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ABC Online

Supporters rally to aid convicted Sierra Leone sex offender. 31/03/2005. ABC News Online

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Supporters rally to aid convicted Sierra Leone sex offender

Supporters of former Victorian homicide squad chief, Peter Halloran, hope a function in Melbourne tonight will boost his chance of a successful legal appeal.

About 500 people are attending the fundraiser, which will raise money for the convicted sex offender's mounting legal bills.

Halloran is on bail in Sierra Leone, until a court hears an appeal against his conviction for indecently assaulting a 13-year-old girl while working as an investigator for the UN.

The Police Association's Bruce McKenzie says the 56-year-old has been treated unfairly by Sierra Leone's courts, but is optimistic of a successful appeal.

"Funds are particularly important in terms of his defence at this point in time," he said.

"His legal expenses will need to be met from the fundraising activities that happen here in Australia, and we're very pleased that the Australia Government have similarly lent support to Peter."

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Ivory Coast recruits Liberian child soldiers-report

By Peter Murphy

ABIDJAN, March 31 (Reuters) - Ivory Coast's government has recruited hundreds of former fighters, including scores of child soldiers, from neighbouring Liberia to fight against rebels holding the north, Human Rights Watch (HRW) said on Thursday.

Many of the children fought during Liberia's 14 years of on-off war and have been lured across the border to Ivory Coast, itself gripped by a festering conflict, by army officers promising money, clothes and jobs, the rights group said.

**Also reported by AFP and AP*

**LIBERIA: UN investigating recruitment of Liberian mercenaries
in Cote d'Ivoire**

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MONROVIA, 30 Mar 2005 (IRIN) - The UN peacekeeping missions in Liberia and Cote d'Ivoire are trying to track down those who have recently been recruiting former combatants in Liberia to fight for armed groups into neighbouring Cote d'Ivoire, a senior UN official said on Wednesday.