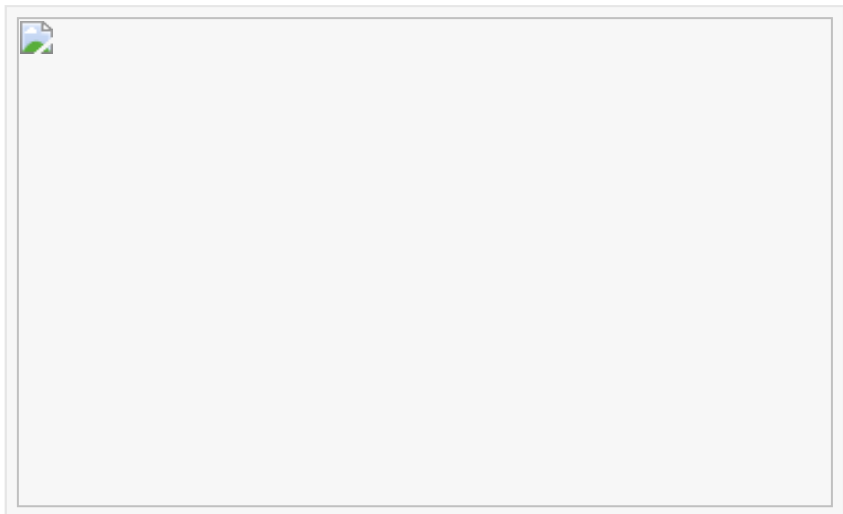


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NAIROBI, Kenya, Feb 29 – A couple accused of being in possession of forged passports was deported to the Democratic Republic of Congo on Tuesday, soon after appearing at the Kibera Law courts.

Ngoy Moise Kayembe and Shani Marove Lydia were re-arrested immediately after the court set them free following an application by the Anti-Terrorism Police Unit which wanted the charges dropped.

However, their lawyer Chacha Mwita said the two were arrested alongside their five-month old baby and interrogated briefly at the ATPU offices before they were expelled.

“The couple and their baby have been deported either to DRC or most probably Uganda,” Mwita said, adding: “I am 90 percent sure they have been taken to Uganda.”

The couple first appeared at the Kibera Law courts on January 31, 2011 where they were charged with the offence of possessing other people’s passports.

During the trial, Mwita said only two witnesses testified in the case before the ATPU applied to have the case withdrawn under section 87 (a).

“We objected to the withdrawal for it cannot take a whole year for such an application to be made; it amounted to an abuse of the court process and not done in the public interest of justice,” the lawyer said.

Mwita said the court finally allowed the request by the ATPU and the two were discharged on Tuesday.

Mwita told Capital News the couple was tortured before deportation.

The police were not willing to comment on the matter.



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