



International Center for Policy and Conflict

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Press Statement on
Calling for Expeditious Justice for Post-Election Violence

The **International Center for Policy and Conflict (ICPC)** is calling for reparations for victims of post-election violence and punishment for those responsible. Victims of post-election violence want justice but the government of Kenya appears not ready to give them. It is repugnant that current session of Parliament is not showing interest in pursuit of post-election violence justice. Dr. Kofi Annan might have to take the next viable step to expedite the wheels of justice against those responsible for post-election violence. Establishment of Special Tribunal was not mutually exclusive to international justice process but complementarity.

It is apparent there is deliberate strategy to sweep under the carpet the demand for justice by delaying establishment of Special Tribunal. The Kenya government might be awaiting setting up of the Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission to offload the post-election violence atrocities under the guise of promoting inter-communities reconciliation. While ICPC still believe the Special Tribunal is better option for prosecuting perpetrators of post-election violence, it is our assertion that the International Criminal Court should start giving Kenya situation more serious attention to push for justice.

The lack of political will of state institutions, reflected in condoning of impunity, is an obstacle to investigating and punishing the intellectual and material authors of post-election violence atrocities, gross violations of human rights and crimes against humanity. The Attorney General's Office and Police stand blamed for the lack of will and delays in bringing those responsible for the human rights crimes related to post-election violence to justice.

ICPC is asking on Kenyan state to generate the conditions for equitable and egalitarian justice that would allow the crimes of post-election violence to be tried either locally or internationally. If the government is unable to conduct independent investigations related to post-election violence in order to facilitate justice locally, then it has to refer the matter to international justice mechanisms.

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