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Bail on Health Grounds Will Not Deter Prosecution

Kigali, Rwanda | June 17th, 2010 - The decision to grant bail to Peter Erlinder was made out of concern for his physical and mental health and in no way diminishes the seriousness of the charges against him, Rwanda's Prosecutor-General Martin Ngoga said after the ruling was handed down by the High Court today.

"Bail on health grounds cannot be mistaken as vindication for Mr. Erlinder – it just proves that the justice system he so freely criticizes was willing to show him compassion with respect to his physical and mental wellbeing.

"This will not deter the prosecution as we finalize the case against Mr. Erlinder. He will soon be called to defend his record of genocide denial that insults the people of Rwanda and inflames those who seek to harm us," Mr. Ngoga said.

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