

## SCRIPT LOCAL TRIBUNAL KENYA, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

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### PRESENTATION

The suspects behind the killings after the presidential election in Kenya have to be tried in that country.

The pressure group Human Rights Watch vowed for that today in the capital Nairobi.

A special local tribunal has to be incepted, like agreed in the 2008 peace accord.

But the tribunal hasn't started off yet, and that brings closer the option to try suspect at the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

Human Rights Watch though considers that as a last resort.

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### SOUNDBITE

***Good morning everybody.***

The director of Human Rights Watch flew from New York to Nairobi to talk to the press. He vows for the inception of a local tribunal.

To try suspects behind the post-election violence in Kenya.

### SOUNDBITE gun shot

After the elections 1.5 years ago riots erupted country wide.

1,300 people died, and another 300,000 got on the run.

A special commission in Kenya investigated the matter...

and concluded that the riots were incited on purpose.

There is even a list of suspects.

Nothing so far happened with it.

QUOTE KENNETH ROTH, director Human Rights Watch

***The major reason for my coming here is the lack of progress to date in establishing a special tribunal to investigate and bring to justice the ones behind the post-elections violence over a year ago.***

In Kenya there is hardly confidence in a local tribunal.

Since high ranking politicians might be involved.

And the country is known to be very corrupt.

Human Rights Watch still thinks it has to happen in Kenya.

And not directly at the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

### QUOTE

***We view the International Criminal Court as a very important backdrop. A very important check to ensure that justice then moves forward within Kenya, but not as a first resort.***

The director also says that a swift trial might benefit peace.

QUOTE KENNETH ROTH, directeur Human Rights Watch

***I'm extremely fearful that if this culture of impunity is not broken.  
That we're going to see a resumed bloodshed and violence in the run up to the 2012  
elections.***

This is Ruud Elmendorp, from Nairobi - Kenya.