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Harare moves to stop auction

The Zimbabwean government approached the High Court in Johannesburg yesterday afternoon in a bid to stop the auction of properties it owns in Cape Town, civil rights group AfriForum said. The auction, arranged by German banker KfW Bankengruppe, is scheduled for July 27 and August 10. Lawyers for the Zimbabwean government sought an urgent intervention over the weekend. Earlier this month a group of farmers demanded the sale of four upscale properties owned by Zimbabwe's government. The proceeds will be used to pay the legal fees of a group of farmers who contested the seizure of their Zimbabwean farms. - Sapa