

Liberian ex-president's location unknown

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CALABAR, Nigeria, March 27 (Reuters) - The location of exiled former Liberian president Charles Taylor, who is wanted for war crimes by a court in Sierra Leone, was unknown on Monday and his spokesman in Nigeria would not give any information.

Nigeria said on Saturday the government of Liberia was free to take Taylor into its custody from his asylum in the southeastern Nigerian city of Calabar, but it has not given any details on when and how this would happen.

Taylor's spokesman Sylvester Paasewe, who late on Saturday called Reuters to say the former warlord was in his villa in Calabar, refused to answer questions about Taylor on Monday.

"I'm not going to answer that question ... I am not telling you anything about him," Paasewe said in response to question about Taylor's whereabouts.

A spokeswoman for Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo said she had no information about his whereabouts.

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