



Commonwealth Lawyers Association Statement regarding arrest and detention of Erias Lukwago

The CLA affirms that the right to legal representation is a cornerstone of the rule of law and a fundamental guarantee of a fair trial. The targeting of defence counsel — through arrest, detention, or charge — in connection with their representation of a client strikes at the heart of the administration of justice and the independence of the legal profession.

Principle 8 of the International Bar Association Standards for the Independence of the Legal Profession states:

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