

Kenya: ICC Postpones Trial Against Kenya Deputy President AllAfrica 6 May 2013 The International Criminal Court (ICC) on Monday (May 6th) postponed the start of the trial for Kenya's Deputy President William Ruto, saying a number of administrative issues still needed to be cleared, AFP reported.

"The Chamber vacates the trial date of May 28, 2013," the three-judge bench said in a decision made at the court's headquarters in The Hague. "The new start date for trial... will be rendered in due course."

Ruto, 46, faces three counts of crimes against humanity for his role in deadly violence that erupted in Kenya after the last elections in 2007.

Last month prosecutors asked to add five witnesses to their list, prompting Ruto's lawyers to ask for a status conference to discuss the case's progress. Ruto's lawyers also asked the court to postpone the trial until at least November in order for them to prepare properly.

ICC judges already postponed Ruto's trial once before, saying they considered it important that he have enough time to properly prepare his case. (...)

In early March, judges also postponed until July 9th Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta's trial for crimes against humanity. Both Ruto and Kenyatta deny the charges.

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