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#### Registrar Herman von Hebel to Leave Special Court



Registrar Herman von Hebel has announced his departure from the Special Court after nearly three years in Sierra Leone.

Mr. von Hebel joined the Special Court for Sierra Leone as Deputy Registrar in July 2006. He was named Acting Registrar in March 2007. In July 2007 he was appointed Registrar by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Mr. von Hebel will leave the Special Court effective 1 June 2009 to join the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in The Hague.

Before joining the Special Court, Mr. von Hebel served as Legal Advisor to the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1991-2000) and the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (2001-2006).

“I have thoroughly enjoyed my work at the Special Court,” Mr. von Hebel said. “Being based in Freetown, my work allowed me to really see the impact of the work of the Court on peace and reconciliation in this country, and the restoration of the rule of law.”

“I will miss the Special Court, the staff and the people of Sierra Leone,” he added. “But I will never forget them.”

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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.

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