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# Meeting with State Counsel

Thursday October 8, 2009, State Counsel's Office, High Court, Kumba

**Subject: Letter of the EITD Research RJJR Programme to Justice Evande on his judgement in Suit No. HCK/31/2008 and related matters in his High Court Registry**

On Wednesday, 30/09/09, Mr. Mbwoye (Director, EITD Research) met with both the State Counsel and Police, in the State Counsel's office. The meeting ended with a date, Thursday October 8, 2009, to meet again. Mr. Mbwoye's report of the encounter of 30/09/09 is available on the Revival of Justice and Judiciary Reform (RJJR) Programme website, address: [www.rjir.eitdr.org](http://www.rjir.eitdr.org).

So, on Thursday 08/10/09, at 9.00 am, Mr. Mbwoye was at the State Counsel's office for the meeting. The State Counsel came in at 9.40 am. The police officers, who were also due at the meeting, had not come. The State Counsel motioned Mr. Mbwoye to a seat, and asked him how far he has gone with his matter! Surprised, Mr. Mbwoye replied, "Sir, the file is with you, and we agreed to be here today".

The State Counsel recollected and then said he received a complaint of defamation from Justice Evande against us, but would not be prosecuting us because he has seen nothing defamatory in our RJJR Programme letter to the Judge. He said we are simply doing our job in highlighting service lapses and wanting them corrected. That he wants to arrange a meeting during which all the parties in the matter would resolve the issues raised, but could not do so now as he was due to drive out of town, to Buea, for an urgent meeting. He asked that we meet again in his office in the afternoon by 3.00 to 3.30 pm, the same day, when he thought he would be back from Buea.

So, 3.00 pm, Mr. Mbwoye was again at the State Counsel's office, where he met other people waiting and was told the State Counsel has not yet returned from Buea. He also waited in vain, and left at 5.00 pm.