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Libya must surrender Saif al-Islam Gaddafi to the ICC

Libya must comply with the decision made by the International Criminal Court (ICC) and immediately surrender Saif al-Islam Gaddafi to the Court in The Hague, said Amnesty International.

"Libya is in transition. Its criminal justice system collapsed after the fall of the al-Gaddafi government and the country is not yet in a position where it can conduct fair trials, let alone try Saif for the crimes he is accused of committing by the ICC," said Tawanda Hondora, Deputy Director of Amnesty International's Law and Policy Programme.

"Libya must comply with its obligations to surrender Saif al-Islam to the ICC and it must ensure full protection of his rights during transfer."

Saif al-Islam al-Gaddafi, son of Muammar al-Gaddafi, is charged with two counts of crimes against humanity - murder and persecution – for his alleged role in the conflict that led to the ouster of the al-Gaddafi government.

In a decision made public yesterday, ICC judges have concluded that Libya is unable to carry out the investigation or prosecution of Saif al-Islam al-Gaddafi and has failed to produce sufficient evidence to show that the national and ICC investigations cover the same case.

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