



Voices from the Rwanda Tribunal

Official Transcript: Lee Muthoga (Highlight)



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In this highlight, Lee Muthoga speaks on...
not locating the Tribunal in Rwanda

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00:00 The location of this tribunal, I do not, I do not expect it could have been located in Rwanda. I think I agree with the arguments that were put forward in rejecting the possibility of, of locating it in Rwanda. Because I do not see how it could have been located in Rwanda and managed to s-, to be seen, to be seen as anything other than a victor's court.

00:30 I am almost certain that if it had been located in Rwanda, everybody would have been looking at it as the victor's court because to, for it to function it would have required the support of the then gover-, or the gov-, the government in Rwanda which was the section of the Rwandan society that, that prevailed in the conflict. And, therefore, its respectability as an international tribunal would definitely have been seriously undermined.

01:01] Two, I do not also see how it would have been possible even to secure the kind of witnesses that we secure and give them the independence and the freedom they need to be able to tell us what actually happened.