



Voices from the Rwanda Tribunal

Official Transcript: Charles Taku (Highlight)



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In this highlight, Charles Taku speaks on...
crimes have no ethnicity

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- 00:00 At least officially, the tribunal is going to end, perhaps this year, perhaps next year. The official statement from the, heard from the Prosecutor every day is that, "We are investigating the RPF. Do not mind, we (___), the indictments will come." That is the official statement. If he said that, "I've found no evidence at all," one would understand. But that's not the case here.
- 00:20 So we're not saying that the Tutsi or Hutu – no. We're saying that the perpetrators – crimes have no ethnicity. Criminal is a criminal. There's a presumption of innocence though, for everyone until they're found guilty. But if there's any (___) of, leads to the fact that crimes have been committed, or may have been committed, (___), we want at least the prosecution to be able to say no.
- 00:46 Batya Friedman: And from your . . .**
- 00:46 The Prosecutor should be accountable to someone. If he didn't do this.
- 00:50] BF: Mm-hmm. And . . .**
- 00:51 It cannot be, it cannot be independence of the Prosecutor's office. Cannot, cannot (____) impunity on the part of the Prosecutor.