



Voices from the Rwanda Tribunal

Official Transcript: Asoka de Silva (Highlight)



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| Role: | Judge |
| Country of Origin: | Sri Lanka |
| Interview Date: | 5 November 2008 |
| Location: | Arusha, Tanzania |
| Interviewers: | Donald J. Horowitz Robert Utter |
| Videographer: | Max Andrews |
| Interpreter: | None |

In this highlight, Asoka de Silva speaks on...
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00:00 Donald J Horowitz: Do you have any thoughts about whether the court should in some way connect, or be closer either physically or otherwise to the Rwandan people?

00:07 To Rwanda. Yeah, it would have been better if the court were established there, but then of course on the other, other hand, the defendants will not get a fair trial because they can't get witnesses there.

00:22 DJH: Okay.

00:23 Even if they have, they might not come forward to give testimony. So in a way it will help the people who are there, then there are advantages and disadvantages. That is why this was based here, which is closer to Rwanda, to give a balance to both sides.