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Information on the Angolan army in the DRC between August 2010 & August 2012

A report issued in May 2012 by *Human Rights Watch* states:

“Bas-Congo had long hosted large numbers of Angolan nationals of Cabindan origin as well as a permanent Angolan military presence at its Kitona army base” (Human Rights Watch (May 2012), *“If You Come Back We Will Kill You”, Sexual Violence and other Abuses against Congolese Migrants during Expulsions from Angola*, p.11).

A publication released in July 2012 by the *International Crisis Group* commenting on the DRC and Angola notes that:

“The two countries agreed to create a joint working group to demarcate their maritime borders. However, violent expulsions and Angolan military incursions continued and increased in 2011...” (International Crisis Group (11 July 2012) *Black Gold in the Congo: Threat to Stability or Development Opportunity?*, p.4).

No further information on this issue could be found among sources available to the RDC.

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