



## Special Court for Sierra Leone

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### **Lovemore Munlo Becomes Registrar at Special Court**

Mr. Lovemore Green Munlo, SC announced this week that he has accepted the U.N. Secretary-General's offer to become Registrar of the Special Court. This appointment is at the level of United Nations Assistant Secretary-General.



Mr. Munlo, from Malawi, has served as Interim Registrar since the beginning of October 2005. Prior to joining the Special Court, he served as Deputy Registrar of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in Arusha, Tanzania for a period of four years.

In taking up the post, Mr. Munlo said his vision is "to consolidate what the Court has already achieved and to move forward in providing efficient and professional support to Chambers, Prosecution and Defence".

This, he said, would be done "with a view to accomplishing the mandate of the Court within the time frame set out in our Completion Strategy and in a way that pleases the Member States, the Management Committee, and the People of Sierra Leone".

Mr. Munlo comes to the Special Court with extensive legal experience. From May 1994 to October 2001, he was in private legal practice as a partner in the law firm of Green Munlo & Co. From September 1993 to May 1994, Mr. Munlo served as Minister of

Justice and Attorney-General of Malawi, and from January 1992 to September 1993 he served as Deputy Minister of External Affairs.

From 1990 to 1992, he was a Judge of the High Court and Supreme Court of Appeal; from 1987 to 1990 he served as Director of International Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and from 1984 to 1987 as Director of Public Prosecutions in the Attorney-General's Chamber.

Prior to 1984 he was a Senior State Advocate and State Advocate in the Attorney-General's Chamber.

Mr. Munlo received a Law Degree from the University of Malawi in 1976 and a Master's Degree (LL.M) in Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1989.

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The Special Court is an independent tribunal established jointly by the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone. It is mandated to bring to justice those who bear the greatest responsibility for atrocities committed in Sierra Leone after 30 November 1996. To date, the Prosecutor has indicted eleven persons on various charges of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law. Nine indictees are currently in the custody of the Court.

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