

Truth team's meeting flops over lateness

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The public failed to testify before the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission in Machakos after the team made it to the venue late.

Acting chair Tecla Namachanja had to apologise to the agitated crowd at the Machakos Catholic Hall.

Residents had arrived at the venue at 9am only to wait until 5.15pm when the team arrived.

Those who claimed to have come from far away left before the meeting, saying they would miss transport home.

Later, a session of about 30 minutes was conducted, where Namachanja promised she would organise another session to receive statements.

Meanwhile, the TJRC says it targets to interview 30,000 victims of post-election violence. Namachanja said they had so far recorded statements from about 10,000 victims.

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She said the truth team was on course and would prove its critics wrong. The chair, who was accompanied by team leader Manthi Musyoka, had earlier paid a courtesy call on Machakos DC Kobia wa Kamau where she urged the Provincial Administration to help statement takers mobilise victims.

She said public hearings would begin in February after the close of statements taking in January.

Namachanja at the same time said the commission was facing financial constraints, saying the Government and donors should come to its aid without further delay.