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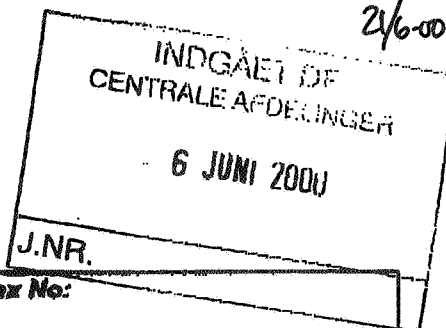


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Dear Louise,

Reference is made to the request for information on the above mentioned issue, from the Danish Refugee Council.

Please be informed that we have received the following information from UNHCR in Belgrade.

As you may know, at present the relations between Montenegro and the FRY are rather strained. The only functioning federal presence in Montenegro is the Yugoslav army. The army has no legal power to arrest and try deserters and/or draft evaders, as the civil authorities are competent for the prosecution of these offences. In November 1999, the Montenegrin government adopted an amnesty for draft evasion and desertion committed between 1 June 1998 and 30 June 1999 (armed activities in Kosovo commenced on 28 February 1998, when the police attacked the Jashari farm near Srbica. From then on, police and military were operation in Kosovo). Therefore Montenegrin judicial institutions

are not taking any action against deserters/draft evader, let alone against members of their families.

We hope that the above information can be of use to you.

Regards

Karin Dr.