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JUSTICE KUDYA TO PRESIDE OVER MAGUWU'S URGENT CHAMBER APPLICATION

High Court Judge Justice **Samuel Kudya** will on Monday 12 September 2011 preside over an Urgent Chamber Application filed by lawyers representing prominent diamond rights researcher, **Farai Maguwu**, seeking to recover his impounded property and to prevent State security agents from harassing him further.

Justice Kudya who heard the matter in his chambers on Sunday 11 September 2011 postponed the hearing to Monday 12 September 2011 to allow Mr **Dodo** of the Attorney General's Civil Division to get instructions from his clients, who are listed as respondents in the Urgent Chamber Application.

The respondents include the co-Ministers of Home Affairs, the Chief Immigration Officer, the Minister of Transport, Communication and Infrastructure Development, the Civil Aviation Authority of Zimbabwe and the Minister of State Security in the President's Office.

The lawyers led by **Denford Halimani** of Wintertons Legal Practitioners, who is a member lawyer of Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights want an order compelling the State security agents to permanently return the items seized from Maguwu and to disclose to the diamond rights researcher, his lawyers and to the Court, the identities of the State security agents who unlawfully and unjustifiably seized his property.

The lawyers also want the High Court to declare as wrongful, unlawful and unjustified the seizure and deprivation of Maguwu's property.

The property which was confiscated by some unidentified State security agents at the Harare International Airport on Saturday 10 September 2011 include Maguwu's HP 625 laptop, power pack, wallet, Olympus digital camera, cash, business cards, bank cards, personal notebooks, laptop bag and all its contents. The State security agents also seized his airline's boarding passes, his travel insurance, accommodation bookings and three notepads.

The State security agents harassed and prevented Maguwu from attending an international conference in Ireland on rights violations, which runs from 14 to 16 September 2011.

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