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New push for tribunal over Kenya violence

A fresh push for the establishment of a Special Tribunal to locally try suspected perpetrators of the 2008 post-election violence is on. Some 1,333 were killed and more than 600,000 displaced after Kenya's 2007 presidential elections degenerated into an orgy of ethnic cleansing and revenge massacres. Their letter further urges the Court to listen to the voices of the victims who are crying for justice, stating that the government, which is the duty bearer and with responsibility of administering justice to the victims, is very busy either blocking enactment of the Special Tribunal or protecting suspects from prosecutions. They note that key suspects happen to hold powerful positions in

Government.

According to the civil society, a majority of victims who submitted their views to the Pre-Trial Chambers expressed strong support for the International Criminal Court, and at the same time argued on the necessity of a local tribunal.