

ICC Rejects Final Libya Bid to Try Gaddafi's Son



The Hague, June 14 (RHC)-- The International Criminal Court (ICC) has dismissed a final bid by Libya to try the son of slain leader, Mu-ammar Gaddafi, in the country. In a majority decision, a five-judge panel at the international court said that Saif al-Islam Gaddafi must be transferred to The Hague to face charges of crimes against humanity.

The charges are related to allegations of repression in 2011 during the last days of the government of Saif al-Islam's father, Colonel Mu-ammar Gaddafi. The pre-trial judges had dismissed Tripoli's request to put Saif al-Islam on trial in Libya in 2013, saying the country was unable to give him a fair hearing. Saif al-Islam, who also served as Libya's de facto prime minister, has been held by militias in a prison in the city of Zintan since he was captured in 2011 while trying to flee the country.

The militants have refused to give him to central authorities. Human Rights Watch and other rights organizations have urged Libyan officials to hand over Saif al-Islam to the International Criminal Court for trial.



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