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## **Kenya's withdrawal from ICC a travesty for justice**

Following the Kenyan parliament's vote to withdraw from the International Criminal Court today, Netsanet Belay, Africa Director at Amnesty International said:

"Today's vote is a disturbing attempt to deny justice to the hundreds of thousands of people who were driven from their homes or killed in the post election violence in 2007-8."

"It is unacceptable to try and protect those facing prosecution for alleged crimes against humanity and allow them to evade justice. This also sets a dangerous precedent for the future of justice in Africa."

The Kenyan parliament's vote came days before Kenya's Deputy President William Ruto was due to stand trial in The Hague accused of crimes against humanity after post-election violence rocked the country in 2007-8.

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta also faces serious charges; his trial is due to start on November 12.