



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

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STATEMENT ON THE MATTER OF MR. MELVILLE ROBERTSON ROBERTS.

The Ministry of Justice has taken note of recent social media publications by Mr. Melville Robertson Roberts in which he alleges unfair treatment and persecution by the Ministry. For the avoidance of doubt, the Ministry wishes to clarify that Mr. Roberts has been the subject of multiple allegations, including rape and indecent assault on females as reported by several complainants. Following these complaints, the Gambia Police Force opened a criminal case file, concluded investigations and forwarded the file to the Ministry.

Since the lodging of these complaints, Mr. Roberts has not returned to The Gambia in a deliberate attempt to evade accountability. He remains a fugitive sitting in London and cannot therefore expect his file to be processed and closed in his absence. The Ministry wishes to make it known that a comprehensive case file has been compiled and should Mr. Roberts return to the jurisdiction, he will be arrested and prosecuted for the serious offences he is alleged to have committed including crimes of sexual violence and assault.

The Ministry of Justice remains steadfast in its duty to uphold the rule of law. Mr Roberts repeatedly invokes the name of the Attorney General in his writings. The Ministry will not be deterred by unfounded claims or public misrepresentations calculated to demean the person of the Honourable Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Dawda A. Jallow. Our commitment is to ensure that all allegations of serious crime particularly those involving violence against women are investigated and prosecuted with diligence, fairness and respect for due process.

The Ministry does and will not litigate cases through the media. Our role is to ensure that justice is pursued through the proper legal channel without fear or favor. As such, the Ministry will not be distracted by attempts to politicize or personalize its mandate.

**SIGNED
SOLICITOR GENERAL
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