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Gen Sejusa applies for bail

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KAMPALA. Former Coordinator of Intelligence Services David Sejusa alias Tinyefuza, who was remanded last week to Luzira prison has applied for bail pending determination of the criminal cases against him.

Through his lawyers, the general filed the application before the General Court Martial in Makindye, arguing that the charges are bailable.

"The applicant would never violate bail terms and or will not abscond from the jurisdiction of this honourable court when released on bail.

...The applicant has sound and substantial sureties who shall abide by the conditions set out for bail," reads the court document.

The military court sent Gen Sejusa on remand until today over five different charges of participating in partisan politics, absconding from duty and insubordination, among others contrary to the military law.

In the sworn statement before court, Gen Sejusa, 61, says he is of advanced age and cannot handle the harsh conditions of prison life.

"I am the sole breadwinner for my family. I have children attending both university and high school that depend on my support. I have never been arrested, charged, convicted and or have any criminal record of any crime in my entire life whatsoever," he says.

Last week, Gen Sejusa protested the trial, alleging that the military court has no powers to

hear the cases due to a pending application in the civil court.

He states that the charge sheets to the effect that the accused is subject to military law of UPDF Act, is not a correct statement of fact and law because his status as to whether he is still a serving officer is yet to be determined by the Kampala High Court.

Prosecution states that on November 4, 2015 when Dr Kizza Besigye was nominated presidential candidate for the FDC party, Gen Sejusa, a senior army officer of the UPDF, attended his maiden rally at Nakivubo stadium, addressed the public and canvassed support for the opposition candidate and party, contrary the Political Parties and Organisations Act.

Allegations

The State further alleges that on November 22, Gen Sejusa, as a serving UPDF officer while at Democratic Party offices on Luwum Street in Kampala, attended the party activities and canvassed support for DP contrary to the law.

In another case, Gen Sejusa allegedly attended political rallies in Kabale, Agata districts and other places against the warning by the Chief of Defence Forces, which is tantamount to violation of the military law.

It is further alleged that on April 22, 2015, Gen Sejusa, without authorisation from the army, appeared on a talk show on Central Broadcasting Service radio and made political statements contrary to the UPDF code of conduct.



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