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Organization Chart	Rwanda: Situation of Tutsi survivors (who remained in Rwanda during the genocide) and whether there is any tension between them and other Tutsis who have returned from the Diaspora (August 2004)	
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	During a 24 August 2004 telephone interview, a journalist with the Belgian newspaper <i>Le Soir</i> , who is an expert on the Great Lakes Region of Africa, provided the following information.	
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Immigration Appeal Division	The current Rwandan regime favours Tutsis returning from Diaspora communities, particularly those from Uganda, in the public service and the recruitment into or promotion within the army. However, Tutsi survivors of the 1994 genocide also enjoy some specific advantages, including the free admission to secondary schools for children and for some of them, the free access to medical treatment particularly for HIV-AIDS illness.	
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Various reports also indicated that genocide survivors have been targeted for

killing, intimidation and harassment in order to prevent them from testifying before the Gacaca courts [traditional courts] (*Country Reports* 2003 2003, sect. 1.a; IRIN 14 May 2004; *ibid.* 12 Jan. 2004; BBC 16 Dec. 2004). The same reports refer specifically to several survivors who have been murdered by "assailants" in the southwestern province of Gikongoro in late 2003 (*ibid.*; *Country Reports* 2003 2003, sect. 1.a; IRIN 14 May 2004).

While about 25 of suspects in connection with those murders were arrested (IRIN 12 Jan. 2004) and some of them sentenced to death (IRIN 14 May 2004), the Rwanda government had also launched a parliamentary commission to investigate those killings (HRW 2 July 2004; *ibid.* 19 Jan. 2004; *ibid.* 9 Jan. 2004).

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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