

an alternative sanitation solution. "This technology uses a

we got from the public about the compliance and safety of biodigesters. As the board regulating building, we commissioned Makerere

involved field visits to users and installers, laboratory tests, and technical evaluations of the systems. The study found that contrary

additives such as enzymes, chemicals and bacteria marketed as enhancing decomposition. "Promoters claim these

different additives on the market and did not find significant changes, showing that the enzymes can effectively break down the material,"

need to regulate the quality of concrete used in construction, saying properly designed septic tanks remain the most reliable waste management option.

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Besigye provided co-ordination for weapons drop-off – court told

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In dock (L-R): Capt Denis Oyaa Olaa, Col Dr Kizza Besigye and his aid Obeid Lutale during high court session. (Scan picture using the Vision Digital Experience to watch video)

accused only provided coordinates for a possible weapons-drop in the DR Congo.

Kyomuhendo admitted there was no evidence that the weapons were delivered, saying the state was relying on "intention" and "common intention."

Turinawe argued that intention alone does not amount to trafficking in the absence of proof that any weapons were moved, delivered or handled.

Other members of the defence team include Martha Karua, Ernest Kalibbala, Fred Mpanga, Erias Lukwago, Farouk Kamulegeya and Simon Nsubuga. The state is represented by Chief State Attorney Richard Birivumbuka.

The exchanges between the prosecution witness and defence lawyers became heated at several points, prompting the court to intervene and caution counsel against delving into contested evidence at

THE CASE

Prosecution alleges that Besigye, Lutale, Oola and others still at large, between 2023 and 2024, in various countries including Switzerland, Greece, Kenya and Kampala, Uganda, conspired to overthrow the Government by force of arms.

According to the charge sheet, the accused, knowing that another person intended to commit treason, failed to provide information to Ugandan authorities, amounting to misprision of treason.

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The testimony arose during hearing of an application by the prosecution seeking permission to conceal the identities of six witnesses, citing security concerns.

Besigye and his aide Hajji Obeid Lutale are jointly charged with treason and misprision of treason

alongside Capt. Denish Oyaa Oola of the Uganda People's Defence Forces.

The offences carry a maximum penalty of death upon conviction.

During the hearing, the defence also challenged Kyomuhendo's claims that Frank Kihehere, who remains at large, had threatened to harm the six prosecution witnesses.

The defence argued that the prosecution had failed to present evidence supporting the alleged threats.

The defence also challenged the prosecution's reliance on international law in seeking witness protection, arguing that the cited legal instruments do not apply to treason.

Turinawe said although the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime provides for witness protection, treason is not among the offences covered.

Kyomuhendo disagreed, arguing that treason can be linked to organised crime through arms trafficking.

Under further questioning, however, he conceded that treason is not explicitly mentioned in either the convention or its protocols.

Four-time presidential candidate Dr Kizza Besigye, who is facing treason charges, allegedly provided coordination for the dropping of weapons in the DR Congo, the High Court has heard.

Chief State Attorney Joseph Kyomuhendo made the claim yesterday during proceedings before Justice Emmanuel Baguma at the Criminal Division of the High Court in Kampala.

Under cross-examination by defence lawyer Bayern Turinawe, Kyomuhendo clarified that the alleged weapons were never dropped, but insisted the matter concerns arms trafficking.

"Whether the weapons were dropped or not, the matter involves arms trafficking," Kyomuhendo told court.

When asked whether the prosecution's summary of evidence pointed to intention rather than actual execution of the alleged offence, Kyomuhendo declined to answer, saying the question would be prejudicial to the accused.

Turinawe challenged the prosecution's claims, arguing that the case rests on allegations that the