



Prosecutor: ICC witnesses undergo rigorous tests

Kenyan media recently published statements from three individuals who publicly stated that they have been “bribed” and “coached” to give evidence against a prominent Kenyan political leader. The Office of the Prosecutor would like to clarify that it is not relying on such testimonies. Before interviewing a witness, the Office conducts rigorous tests on the credibility of the witness. The persons who made these public statements did not provide testimony before the Office of the Prosecutor and they are not going to be presented by the Office as witnesses before the judges.

The Office is also aware that there are individuals who are trying to intimidate or bribe possible witnesses and has accordingly informed Kenyan authorities weeks ago.

In the coming weeks there will be more public discussions about the activities of the Office of the Prosecutor. The Office will not answer false allegations. Evidence will be presented before the International Criminal Court and its judges will decide on its merit. The judicial process will show respect for the victims, respect for the law and also respect for the suspects.

Kenyans and in particular, those who suffered the post election violence must remain confident that those who bear the greatest responsibility for the post electoral violence will face justice.