



## **Rwanda - Researched and compiled by the Refugee Documentation Centre of Ireland on 26 January 2012**

### **Information on internal relocation in Rwanda**

A report issued in April 2011 by the *United States Department of State* reviewing events of the previous year notes that:

“The constitution and law provide for freedom of movement, foreign travel, emigration, and repatriation, and the government generally respected these rights in practice.” (United States Department of State (8 April 2011) *2010 Human Rights Report: Rwanda*, Section 2d Freedom of Movement, Internally Displaced Persons, Protection of Refugees, and Stateless Persons)

In 2010 a report published by *State of the Union* notes:

“Article 23 of the Constitution (2003) guarantees citizens the right to move, circulate and settle anywhere in Rwanda. This right has been upheld, especially from 2003 when the emergency period ended and the elected democratic Government took control of governance. The period post 1994 up to 2003 was characterised by insecurity in some parts of the country due to sporadic armed attacks by rebels living in the forests in the neighbouring countries. This had limited the freedom of movement of individuals. Today, this freedom is widely enjoyed. There is no recorded incident of a citizen being arrested arbitrarily, unless on criminal grounds.” (State of the Union (2010) *2010 State of Rwanda Report*, p.8)

No further information could be found on this issue among sources consulted by the RDC within time constraints.

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This response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Refugee Documentation Centre 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 read in full all documents referred to.

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