

Tony Blair's Wife Secures £1m Bail for Rwanda's "Spy Chief" Accused of Ordering Massacres

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The Rwanda's spy chief, General Karenzi Karake, who was arrested in the UK and remanded in custody, has been bailed thanks to the effort of Cherie Blair, wife of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair. A diplomatic source confirmed here, on Saturday that Cherie Blair helped secure bail for Karake at a hearing at Westminster magistrates' court in Central London two days ago.

Mrs Blair, a widely revered career lawyer is part of Gen Karake's defence team, it also emerged.

District Judge Quentin Purdy set Gen Karake's bail at £1 million and ordered him to stay within the M25.

The smartly dressed General Karake was spotted beaming and waving to a beehive crowd comprising supporters and human rights monitors joined by the UK-based Rwandans who turned up en masses at the court premises in London, wilding placates that say: "We reject flawed Spanish judicial processes, ..Double standard, injustice!"

General Karake's bail follows a revelation that the 54-year-old 'was in Britain to meet the head of MI6'.

Another source intimated that the meeting with Alex Younger, Britain's most senior intelligence official, was cancelled after MI6 learned of Karake's imminent arrest.

The Director General of Rwanda's National Intelligence and Security Services; who is also a strong member of the ruling Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF), was arrested at the International Heathrow airport by a team of London Metropolitan police officers last Saturday on a "European Arrest Warrant" brought by Spain.

He was subsequently remanded in custody in the UK to appear before Westminster Magistrate court last Thursday for hearing on his extradition to Spain, which accuses him of involvement in the deaths of several thousands of people; including three Spanish aid workers working for Medicos del Mundo.

As head of military intelligence, Karake is accused of ordering massacres after the 1994 Rwandan genocide, and is said to have murdered the three Spanish aid workers.

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