



**Special Court for Sierra Leone**  
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### **Herman von Hebel Named Acting Registrar**

The Secretary-General of the United Nations has appointed Herman von Hebel Acting Registrar of the Special Court, following the departure of former Registrar Lovemore Munlo, SC.



Mr. von Hebel has wide experience in international law. From 1991 to 2000 he was a member of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, working within the Department of the Legal Adviser and the Directorate of Legal Affairs.

Between 1995 and 2000 he represented the Government of the Netherlands on the Preparatory Committee to set up the International Criminal Court. In 1998 he chaired the Working Group on the Definition of War Crimes at the Rome Conference, and from 1999 to 2000 he chaired the Working Group on the Elements of Crimes.

He joined the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia (ICTY) in 2001 as Senior Legal Officer.

Mr. von Hebel was appointed Deputy Registrar of the Special Court for Sierra Leone in July 2006.

He will remain as Acting Registrar until a decision has been made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the appointment of a new Registrar.

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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.

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