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Biographies		
Organization Chart	Democratic Republic of the Congo: Situation of the Army of Victory church (Église Armée de la victoire), located on rue de l'Enseignement, and of the church's radio station since the arrest of Pastor Kutino in May 2006	
Employment	Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa	
Legal and Policy		
References		
Publications		
Tribunal		
Refugee Protection Division	During a 17 March 2008 telephone interview with the Research Directorate, a representative of the Army of Victory church (Église Armée de la victoire) stated that because of a property dispute with the Church of Praise (Église de la louange) concerning the lot on rue de l'Enseignement, the Army of Victory can no longer use that location. Therefore, the church's headquarters are currently located at the YMCA in the Matonge neighbourhood (Armée de la victoire 17 Mar. 2008). Two other sources mention a property dispute between the two churches (AI 4 July 2006; <i>La Conscience</i> 5 June 2006).	
Immigration Division		
Immigration Appeal Division		
Decisions	The Representative stated that, since June 2006, the Army of Victory's radio station has had to suspend operations twice, once for six months and another time for two months (Armée de la victoire 17 Mar. 2008). The radio station's headquarters used to be located on rue de l'Enseignement, but it is now located on avenue Unzua, Matonge neighbourhood, in the commune [administrative district] of Kalamu (ibid.).	
Forms		
Statistics		
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National Documentation Packages	Corroborating information could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate. However, according to one source, when Pastor Kutino was arrested, the National Police Special Services (Services spéciaux de la police nationale) interrupted broadcasting by the station Radio Télévision Message de Vie (RTMV) for three days, from 14 to 16 May 2006 (JED 23 May 2006). RTMV belongs to the Army of Victory (Congo Vision 24 May 2006). However, another source indicates that the interruption affected only the church's television station, and that the radio station [translation] "continued broadcasting as normal" (ibid.). On 22 May 2006, the church's station was looted, which resulted in another broadcasting interruption (CPJ 23 May 2006; UN 26 June 2006).	
Issue Papers and Country Fact Sheets		
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News	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 additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.	
Information Sheets		
Media Relations		
Proactive Disclosure		

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