

Zimbabwe court convicts, fines *New York Times* freelance

A Zimbabwean freelance reporter working for the *New York Times* was on Tuesday convicted and fined after he was accused of obtaining fake accreditation documents for two of the US newspaper's journalists on a visit, his lawyer said.

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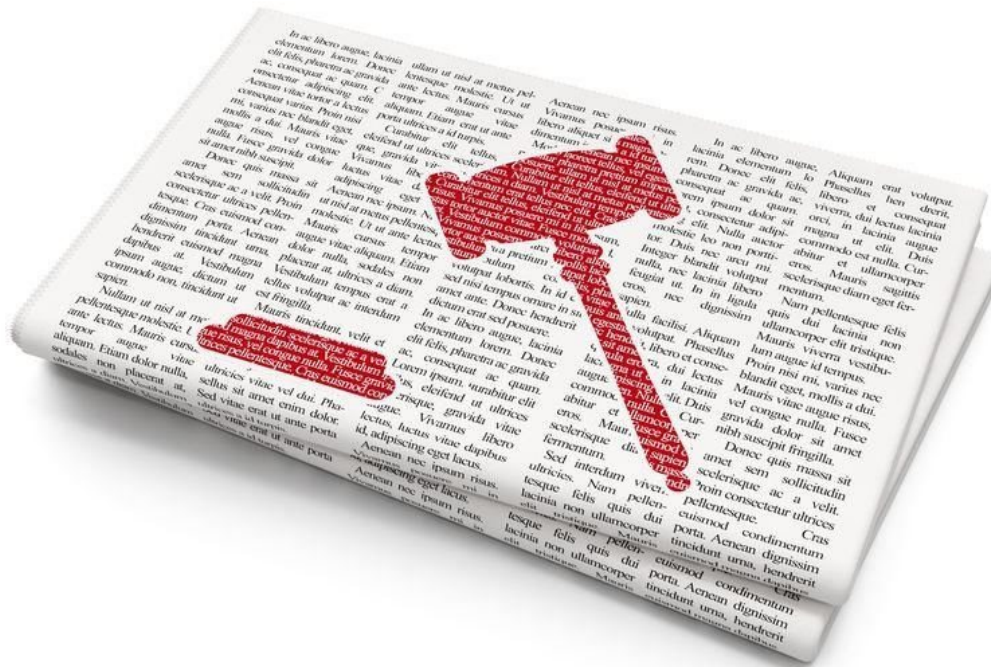


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Jeffrey Moyo, a 37-year-old Zimbabwean, spent three weeks in jail last year and his trial started in January

The *New York Times* has denied the charges, saying the accreditation of its journalists Christina Goldbau and Joao Silva by a Zimbabwe Media Commission official was above board.

The two American journalists were expelled from Zimbabwe.

"Jeff has been convicted and sentenced to pay Zim\$200,000 (about \$615). He was charged with violating Section 36 of the Immigration Act," Moyo's lawyer, Doug Coltart, told *Reuters*.

Coltart said Moyo would appeal his conviction.

Critics say Zimbabwe's government, under President Emmerson Mnangagwa, has continued the authoritarian ways of his predecessor, the late Robert Mugabe, despite earlier promises to end rights abuses.

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