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TEL AVIV (Reuters) - An Israeli court found former President Moshe Katsav guilty of rape on December 30, media reports said, convictions of unprecedented gravity for a head of the Jewish state. Katsav, president from 2000 to 2007, had denied the charges of rape, molestation or harassment lodged by three ex-aides. He may now try to contest the Tel Aviv District Court's verdict, and what could be a lengthy jail sentence, in the Supreme Court.