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Prosecution Closes Its Case in Renzaho Trial

The Prosecution today closed its case in the trial of Colonel Tharcisse Renzaho, former prefect of Kigali-ville, subject to the appearance of one expert witness and resolution of two motions. The trial commenced on 8 January 2007. Twenty-three Prosecution witnesses were heard in the course of eighteen trial days.

Renzaho, who was born in 1944 in Kibungo prefecture, is facing six counts charging him with genocide, complicity in genocide, crimes against humanity for murder and rape, and serious violations of Article 3 common to the Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocol II. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The Prosecution team includes Senior Trial Attorney Jonathan Moses, Katya Melliush and Ignacio Tredici. Renzaho is represented by Maître François Cantier from France and Barnabé Nekuie from Cameroon. The case is heard by Trial Chamber I, composed of Judges Erik Møse (Norway), presiding, Sergei Alekseevich Egorov (Russian Federation) and Florence Rita Arrey (Cameroon).

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