

Prosecutors set date for Zuma decision

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CAPE TOWN, South Africa -- Prosecutors in South Africa say they are set to announce their decision regarding the corruption charges against African National Congress leader Jacob Zuma.

An unidentified prosecution spokesman said prosecutors will announce Monday whether they will drop all corruption charges against Zuma, adding the officials are still weighing their options, the BBC said Friday.

Zuma was charged with corruption charges in October 2005 but in September 2006 prosecutors' case against the South African politician collapsed. A year later, a judge ordered that the corruption case against Zuma cannot proceed but prosecutors countered by winning an appeal in January that would allow them to recharge the ANC official.

Zuma insists the corruption allegations, which involve a multimillion-dollar arms deal, are simply part of a political plot against him, the BBC said.

The British broadcaster said Zuma, who was acquitted on rape charges in 2006, is a heavy favorite to win the South African presidential elections on April 22.

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