, an international auditing firm, a recent article indicated that "Rwanda has the lowest level of corruption in east Africa" (Reuters 9 Jan. 2004). On 3 February 2004, the BBC reported that "Rwanda enjoys a reputation of low rates of corruption, but its image was recently tainted by media reports that accused senior government officials of using their positions to acquire large bank loans." The BBC report contained no information on how these senior Rwandan officials obtained the loans.	
National Documentation Packages		
Issue Papers and Country Fact Sheets	In a background note published in October 2003, the United States Department of State cited low corruption among other favourable trends that could lead to Rwanda's economic recovery.	
Responses to Information Requests	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.	
Recent Research		
Media Centre		
News		
Information Sheets		
Media Relations		
	<u>References</u>	
Proactive Disclosure	BBC News. 3 February 2004. "Rwanda Cracks Down on Corruption." < http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/3456739.stm > [Accessed 6 Feb. 2004]	

Radio Rwanda [Kigali]. 7 August 2002. "Three Detained Over Corruption Charges." (BBC International Reports/Dialog)

Reuters. 9 January 2004. "Rwanda Spruces Up Image for Genocide Anniversary." <<http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/print/0,1478,2778179a12,00.html>> [Accessed 9 Jan. 2004]

United States. October 2003. Department of State. "Background Note: Rwanda Profile." <<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/2861.htm>> [Accessed 9 Feb. 2004]

Additional Sources Consulted

Africa Confidential

Africa Research Bulletin

Dialog

IRB Databases

Jeune Afrique/L'Intelligent

Resource Centre country file. Rwanda

Internet sites, including :

Africatime

Allafrica

European Country of Origin Information Network (Ecoi.net)

International Crisis Group (ICG)

MISNA

ReliefWeb

Transparency International

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