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Prophet Babi remanded in custody

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PROPHET Jackson Babi has been remanded in custody again after High Court Judge Harald January dismissed his bail appeal.

The judge did not make available the full judgment, saying it will only be available later after it has been edited.

Babi has been in custody since last year after he was arrested on poaching charges.

Babi is appealing a judgment in which he was denied bail by a Magistrate at the Windhoek Magistrate's Court.



REMANDED IN CUSTODY: Jackson Babi. File photo

According to him, evidence has not been given to show he would interfere with investigations if he is granted bail.

He was denied bail due to the seriousness of the offense, fear of interference with investigations and public interest.

Babi also contends that the fact that there was no public demonstration or public petition against him is grounds for his release on bail.

In the bribery matter, Babi is accused of attempting to bribe a police officer with N\$13 000.

An usher of his church, Ananias Ananias, was arrested for delivering the money.

He was later released after the Prosecutor General decided that she would not prosecute him as Ananias reportedly did not know what the money was going to be used for.

Investigating officers in the matter said Ananias thought the money was supposed to be payment for one of the lawyers.

Windhoek lawyer Mbanga Siyomunji represented Babi in his appeal, while Seredine Jacobs represented the State.



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