

Case No. SCSL-2004-14-T  
THE PROSECUTOR OF  
THE SPECIAL COURT  
V.  
SAM HINGA NORMAN  
MOININA FOFANA  
ALLIEU KONDEWA

WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2006  
9.40 A.M.  
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER I

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1 [CDF22FEB06A - CR]  
2 Wednesday, 22 February 2006  
3 [Open session]  
4 [The accused present]  
09:36:33 5 [Upon resuming at 9.40 a.m.]  
6 WITNESS: LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARDS [Continued]  
7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning, Dr Jabbi. Good morning,  
8 Mr Witness. Dr Jabbi, when we adjourned yesterday we were back  
9 at you with re-examination, if any. You had indicated that you  
09:40:46 10 did have some.  
11 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord.  
12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you prepared to proceed now?  
13 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord.  
14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please do so.  
09:40:59 15 RE-EXAMINED BY MR JABBI:  
16 Q. Good morning, General.  
17 A. Good morning.  
18 Q. Just one or two points of clarification. You will remember  
19 that yesterday during the cross-examination by the Prosecutor you  
09:41:31 20 were asked a question whether the ECOMOG soldiers considered  
21 Chief Norman as an equal or a subordinate.  
22 MR De SILVA: My Lord, sorry, I object. The question was  
23 did the ECOMOG commanders --  
24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes. Objection sustained. It's in the  
09:42:12 25 choice of words, Dr Jabbi.  
26 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord. ECOMOG commanders, indeed. Thank  
27 you very much, Mr Prosecutor.  
28 Q. The question was whether the ECOMOG commanders considered  
29 Chief Samuel Hinga Norman as an equal or a subordinate. Your



1 answer was an equal. For clarification, I ask in respect of that  
2 answer: When you say that the ECOMOG commanders considered Sam  
3 Hinga Norman as an equal, not a subordinate, was that in respect  
4 of military command purposes?

09:43:13 5 A. Primarily, no. He was -- as a person, he was viewed as an  
6 equal. Clearly, being the man I think we've all agreed he is, he  
7 was viewed and treated as an equal in that respect; as a fellow  
8 human being with an important role here. But the campaign was  
9 orchestrated by ECOMOG on behalf of President Kabbah and he took,  
09:43:57 10 therefore, if you like, his military direction - overall military  
11 direction - from General Shelpidi. But I have to say again that  
12 most of that was down the military chain of command.

13 JUDGE ITOE: Who took orders from General Shelpidi? Be  
14 very precise, please.

09:44:18 15 THE WITNESS: The Sierra Leone government forces were  
16 acting in concert with a plan devised by General Shelpidi and his  
17 staff, therefore the government forces here were subordinate in  
18 that respect to General Shelpidi and the ECOMOG headquarters  
19 staff.

09:44:45 20 JUDGE THOMPSON: So the short answer would be - correct me  
21 if I'm wrong - that Chief Norman was not considered an equal in a  
22 military sense?

23 THE WITNESS: No, definitely not.

24 JUDGE THOMPSON: So that's the thrust of your answer?

09:45:00 25 THE WITNESS: It is, My Lord.

26 JUDGE THOMPSON: Right. Thanks.

27 MR JABBI:

28 Q. On another issue, when the Prosecutor sought to have you  
29 refresh your memory in respect of a certain part of your



1 statement, he referred to a portion and asked a question in  
2 respect of whether you said and you were of the view that Chief  
3 Sam Hinga Norman had military power to take over the government  
4 of Sierra Leone if he so wanted, but he did not.

09:46:05 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: I don't think this is a new matter that  
6 was raised in cross-examination, Dr Jabbi.

7 MR JABBI: My Lord, it is not a new matter.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: This was largely explored in  
9 examination-in-chief and in cross-examination. This is not a new  
09:46:18 10 matter that came out. I suggest to you that --

11 MR JABBI: My Lord --

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: It is not a subject of re-examination.

13 MR JABBI: My Lord, it is not in respect of its being a new  
14 subject that I am trying to pose a question, but in respect of  
09:46:34 15 the need for clarification. Because the witness's answer -- I  
16 was just coming to that statement that the witness's answer was,  
17 in fact, he had power or influence. That was the answer he gave  
18 on that occasion.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: So what's the ambiguity, if any?

09:47:03 20 MR JABBI: I just want to have him clarify which of those  
21 concepts he referred to; power or influence? That's all,  
22 My Lord. Because he used those two terminologies in response to  
23 the Prosecutor. May he proceed to answer, My Lord?

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: No. I'm just looking at my notes because  
09:47:45 25 I just want to make sure that there is indeed this ambiguity. I  
26 have to look at the context of that answer as well. Repeat again  
27 what is the ambiguity, so I better understand what you are trying  
28 to achieve, Mr Jabbi.

29 MR JABBI: My Lords, the witness was asked to refresh his



1 memory about a certain portion of the statement, and then the  
2 Prosecutor cited to him a portion referring to Chief Norman  
3 having military power to overthrow the government of Sierra  
4 Leone, if he wished to, but he did not. In the witness's  
09:49:08 5 response, he used the two terminologies "power or influence".

6 JUDGE ITOE: I would confirm from my notes that the witness  
7 said that, "It is true to say that he had sufficient military  
8 power and influence to do it if he so wished."

9 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord.

09:49:34 10 JUDGE ITOE: I think that is what General Richards said.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: So what's the ambiguity in this?

12 MR JABBI: My Lord, I believe it is possible that power,  
13 for instance, may be construed as more than influence.

14 JUDGE THOMPSON: But if the --

09:49:58 15 JUDGE ITOE: Which is stronger, power or influence?

16 MR JABBI: That is what I want to clarify.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: But his answer was not "power or  
18 influence". It was "power and influence" to do --

19 JUDGE THOMPSON: I was just going to make that point, that  
09:50:12 20 if the answer was military power and influence, then he was using  
21 those terms conjunctively and therefore there would be no  
22 ambiguity. On the contrary, if he had used them disjunctively or  
23 alternatively, that may require some kind of clarification. Of  
24 course, but this is arguable, too. But once it's conjunctive,  
09:50:38 25 what is the ambiguity that needs to be clarified? Disjunctive I  
26 would concede. But this is not -- his answer is in the form of  
27 evidence. It is not in the context of a statute where, perhaps,  
28 we're seeking to interpret whether the conjunctive really can be  
29 interpreted as conjunctive or disjunctive. I would think that





1 this is really -- once the answer is conjunctive, we would not  
2 want to clarify anything. It is both.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: So your question is not allowed.

4 MR JABBI: My Lord, just a minute, please.

09:51:20 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, no. If it is the questions --

6 MR JABBI: No, I'm not asking the question. I'm just  
7 making a point in response to what His Lordship just said.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well.

9 MR JABBI: I'm not posing the question yet. My own  
09:51:36 10 understanding of recollection of what he said was that he used  
11 the two terminologies disjunctively. That was my understanding,  
12 My Lord.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, it is not our common understanding  
14 and, Dr Jabbi, we will not allow that question in re-examination.

09:51:53 15 MR JABBI: Thank you, My Lord. As Your Lordship pleases.

16 THE WITNESS: My Lord, may I --

17 MR De SILVA: My Lord, I do object. I'm sorry. This  
18 practice has gone on for too long. Of course, the General is  
19 unfamiliar with the practices of the Court. He might be very  
09:52:20 20 accustomed to addressing his men as and when he chooses to, but  
21 My Lords determine the rules of this Court and in this Court, and  
22 in all other Courts I am familiar with, witnesses sit quietly  
23 until questions are posed to them, either by counsel or from the  
24 Bench, and then those questions are answered. With all due  
09:52:43 25 respect to the distinguished General, as much as he may like to  
26 make speeches, I think the time for those speeches has ended.

27 JUDGE THOMPSON: I think I agree with you. That is the  
28 tradition which I'm sure the distinguished General is familiar  
29 with in the British Common Law system that gave us such a fine



1 system of administration of justice and, in this particular  
2 situation, I'm sure he would appreciate that what the Bench says  
3 is final. And that, clearly, we have determined the issue that  
4 the records show that the terms were used in a conjunctive sense.

09:53:26 5 MR De SILVA: My Lord, I'm grateful.

6 JUDGE THOMPSON: I would not be enlightened further if the  
7 witness would be allowed to amplify.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Witness. Dr Jabbi, do you  
9 have any other questions in re-examination?

09:53:40 10 MR JABBI: Yes. My Lord, I just want to take the final  
11 opportunity to thank the General for having been with us and the  
12 role he played in returning Sierra Leone to sanity. I have no  
13 further questions in re-examination.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Dr Jabbi. We thank you,  
09:54:02 15 General Richards, and wish you the best of luck in your next  
16 mission. Thank you.

17 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Lordships.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. That concludes your evidence.  
19 Thanks.

09:54:16 20 [The witness withdrew]

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Dr Jabbi, do you have the next witness  
22 and what is the name of the witness, if I may ask?

23 MR JABBI: My Lords, our next witness is Ishmael Koroma,  
24 who I believe will testify in Mende.

09:55:06 25 MR KAMARA: My Lord, if I may be heard in this instance.  
26 The indication that was given to the Prosecution was that it is  
27 going to be Hassan Feika and not Ishmael Koroma. We did ask on  
28 several occasions to confirm this issue. We came in prepared  
29 this morning for Hassan Feika and that it was going to be after



1 Hassan Feika that Ishmael Koroma, which invariably may not even  
2 be for this session.

3 MR JABBI: My Lord, I have a completely different  
4 impression. I believe the indication was made clearly to the  
09:55:49 5 Prosecution that it would be Ishmael Koroma, although  
6 Hassan Feika may follow him, depending on whether we have time  
7 enough this session.

8 JUDGE ITOE: To avoid the controversy, do you have  
9 Hassan Feika?

09:56:08 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Hassan Feika on the witness list that you  
11 had produced for the order of appearance is listed as number 9  
12 and Ishmael Koroma is listed as number 11, so why this change of  
13 order now? I mean, we have accepted to be flexible to make some  
14 accommodation for this witness, for example, for a witness like  
09:56:28 15 Mr Penfold, but we still have to go by what you have produced,  
16 and what you have produced is a list of witnesses that would list  
17 Feika as witness number 9 and Koroma as witness number 11. So  
18 why this change again in the order?

19 MR JABBI: Yes. My Lord, we have an application before the  
09:56:54 20 Court.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.

22 MR JABBI: And we are not aware when a decision will be  
23 given in respect of certain additional exhibits that we would  
24 want some of the witnesses to tender -- to be tendered through  
09:57:10 25 some of the witnesses. There are two witnesses who are lined up  
26 affected by that - Alpha Koroma and Hassan Feika - and we have  
27 been trying to rearrange the witnesses so that if a decision  
28 comes, those two will also be in a position to be taken and those  
29 exhibits tendered through them, or, if a decision doesn't come



1 early enough, we will still be able to carry on with witnesses  
2 whilst waiting for that decision which will affect their  
3 evidence. That is the only reason why we suggested on this  
4 occasion that Ishmael Koroma precede both Alpha Koroma and  
09:58:01 5 Hassan Feika. It is, of course, possible that perhaps the  
6 Prosecution did not get as clear an indication as we intended,  
7 but I remember talking to two members of the Prosecution team and  
8 I tried to emphasise that Ishmael Koroma was the priority in  
9 terms of the order in which we might call them.

09:58:24 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: It may be so, Dr Jabbi, but what appears  
11 to be the case this morning is, in spite of that, there appears  
12 to have been, at a minimum, some confusion, some  
13 misunderstanding. And they are claiming now that because you  
14 intend to call Koroma, they are not prepared for the  
09:58:43 15 cross-examination of this witness. This is the dilemma we're in.

16 MR JABBI: Well, My Lord, of course, I cannot call in doubt  
17 what the Prosecution has said. We thought we had made the  
18 clarification enough and we went ahead and -- even yesterday,  
19 My Lord, Ishmael Koroma was on stand-by - even yesterday - and he  
09:59:18 20 could have been taken if we had finished with the general early  
21 enough. So far, he's the only one that we really thought we  
22 might take today.

23 In fact, the other problem is that depending on when we  
24 finish with him, the length of evidence from the other witnesses  
09:59:38 25 on the list would also affect the possibility of our taking them  
26 this session. We thought that he's short enough for us to be  
27 sure that he can be completed before we come to consider the  
28 issue of whether there is enough time to take any of the other  
29 witnesses. So we really thought we had made that clarification.





1 I don't know whether --

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Let me ask a few questions of  
3 the Prosecution, Dr Jabbi, and I'll come back to you. Mr Kamara,  
4 what's the position of the Prosecution on this?

10:00:17 5 MR KAMARA: My Lord, one comment I want to make is that it  
6 has become the practice that we almost have to plead with the  
7 Defence to know which witness will come next. As I do recall the  
8 state of facts before the Court, even the learned Justice Itoe  
9 spoke to the Defence and said talk to the Prosecution and tell  
10:00:38 10 them who is coming next. It seems as if at least the order of  
11 witnesses is of no more value. We are not going by that.

12 We always come to them and the last time we discussed this  
13 issue in Court my learned friend Dr Jabbi promised to let the  
14 Prosecution know who will be next. In Court, he did mentioned  
10:00:56 15 that he was not sure. He made the same explanation. We don't  
16 know who will be next, and whether it could be this, or it could  
17 be that. We had to rush with him through the gates for him to  
18 tell us who will be next and he gave us two names. Of these two,  
19 we were working on the two, but we were on the assumption that  
10:01:12 20 Hassan Feika will be next. And only for this morning he is  
21 telling us that it is Ishmael Koroma.

22 If we were only definite about the list on one, two, three  
23 and four, for example, like we used to do in the case of the  
24 Prosecution, it would have helped us greatly. And now where we  
10:01:27 25 are to be of help to the Court, we may be able to do the direct  
26 examination and then defer cross-examination.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let's proceed that way and we'll see. If  
28 need be, we'll cross that bridge when we get there. Let's  
29 proceed with the examination-in-chief of Ishmael Koroma. Again,



1 Dr Jabbi and the Defence - but I'm talking to you because this is  
2 your case in chief, you're leading the evidence for the first  
3 accused - I just remind you that this Court has been quite  
4 flexible to make any accommodation that you have asked to try to  
10:02:15 5 fit the witnesses in the order, as such, and so did the  
6 Prosecution. There was good co-operation in this respect. We  
7 expect the Defence to do its own share.

8 If you are not following the order of witnesses, and I  
9 understand you had good justification not to because of factors  
10:02:34 10 that were beyond your control, but having said that, you still  
11 have produced a list of witnesses and if you change the order,  
12 you need to seek permission to do it. And the least that we can  
13 ask of you, Dr Jabbi, is that you inform all parties involved,  
14 not the morning of nor the evening before, but as soon as you  
10:02:59 15 can, and much earlier than this change. I would appreciate your  
16 help and co-operation in this respect. I take it in this case  
17 there has been some confusion and, to avoid confusion, if you  
18 give some more lead time, we may be able to move ahead.

19 Justice Thompson.

10:03:20 20 JUDGE THOMPSON: Let me help. That magnanimity  
21 demonstrated by the Prosecution may well some day be reciprocated  
22 on the other side.

23 MR JABBI: Thank you very much, My Lords.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: On these comments, let's call the next  
10:03:35 25 witness, which is Ishmael Koroma. Let's see how much progress we  
26 can achieve.

27 MR BOCKARIE: Just to inform the Court, he is a common  
28 witness to the second accused as well.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: This witness Koroma?



1 MR BOCKARIE: Yes, Your Honour.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: So there is no confusion as well on the  
3 record, if he is a common witness to the second accused and the  
4 first accused, you will be conducting examination-in-chief of  
10:04:00 5 this witness as well?

6 MR BOCKARIE: Yes, Your Honour.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: I take it you have disclosed a summary of  
8 his evidence for the purpose of evidence for the second accused?

9 MR BOCKARIE: Yes, Your Honour.

10:04:12 10 MR LANSANA: For the third accused, Your Honour, he is not  
11 a common witness.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: So you will be in cross-examination.

13 MR LANSANA: Exactly, Your Honour.

14 WITNESS: ISHMAEL SENESIE KOROMA [Sworn]

10:05:40 15 [The witness answered through interpreter]

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is witness number 8?

17 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: And the witness is giving evidence in  
19 Mende?

10:05:52 20 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord.

21 EXAMINED BY MR JABBI:

22 Q. Good morning, Mr Witness.

23 A. Good morning, old man.

24 Q. Let me first explain to you how you should be talking.

10:06:12 25 A. Okay.

26 Q. When I ask you a question --

27 A. Yes. Yes.

28 Q. -- answer as slowly as possible.

29 A. Okay.



1 Q. The reason is that, as you have already seen, when I say  
2 something or anybody says anything here, it will be interpreted  
3 to you in your own language first.

4 A. Okay.

10:06:49 5 Q. Then you will also see that the judges up there will be  
6 writing down what you are saying --

7 A. That is right.

8 Q. -- so try and slow down what you say so that both the  
9 interpretation and the writing can go on well. Is that okay?

10:07:11 10 A. I've heard.

11 Q. Now, Mr Witness, can you tell the Court your full names?

12 A. My name is Ishmael Senesie Koroma.

13 MR JABBI: My Lords, Ishmael, I-S-H-M-A-E-L. Senesie,  
14 S-E-N-E-S-I-E. And Koroma, K-O-R-O-M-A. Ishmael Koroma.

10:08:02 15 Q. Where were you born?

16 A. Well, I was born in Kpetema, that's my father land. My  
17 mother land is Yawema, Small Bo Chiefdom.

18 MR JABBI: K-P-E-T-E-M-A.

19 Q. What chiefdom is Kpetema?

10:08:29 20 A. Small Bo Chiefdom.

21 Q. Both of those town, Kpetema and Yawema, are in Small Bo  
22 Chiefdom?

23 A. Yes, they are in the same section.

24 Q. Do you know how old you are?

10:09:02 25 A. I am 41 years old.

26 Q. And when were you born precisely, do you know?

27 JUDGE ITOE: He says he's 41 years old. Let's move,  
28 please. He's 41 years old. That's not for now very material to  
29 us. He's an adult. Can we move, please?





1 MR JABBI: As Your Lordship pleases.

2 Q. Where have you lived most of your life?

3 A. I've been long in Small Bo Chiefdom. That's where I was  
4 born.

10:10:01 5 MR JABBI: My Lords, Small Bo is the hyphenated word,  
6 "Small" as in the English word small, and Bo as in the well-known  
7 B-O. Small Bo. Hyphen Bo.

8 Q. Now, can you tell the Court when you came to know about the  
9 war in this country?

10:10:45 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Very briefly, please. When?

12 A. One time I was in my village in my mother land, Yawema. I  
13 was in my mother land in Yawema, Small Bo Chiefdom, then we heard  
14 that fighting has reached Kailahun, Bomaru. That was March 23rd.

10:11:26 15 MR JABBI: Bomaru, My Lords is B-O-M-A-R-U.

16 THE WITNESS: When the war reached there, up to 1992 going  
17 to 1993, when our chiefdom --

18 MR JABBI:

19 Q. Please, talk slowly.

10:11:54 20 A. Okay. Can I proceed? Then Lieutenant Tom Nyuma -- at that  
21 time it was the NPRC, after they had taken over the country.  
22 When NPRC took over the country late in 19 -- Nyuma summoned all  
23 the chiefs in the Kenema District. When he called them, he told  
24 them that the war is really at hand.

10:12:33 25 Q. Which chiefs did he call? Which chiefs?

26 A. The paramount chiefs. The paramount chiefs in the Kenema  
27 District, they were the ones he summoned. When he called them,  
28 he said --

29 JUDGE ITOE: He's going fast.



1 MR JABBI:

2 Q. Yes, please slow down. They write less fast than you  
3 speak.

4 A. Okay.

10:12:59 5 Q. They want to be sure that they get what you say in writing.

6 A. Okay, I've heard.

7 JUDGE ITOE: Lieutenant Tom Nyuma of the NPRC.

8 MR JABBI: Tom Nyuma.

9 JUDGE ITOE: Tom Nyuma?

10:13:21 10 MR JABBI: Nyuma, My Lord, is N-Y-U-M-A. Lieutenant Tom  
11 Nyuma.

12 JUDGE ITOE: Summoned the paramount chiefs in Kenema?

13 MR JABBI: District.

14 JUDGE ITOE: District.

10:13:37 15 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord.

16 Q. Yes.

17 A. He said the war has become intense and he was telling the  
18 paramount chiefs that the Kamajors, those who really know the  
19 bush, those who know the bush very well, and the hideouts,  
10:14:20 20 junctions, the youths, those who are able-bodied, strong and  
21 young, they should be added to the Kamajors.

22 Q. For what purpose?

23 A. In order to assist the soldiers to fight the war because  
24 they do not know the terrain and most of the villages. The  
10:15:43 25 paramount chiefs agreed and they returned to their chiefdoms.

26 Q. What did they do, the paramount chiefs?

27 A. When they returned, they summoned the chiefdom members. On  
28 that day that we assembled in the Small Bo Chiefdom, Tom Nyuma  
29 himself was there.



1 Q. Please talk slowly. Can you go over what you said just  
2 now, please?

3 A. Okay.

4 Q. This last one that you said.

10:16:19 5 A. Okay. I've heard. The paramount chiefs returned to their  
6 chiefdoms and they assembled the chiefdom members. On that day  
7 we too assembled in Small Bo and Blama Town. It was at the  
8 barri, the chiefdom barri.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.

10:17:19 10 THE WITNESS: Tom Nyuma himself was in Blama on that day.

11 MR JABBI:

12 Q. Did he attend the meeting, Tom Nyuma?

13 A. Very well. He was there. In fact, he said that we should  
14 hasten the meeting, because he was about to go to Boajibu in the  
10:18:05 15 Simbaru Chiefdom.

16 MR JABBI: Simbaru, My Lords, is spelt S-I-M-B-A-R-U.

17 Simbaru Chiefdom.

18 Q. Did he say what he was going to do at Simbaru?

19 A. He said the meeting that we were holding, it was the same  
10:18:41 20 kind that they were going to hold in Simbaru, so it's good for  
21 him to be there as well.

22 Q. How did the meeting in Blama proceed?

23 A. They told us that he had come, that what he had told the  
24 paramount chiefs that the meeting they had held, that the meeting  
10:19:14 25 to which they had summoned the paramount chiefs in Kenema, that  
26 was why he had come.

27 Q. Yes.

28 A. He said we shouldn't be afraid to join the soldiers.

29 Q. Yes.



1 A. He said we should join them and assist them to fight the  
2 war.

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. The paramount chiefs brought us out and we joined the  
10:20:24 5 soldiers and they gave us the single-barreled guns, the chiefs.

6 Q. Who did the chiefs bring out?

7 A. The Kamasois who knew the bush very, very well, they  
8 brought them out and the youths -- the youths, those who are  
9 wild, strong.

10:20:58 10 Q. Now, who and what was Tom Nyuma at that time, Lieutenant  
11 Tom Nyuma?

12 A. At that time they called him -- they said he was the  
13 Secretary of State for the Eastern Region for the NPRC  
14 government.

10:21:42 15 MR JABBI: My Lords, I don't think it is necessary for me  
16 to say what NPRC --

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, that's fine.

18 MR JABBI: Thank you, My Lord.

19 Q. Now, you have explained that Kamajors --

10:22:34 20 JUDGE ITOE: What Tom Nyuma was. You asked him the  
21 question as to what Tom Nyuma was. He said he was the Secretary  
22 of State in the --

23 MR JABBI: NPRC government.

24 JUDGE ITOE: NPRC government for the Eastern Region.

10:22:50 25 MR JABBI: For the Eastern Region, yes, My Lord.

26 Q. Now, you have explained that the paramount chiefs in your  
27 area at Blama provided Kamasois and young people to answer the  
28 request of Tom Nyuma. Do you know how many were in fact  
29 subscribed, the number?





1 A. Oh, at that time when we provided we were many in the  
2 chiefdom. I wouldn't know the number now.

3 JUDGE THOMPSON: Lest we're not at cross-purposes on the  
4 state of the records, I think the characterisation of the young  
10:23:52 5 people was wild and strong.

6 JUDGE ITOE: He retracted.

7 MR JABBI: My understanding is that "wild" was retracted in  
8 the interpretation and "strong" replaced it.

9 JUDGE THOMPSON: Were we notified of the retraction?

10:24:10 10 MR JABBI: I thought it was clear at the moment, My Lord.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: I heard that to be the same meaning that  
12 Justice Thompson heard.

13 JUDGE THOMPSON: I heard "wild". In fact, I made  
14 particular mental note of that, because this witness appeared to  
10:24:24 15 have chosen that particular characterisation, not just young  
16 people, not the feeble and the weak, but the wild and strong.

17 MR JABBI: My Lord, at the time of that translation, I made  
18 a chuckle, but I did not make a comment because of the immediate  
19 retraction that followed.

10:24:46 20 JUDGE THOMPSON: I will restrain myself and rely on the  
21 authenticity of the record.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter.

23 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, My Lord.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Did you change the word "wild" for  
10:25:01 25 "strong" in your interpretation?

26 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, I did.

27 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

28 MR JABBI: Thank you, My Lord.

29 Q. Now, having selected the Kamasois and the strong, young



1 people to help the soldiers in fighting the war against the  
2 rebels, did your group in fact do accordingly?

3 A. We assisted them very well. We joined the soldiers and we  
4 fought the war.

10:26:11 5 Q. You've kept saying "we". Were you among a group?

6 A. Yes, we, the vigilantes, that is what we're called. The  
7 Kamasois and the youths, all of us, they called us vigilantes.

8 We joined the soldiers and fought the war. At that time,

9 Mr Alpha Lavalie, may he so rest in peace, he was head of the

10:26:49 10 Kamasois and he was an intermediary between us and the soldiers.

11 Alpha Lavalie, in the Kenema District.

12 Q. Now, you, personally, were you one of the vigilantes or the  
13 Kamasois?

14 A. Very, very well. At that time I was a vigilante. At that

10:27:46 15 time, the Kamasois who were --

16 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the evidence seems

17 confusing. Can the witness go over it?

18 MR JABBI:

19 Q. As I said earlier, please be talking slowly. At all times

10:27:58 20 when you are giving any answer, please talk slowly.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. So can you repeat what you said just now, slowly, please.

23 A. Okay. I said, at that time, we, the vigilantes, as we were

24 called, we were among the youths. We were on the side of the

10:28:24 25 youths, those strong youths, those of us who were asked to join

26 the Kamasois, and all of us were called vigilantes.

27 Q. Now, you, the Kamasois and vigilantes, did you fight with  
28 any weapons?

29 A. We had cutlasses. Cutlasses, sticks, and other Kamasois



1 had single-barrelled guns, the ones given to them by the  
2 paramount chiefs.

3 Q. At that stage, did the soldiers themselves supply any arms  
4 or ammunition to the Kamasois and vigilantes?

10:30:19 5 A. Yes. They were training us with the use of machine guns.  
6 They were training us to use machine guns.

7 Q. What types of guns did soldiers train you on?

8 A. Well, at that time, it was the AK-47. That is what I saw.

9 Q. Can you give the Court a rough time frame of this stage of  
10:31:12 10 the encounter, that is, the time when you Kamajors and Kamajoisia  
11 and vigilantes were sent to help the soldiers? Around what time  
12 are you talking about when you talk about Dr Alpha Lavalie,  
13 et cetera?

14 A. 1993 and 1994. That's it. That's when I joined them.

10:31:55 15 Q. Now, can you also tell the Court the time when that rebel  
16 war reached your own part of the country?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Yes, please.

19 A. That war, it was on 4 March. That was when the war reached  
10:32:24 20 Niawa Chiefdom. They attacked Sendumei in the Niawa Chiefdom,  
21 4 March.

22 MR JABBI: My Lords, Sendumei --

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: What year --

24 MR JABBI: Pardon, My Lord?

10:32:38 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: What was the year?

26 MR JABBI: He said 4 March.

27 THE WITNESS: 1994.

28 MR JABBI: There was an attack on a village called Sendumei  
29 in Niawa Chiefdom. Sendumei is S-E-I-N-D-U-M-A-I, and Niawa is



1 officially spelt N-I-A-W-A.

2 THE WITNESS: Can I proceed?

3 MR JABBI:

4 Q. Just a minute, please. Yes, what happened?

10:33:24 5 A. When that happened, those of us who were in Small Bo who  
6 had joined the Kamasois - we, the vigilantes - we left Blama and  
7 went to Gbandawo. It's the same Niawa Chiefdom, Gbandawo.

8 MR JABBI: Gbandawo is B-A-N-D-A --

9 JUDGE ITOE: He said they left what place? They, the  
10:33:52 10 vigilantes, left what place?

11 MR JABBI: According to them, they left Small Bo Chiefdom,  
12 that is Blama, My Lords, and they went to Gbandawo.

13 Q. Where did you say Gbandawo is?

14 A. In the Niawa Chiefdom.

10:34:13 15 MR JABBI: Gbandawo, B-A-N-D-A-W-O-H, in the Niawa  
16 Chiefdom.

17 Q. What district is Niawa Chiefdom?

18 A. In the Kenema District. From Blama to there is about eight  
19 miles.

10:34:43 20 Q. Yes, you went to Gbandawo. What next?

21 A. When we reached there, the rebels who had attacked  
22 Sendumei, they came straight to Gbandawo. We couldn't overpower  
23 them, together with the soldiers whom we went with. We couldn't  
24 overcome them. Because, at that time, Staff Mbayo was our head  
10:35:02 25 when we went.

26 MR JABBI: Staff Mbayo. Mbayo, My Lords, M-B-A-Y-O.

27 Q. Who was Staff Mbayo?

28 A. He was a Sierra Leone soldier.

29 Q. Yes, what happened?





1 A. We couldn't overpower them. The Kamasois and the  
2 vigilantes, some of them were killed, so we returned to Blama.  
3 Q. How many soldiers were with you?  
4 A. I didn't know their number, but there were many.  
10:36:04 5 Q. Then in Blama, what happened?  
6 A. When we returned to Blama. When we left Gbandawo to Blama,  
7 on 6 March, on Sunday, they came and attacked Blama and dislodged  
8 us.  
9 Q. 6 March 1994?  
10:36:27 10 A. 1994. Yes, we were dislodged from Blama.  
11 Q. Where did you go?  
12 A. We went to Gerihun, Blama Chiefdom, Bo District.  
13 Q. And in Gerihun, what happened?  
14 A. When we were in Gerihun, we erected a camp there.  
10:37:16 15 Q. What camp?  
16 A. A displaced camp. Those of us who had come from Kenema and  
17 those who came from Kailahun, they started a displaced camp in  
18 Blama. So when we were dislodged, all of us, we went there.  
19 Q. Remember to be talking slowly whenever you are giving an  
10:37:35 20 answer, okay.  
21 A. Okay. Okay.  
22 Q. So you built a displaced camp in Gerihun for those who had  
23 come from those places you named? So, did anything happen in  
24 Gerihun whilst you were there, displaced?  
10:37:58 25 A. Yes. At that time that we were there -- in fact, at that  
26 time, there were some Kamasois there. They were doing the work  
27 of the vigilantes, together with the soldiers who were there. At  
28 that time, it was Lieutenant Kolleh whom I knew and who was  
29 there.



1 MR JABBI: Kolleh, I believe, My Lords, is K-O-L-L-E-H.

2 Lieutenant Kolleh.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

4 MR JABBI:

10:39:05 5 Q. Yes.

6 A. We were there until the war dislodged people from Wunde and  
7 Jiama Bongor, and they all came to that camp and built huts  
8 there.

9 MR JABBI: Wunde, My Lords, is W-O-N-D-E, and Jiama Bongor  
10:39:30 10 is well known.

11 Q. So whilst you were there, according to you just now, people  
12 were dislodged by the war from Wunde Chiefdom and Jiama Bongor  
13 Chiefdom.

14 A. Yes.

10:39:44 15 Q. Where did they go?

16 A. They took them to that same camp and they were given a  
17 portion of land and they built their own huts.

18 Q. At the Gerihun Town?

19 A. Yes.

10:39:58 20 Q. Yes?

21 A. We went there. In my first year I saw Chief Norman there  
22 and they said he was the regent chief at Jiama Bongor.

23 Q. You saw Chief Norman where?

24 A. In the camp, in the Gerihun camp. He came there.

10:40:59 25 [CDF22FEB06B - SV]

26 Q. And what did they say he was?

27 A. At that time he was the regent chief in Jiama Bongor.

28 Q. And that is Chief Sam Hinga Norman you're referring to?

29 A. Yes, yes.



1 Q. Do you know him?

2 A. Yes. Since I saw him at that time, yes, I know him.

3 Q. If you saw him would you recognise him now?

4 A. Yes.

10:41:28 5 Q. Can you look round the Court and see whether you recognise  
6 anyone that could be him. Look round the whole court, left and  
7 right. Not behind you, just in front of you, left and right.

8 A. That's him there with the white hat on his head.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: For the record, the witness indicates the  
10:42:09 10 first accused, Chief Hinga Norman. Thank you.

11 MR JABBI:

12 Q. Yes, do you know what Chief Hinga Norman went to do at the  
13 Gerihun displaced camp?

14 A. Yes. When the war had dislodged Jiama Bongor people and  
10:42:40 15 that was the time he came.

16 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can he take that again,  
17 it's not very clear, the end.

18 MR JABBI:

19 Q. Yes, can you go over what you said just now?

10:42:49 20 A. When the war had dislodged people from Jiama Bongor and at  
21 that time he was the regent chief in Jiama Bongor.

22 Q. Go slowly, please.

23 A. When the war had dislodged the Jiama Bongor people, the  
24 rebels had dislodged the Jiama Bongor people, at that time he was  
10:43:11 25 the regent chief.

26 Q. Yes?

27 A. He went there -- all those who were inhabitants of Jiama  
28 Bongor in that camp to be summoned.

29 Q. Yes?



1 A. We ourselves went there.

2 Q. By "we," what do you mean?

3 A. We, the displaced, who had not come from Jiama Bongor. We  
4 too went there when he was talking to the Jiama Bongor people.

10:44:17 5 Q. That is the displaced people from the other chiefdoms?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And what did he do?

8 A. Well, he sympathised with those whose children, their  
9 wives, their husbands had died in that war. So he was  
10:44:47 10 sympathising with them. Those of us, too, who had come from  
11 other chiefdoms and who have lost people, he was sympathising  
12 with us as well. Then he bid farewell and returned.

13 Q. Now, did the war ever reach Gerihun whilst you were there?

14 A. Yes, it came and dislodged us from Gerihun. They attacked  
10:45:54 15 us but in 1995 we were finally dislodged from Gerihun and we went  
16 to Bo.

17 Q. Who were attacking you in Gerihun?

18 A. At that time it was the RUF who were attacking us.

19 Q. And you said you moved to Bo?

10:46:31 20 A. Yes, we went to Bo and we built a camp there as well.  
21 Kendeyala camp.

22 MR JABBI: My Lords, Kendeyala is K-E-N-D-E-Y-E-I-L-A.

23 Kendeyala.

24 Q. Did you say Kendeyala?

10:47:06 25 A. Yes, Kendeyala. Kendeyala camp.

26 MR JABBI: L-A, My Lord. Kendeyala, Y-A-L-A.

27 Q. Now again, roughly what time was that, your being in Bo at  
28 Kendeyala camp?

29 JUDGE ITOE: Was that camp named after the name of the





1 locality or it had a special significance?

2 MR JABBI:

3 Q. What was that camp named after, Kendeyala? What was it  
4 named after? Was there any feature?

10:47:53 5 A. Well, that was how they called that place. So we built the  
6 camp there and that was the name that the camp was called,  
7 Kendeyala camp. At that time there was a Gundema camp, so they  
8 started calling ours Kendeyala camp.

9 Q. So by the time you arrived in Bo to build Kendeyala camp  
10:48:18 10 there was already another camp of displaced people at Gundema,  
11 did you say?

12 A. Yes, there was a camp at Gundema. Pujehun inhabitants were  
13 the majority at Gundema.

14 Q. How far is Gundema from Bo?

10:48:52 15 A. Well, I do not know the mileage but it's quite a distance.  
16 I do not know how many miles. But Kendeyala, when you leave  
17 Shellmingo, you wouldn't take long and you'll get to Kendeyala  
18 camp, where Kendeyala camp was.

19 Q. Is that in the same direction at Gundema camp, going  
10:49:15 20 towards Gundema camp?

21 A. Yes, yes. But ours was on the right-hand side, but you  
22 would take -- you would have to go quite a distance for you to  
23 reach Gundema.

24 Q. How long did you stay at Kendeyala camp?

10:49:43 25 A. At Kendeyala we were there from 1995, we were there till  
26 1996 till the elections and SLPP won.

27 Q. Did anything happen whilst you were at Kendeyala camp, to  
28 the vigilantes and the Kamasois?

29 A. Repeat the question.



1 Q. Did anything happen to the Kamajors and the vigilantes at  
2 Kendeyala?

3 A. No, no. Well, nothing happened to us at Kendeyala. To us.  
4 It was at Gundema that ECOMOG and displaced were attacked.

10:51:11 5 JUDGE ITOE: It was at Gundema that what happened?

6 MR JABBI: That ECOMOG and the people there were attacked.

7 JUDGE ITOE: And they displaced people?

8 MR JABBI: They displaced people there.

9 Q. Attacked by whom?

10:51:37 10 A. RUF.

11 Q. Now, whilst you were at Kendeyala camp did you get involved  
12 in the war in any sense thereafter?

13 A. Yes, we were involved.

14 Q. Can you explain to the Court how?

10:52:11 15 A. Okay. At one time when we were there, after we had --  
16 after we had voted and the SLPP had won --

17 Q. Yes?

18 A. -- we were celebrating.

19 Q. Yes?

10:52:53 20 A. One of our section chiefs in the Niawa Chiefdom, King Brima  
21 Conteh, Mr Brima Conteh.

22 Q. Brima?

23 A. Conteh.

24 MR JABBI: B-R-I-M-A, Brima. Conteh, C-O-N-T-E-H. Section  
10:53:20 25 Chief Conteh.

26 Q. Yes, what did he do?

27 A. Then he told us that, well, he had come from  
28 Bonthe District. When he was dislodged by the war, he went there  
29 and now he's left there to come to us.



1 Q. And why did he come over to you?

2 A. He said, well, that Bonthe District, people had been  
3 initiated into the Kamajor society.

4 Q. Yes?

10:54:21 5 A. They will shoot at them but they could not be pierced by  
6 the bullets.

7 Q. Who?

8 A. They said the Kamasois who were being initiated into the  
9 Kamajor society, when they graduate they would be shot at and the  
10:54:41 10 bullets would not pierce them at all.

11 Q. Yes?

12 A. Then he said, well, they would like us to organise --

13 Q. Yes?

14 A. Organise so that they would bring those initiators so that  
10:55:25 15 they would initiate the Kamasois into the society.

16 Q. Yes?

17 A. That they should initiate the Kamasois into the society so  
18 that they would chase out the rebels which should enable us to  
19 return to our homelands.

10:56:16 20 Q. Yes?

21 A. Then they summoned the paramount chiefs and those who were  
22 representing the various chiefdoms in the camp. They were all  
23 summoned to a meeting.

24 Q. What chiefdoms?

10:56:32 25 A. Small Bo. Chief Adu went, Adu Panda.

26 Q. Adu Panda went on behalf of what chiefdom?

27 A. Small Bo Chiefdom.

28 MR JABBI: Panda, My Lords, is P-A-N-D-A. Adu, I believe,  
29 is well-known, A-D-U.



1 Q. Yes?

2 A. And Alhaji Lohleh. He was the chief imam from Small Bo.  
3 He, too, went there.

4 MR JABBI: Lohleh, L-O-H-L-E-H, My Lords. Lohleh.

10:57:27 5 Q. Both of those were from Small Bo chiefdom, did you say?

6 A. Yes, yes.

7 Q. Was any other chiefdom represented?

8 A. Yes, from Langrama even the paramount chief himself went,  
9 Mambu Pewa. From Langrama.

10:57:54 10 Q. What is the name of the paramount chief again?

11 A. Mambu Pewa.

12 MR JABBI: My Lords, Langrama is L-A-M-G-U-R-A-M-A. Mambu,  
13 M-A-M-B-U. Pewa, P-E-H-W-A.

14 Q. From Langrama Chiefdom, not so?

10:58:24 15 A. Yes, he went with one of his section chiefs Jaya Ndomawa.

16 MR JABBI: Jaya, J-A-Y-A. Ndomawa, N-D-O-M-A-W-A.

17 Q. Was any other chiefdom present?

18 A. Yes, and they sent somebody to Kenema to summon Chief  
19 Joe Taimeh, for him to come.

10:58:57 20 Q. The name again, please, Chief Joe?

21 A. Joe Taimeh.

22 MR JABBI: T-A-M-I-A -- T-A-A, sorry, My Lords.  
23 T-A-A-M-I-A.

24 Q. Yes?

10:59:18 25 A. We assembled and they said what Brima Conteh had said that  
26 they should initiate people. That was the reason -- that was the  
27 purpose of the meeting.

28 Q. Yes?

29 A. All of us who assembled there agreed.





1 Q. And what did you do?

2 A. Our own paramount chief, Chief Pewa, said, "Well, we are  
3 providing our children and our brothers to go and fight."

4 Q. Yes?

11:00:35 5 A. "If at this time they could prepare somebody" --

6 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness take that  
7 again.

8 MR JABBI:

9 Q. Can you go over that again, please?

11:00:44 10 A. "Now that they could prepare somebody to prevent bullets  
11 from having any impact on him, then maybe it's worthwhile that we  
12 provide our children and our brothers again."

13 Q. Yes, and what did they do?

14 A. When that was said, money was provided, transport fares,  
11:01:31 15 for him to go and bring the initiators. The chiefs, they gave  
16 Mr Brima Conteh some money to go and bring the initiators.

17 Q. Did he bring the initiators?

18 A. Yes, he brought the initiators.

19 Q. Who were the initiators brought?

11:02:18 20 A. Kamoh Brima Bangura.

21 MR JABBI: Kamoh, My Lords, is K-A-R-M-O-H B-R-I-M-A  
22 Bangura.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: We know.

24 MR JABBI: I believe he is well-known.

11:02:43 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

26 MR JABBI: He is not here today.

27 Q. Yes?

28 A. Kamoh Brima Bangura and Mualemu Saddam Sheriff. That is  
29 what he was called, Mualemu Saddam Sheriff.



1 Q. Is Mualemu Saddam Sheriff another initiator?

2 A. Another initiator, yes. Another initiator.

3 MR JABBI: Mualemu, My Lords, M-W-A-L-I-M. Saddam is  
4 well-known and Sheriff also is well-known. Mualemu Saddam  
11:03:32 5 Sheriff.

6 Q. Yes, and what happened when the initiators came?

7 A. When they came, they said that they had agreed to do the  
8 initiation, so they went and held consultations with Kamoh.

9 Q. Yes?

11:04:06 10 A. After that they said every chiefdom should provide --

11 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can he take the number  
12 again.

13 MR JABBI:

14 Q. Can you go over it again, please?

11:04:20 15 A. Every chiefdom should provide 50 Kamasois for them to be  
16 prepared.

17 JUDGE ITOE: Who said that?

18 THE WITNESS: The paramount chief said that, that those  
19 were the people who would do that, after they had held  
11:04:46 20 consultations with the Kamoh.

21 MR JABBI: My Lord, the paramount chiefs after holding  
22 consultations with the Kamohs.

23 MR KAMARA: My Lord, we would rather have that from the  
24 witness.

11:05:01 25 MR JABBI: That is what he said.

26 MR KAMARA: It's just to avoid you giving the  
27 interpretations, I'm sorry.

28 MR JABBI:

29 Q. Witness, when you said -- when you referred to those who



1 took the decision for the 50 people to be subscribed, who were  
2 the people who took that decision?

3 A. I said, when Kamoh -- after the paramount chiefs had held  
4 consultations with Kamoh, the initiators, when they returned,  
11:06:10 5 they said 50 Kamajors should be subscribed by every chiefdom for  
6 the Kamoh to prepare them.

7 Q. How many chiefdoms were involved?

8 JUDGE THOMPSON: Excuse me, one of the initiators was  
9 referred to as Kamoh Brima Bangura. Is there now a collective  
11:06:46 10 terminology for initiators which is -- because I'm hearing  
11 Kamohs, which is a plural form of Kamoh.

12 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord.

13 JUDGE THOMPSON: I'm a little confused.

14 MR JABBI: My Lord, I will put it to the witness for  
11:07:04 15 clarification.

16 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, because the name was Kamoh Brima  
17 Bangura and then Mualemu Saddam Sheriff, but there now comes some  
18 collective concept of Kamohs. Probably almost in the same vein  
19 like Alhajis, I don't know whether that carries the same  
11:07:23 20 connotation.

21 MR JABBI: I will put it to the witness, My Lord.

22 Q. Now, you have named two people as initiators?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. One you called Kamoh Brima Bangura and the other one you  
11:07:42 25 called Mualemu Saddam Sheriff?

26 A. The reason why I said Kamoh, even Mualemu would be called  
27 Kamoh. Mualemu is a Kamoh. Kamoh Brima too a Kamoh. That's why  
28 I said Kamohs. Mualemu too was Kamohs. That's how we call them.

29 JUDGE THOMPSON: Because the witness believes that we are



1 familiar with the culture. We're not. That's why I sought the  
2 clarification.

3 MR JABBI: That is very necessary, My Lord.

4 THE WITNESS: Okay. Mualemu who is a teacher, anybody who  
11:08:27 5 teaches we called Kamoh.

6 JUDGE THOMPSON: That's very enlightening.

7 MR JABBI: Thank you, My Lord.

8 Q. Now, the 50 people to be subscribed, were they subscribed?

9 A. Yes, we divided them in sections. In our own chiefdom,  
11:08:55 10 every section.

11 JUDGE ITOE: You asked him a question.

12 MR JABBI: Yes, I will ask him again, My Lord.

13 Q. How many chiefdoms were involved in subscribing these  
14 people?

11:09:14 15 A. Well, in our own chiefdom, we had three chiefdoms: Small  
16 Bo, Niawa and Langrama.

17 Q. From which district?

18 A. In the Kenema District.

19 Q. Were any other chiefdoms involved?

11:09:49 20 A. When we went to the bush, other chiefdoms were there. We  
21 were all initiated together.

22 Q. What other chiefdoms apart from the chiefdoms from Kenema  
23 District, if any?

24 A. Niawa Langa.

11:10:17 25 Q. Is Niawa Langa different from Niawa?

26 A. Yes, yes.

27 MR JABBI: Niawa Langa would be N-I-A-W-A L-E-N-G-A.

28 Q. Any other chiefdoms?

29 A. Barri.





1 Q. Yes?

2 A. Pejeh.

3 MR JABBI: B-A-R-R-I, Barri.

4 THE WITNESS: Barri is in the Pujehun District. Barri.

11:11:00 5 MR JABBI: And Pejeh is P-E-J-E-H.

6 Q. Yes, any other chiefdom?

7 A. Wunde too was there. We were there together.

8 MR JABBI: Wunde Chiefdom, W-O-N-D-E, My Lords.

9 Q. Yes. You have come to the point of initiation now,

11:11:27 10 according to you. Were there any conditions to be observed for

11 these people who were to be initiated?

12 A. Very, very well.

13 Q. Yes?

14 A. The first thing was this: The paramount chiefs shared us

11:12:04 15 into sections. Every section had provided or subscribed ten

16 people.

17 Q. Yes?

18 A. It was the paramount chief who was the chairman in that

19 committee, the initiation committee, because those whom -- who

11:12:51 20 would be subscribed -- those who would be subscribed would be

21 paid for by the chiefdom people.

22 Q. Yes?

23 A. Then they said those who were subscribed, you have to make

24 sure that they are very good people, not evil people. Those are

11:13:16 25 the people who should be provided and they would take them and

26 hand them over to the paramount chief.

27 Q. Don't forget to be talking slowly when you are giving your

28 answer.

29 A. Okay.



1 Q. Yes, slowly, please.

2 A. Those who were good people, who were not bad people, they  
3 would subscribe them and they would be initiated into that  
4 society.

11:14:09 5 Q. Yes?

6 A. We were divided into sections. We were divided into  
7 sections. We were in the Kambuma section.

8 Q. Were soldiers permitted to be initiated?

9 A. No. At that time we were calling the soldiers sobel,  
11:14:37 10 soldier rebel. We never trusted them at that time.

11 Q. Why did you not trust the soldiers at that time?

12 A. At that time, when the rebels attack us --

13 Q. Yes?

14 A. Those rebels who would attack us, the uniforms which the  
11:15:31 15 soldiers would be wearing would be worn also by the rebels. The  
16 same guns that the soldiers carried, the rebels would carry too.

17 Q. Yes?

18 A. And our belongings which we left behind, when the soldiers  
19 say we were going to clear the rebels, we would find our  
11:16:18 20 belongings in those vehicles when they returned.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can you clarify that, please?

22 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord.

23 Q. What belongings are you talking about?

24 A. For instance, our household things. We had household  
11:16:38 25 things. Household things. When we leave them behind and run  
26 away, when they go to clear the rebels, on their return they  
27 would be carrying those belongings.

28 Q. Those were belongings that you left in the places where you  
29 had originally been dislodged from?



1 A. Yes, yes. Those things which we abandoned before we were  
2 dislodged. Whenever they go to flush out the rebels, we would  
3 find those things with them.

4 Q. With the soldiers?

11:17:17 5 A. Yes, yes. When there is an ambush --

6 Q. Talk slowly, please. Yes?

7 A. When there is an ambush, the rice bags would have blood.  
8 In fact the rice would have blood, sometimes the bags would have  
9 blood when their wives are selling them. We did see those.

11:17:48 10 Q. Whose wives?

11 A. The wives of the soldiers. The wives of the soldiers.

12 Q. So for these reasons the soldiers were no longer trusted by  
13 you?

14 A. Yes.

11:18:34 15 Q. So in the actual initiation -- you said all these people  
16 were brought together to be initiated. They had certain  
17 conditions that individuals would fulfill, certain types of  
18 persons were excluded. In the actual initiation were you given  
19 any rules?

11:19:06 20 A. Yes, they gave us rules.

21 Q. Can you just say a few of them? Just a few, please?

22 A. As long as it does not concern revealing the secrets of the  
23 society I will explain.

24 Q. So carry on, please.

11:19:37 25 A. First they told us that when you wear that uniform you  
26 should not go close to women.

27 Q. Which uniform?

28 A. The Kamasoi uniform. When you wear that uniform, you  
29 shouldn't have an affair with a woman.



1 Q. Any other rule?

2 A. It is for cleanliness. That's why we wouldn't even shake  
3 hands with some people. We wouldn't touch a corpse.

4 Q. Yes?

11:20:50 5 A. We wouldn't touch a civilian's property.

6 Q. Touch in what sense?

7 A. For instance, the civilian's property - he's not a junta,  
8 he's not a rebel - you would not take his property as yours at  
9 all.

11:21:29 10 Q. Yes, any other rule?

11 A. Yes. Wouldn't eat palm kernel oil.

12 Q. Any other?

13 A. Wouldn't eat snake.

14 Q. Were there any reasons for these rules?

11:22:19 15 A. Yes, there are reasons.

16 Q. Can you help the Court, please?

17 A. When you violated those rules --

18 Q. Yes?

19 A. -- when you went to war you would be affected by bullets.

11:23:14 20 Q. What do you mean by you'll be affected by bullets?

21 A. If that happened, the preparation that -- the way they were  
22 prepared, the bullets will either pierce you or kill you.

23 Q. That is if you breached the rules; not so?

24 A. If you violate those rules, yes.

11:23:50 25 Q. So after you had gone through the initiation, what happened  
26 then?

27 A. Well, the chiefdom people came together and said they were  
28 taking us back to Blama.

29 Q. Was that all the initiates that were to go to Blama?





1 A. We, those of us who were initiated into that society, were  
2 asked to go to Blama to fight.

3 Q. What about the initiates from other chiefdoms?

4 A. All of them went to their own homes. Those of us who came  
11:25:05 5 from Blama, Langrama, we went to our -- we went to Small Bo.  
6 They went to their own homes to fight.

7 Q. And did you have any weapons after initiation?

8 A. No. When we graduated we hadn't any weapons until when we  
9 got to Blama.

11:25:55 10 Q. Did you acquire any weapons on arrival at Blama?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. From whom?

13 A. First the chiefs, the section chiefs and the town chiefs  
14 were called by the paramount chief.

11:26:43 15 Q. Yes?

16 A. Then those who had single-barreled guns, that they should  
17 give them to us, we, the Kamajors, so that we would prosecute the  
18 war.

19 Q. Were there any such --

11:27:08 20 A. They brought the single barrels. Yes, they brought the  
21 single barrels and gave them to us, and they also subscribed  
22 monies to buy single-barrel cartridges.

23 Q. Did you in fact go to fight?

24 A. Yes. We were handed over to the soldier that was there, a  
11:27:48 25 soldier called Captain -- Lieutenant --

26 Q. What was the name of the soldier?

27 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the witness is going very  
28 fast.

29 THE WITNESS: Lieutenant Ali and we were calling him



1 Gbemanie.

2 MR JABBI:

3 Q. Lieutenant Ali Gbemanie?

4 A. Yes, Gbemanie. He was called Gbemanie.

11:28:12 5 MR JABBI: G-B-E-M-A-N-I-E.

6 Q. Yes?

7 A. So when we were handed over to him, those who --

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Overlapping speakers].

9 MR JABBI:

11:28:36 10 Q. Please talk slowly.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: My comment was to tell the witness to

12 speak slowly.

13 MR JABBI:

14 Q. Please, don't forget that you should at all times talk

11:28:50 15 slowly. Go over the last statement you made, please.

16 A. When we were handed over to the soldier, that soldier, the

17 man that was appointed to go to the house of representatives --

18 Q. Name?

19 A. Habib Bakar Munda.

11:29:21 20 MR JABBI: Habib Bakar Munda. Munda, My Lords, M-U-N-D-A.

21 I believe Habib and Bakar are well-known.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's fine.

23 MR JABBI:

24 Q. Yes.

11:29:35 25 A. He came there together -- he spoke to the soldiers and we

26 went to war and after that we were given guns. He took about

27 four guns from them and handed them over to us.

28 Q. Who took the guns from whom?

29 A. It was Habib. Lieutenant -- it was -- he went and



1 consulted with Lieutenant Ali and then he got the guns from them  
2 for us.

3 Q. Yes, and from then on did you go to war with the soldiers?

4 A. Yes, we went to war. At first we went to Palima.

11:30:25 5 MR JABBI: P-A-L-I-M-A, My Lords.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Dr Jabbi, it is 11.30, so we before we go  
7 to that next segment we'll pause for the recess in the morning.

8 MR JABBI: Thank you, My Lord.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Court is in recess.

11:30:57 10 [Break taken at 11.30 a.m.]

11 [Upon resuming at 12.10 p.m.]

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Dr Jabbi, are you ready to resume the  
13 examination-in-chief of your witness?

14 MR JABBI: Yes, indeed, My Lord.

12:10:39 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Will you please do so.

16 MR JABBI: Thank you, My Lord.

17 Q. Now, Mr Witness, on your return to Blama after initiation,  
18 and after your chiefs have given you various -- the chiefs and  
19 the soldiers have given you various weapons, did you make any

12:11:27 20 organisation concerning the Kamajoisia, the Kamajors and the  
21 initiates? Was any organisation in your area made?

22 A. What kind of organisation?

23 Q. Can you say what you said last? I did not hear it.

24 A. I said what kind of organisation?

12:12:22 25 Q. Now, say in respect of the area that you were planning to  
26 defend, what areas were you more concerned to defend or chase the  
27 rebels out of?

28 A. When we left Palima we went to Kpetema where the rebels  
29 were to attack them.



1 Q. Kpetema, what chiefdom is that?

2 A. Small Bo Chiefdom.

3 JUDGE ITOE: Kpetema where what was to happen?

4 THE WITNESS: That was the camp for the rebels. That was  
12:13:26 5 the camp for the rebels. That's where they were. We went and  
6 dislodged them from there. One person died among us, a Kamasoi.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Dr Jabbi.

8 MR JABBI:

9 Q. Yes?

12:14:14 10 A. When we returned to Blama, together with the soldiers, they  
11 said they too were sending for reinforcement.

12 Q. Who were sending for reinforcement?

13 A. The soldiers. The soldiers said they were sending for  
14 reinforcement.

12:14:49 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Dr Jabbi, I would like you to clarify  
16 what the witness means by "the soldiers." I'm a bit confused  
17 here as to what soldiers we're talking about.

18 MR JABBI: My Lord, he had said that they were working with  
19 soldiers --

12:15:07 20 THE WITNESS: Sierra Leone soldiers.

21 MR JABBI: -- when they went back to Blama.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: I know.

23 MR JABBI: They put them together and there was even where  
24 he said the MP -- they met with the soldiers, the MP consulted  
12:15:23 25 with the soldiers and he obtained certain --

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: I know. I have the names of these  
27 lieutenants, as such. But I was wondering if these were -- I had  
28 to have some clarification if we're talking here of SLA soldiers  
29 or some other soldiers.





1 MR JABBI:

2 Q. Now, what soldiers are you talking about?

3 A. SLA soldiers. Sierra Leone soldiers.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

12:15:54 5 MR KAMARA: My Lords. I'm sorry, Dr Jabbi. I'm equally  
6 confused, because we're looking at the time frame. We don't know  
7 the time frame. If I recall his evidence, he did mention that  
8 there was suspicion and the issue with soldiers so they seem to  
9 have parted company.

12:16:14 10 JUDGE THOMPSON: Quite right. I thought that's the  
11 problematic aspect myself, that the state of the evidence seems  
12 to be that at one point in time -- and he used the word "sobel."  
13 So these were soldiers who had been distrusted because they wore  
14 uniforms which rebels wore and that kind of thing. There was  
12:16:37 15 this analysis. The rebels who attacked wore the same uniforms as  
16 the soldiers.

17 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord.

18 JUDGE THOMPSON: And carried the same weapons. So the  
19 context was that there was now distrust for this hybrid group  
12:16:54 20 called sobels.

21 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord.

22 JUDGE THOMPSON: And after that, then we went into his own  
23 analysis so far and now we're back to soldiers. So what the  
24 learned Presiding Judge virtually highlighted, to me there seems  
12:17:12 25 to be a complete variance here. Who are we talking about now?  
26 Are we talking about the sobels or are we talking about soldiers,  
27 so properly called rather than sobels not so properly called?  
28 Does that take care of -- am I representing your concern in a way  
29 that is at parity with mine?



1 MR KAMARA: Yes, My Lord.

2 THE WITNESS: Very, very well.

3 JUDGE ITOE: And you remember the witness went further, as  
4 far as these soldiers are concerned, that they saw them with  
12:17:56 5 their property.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, their belongings.

7 JUDGE ITOE: Their belongings which they had looted and  
8 that they saw their wives selling rice bags which had  
9 bloodstains -- they saw them selling these bags of rice in the  
12:18:09 10 marketplaces. So there was certainly a rupture somewhere in the  
11 relationship.

12 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord. Yes, My Lord.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: You can see our concern.

14 MR JABBI: Indeed, My Lord.

12:18:22 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: We don't know -- we're quite prepared to  
16 accept this evidence, but where is it in time?

17 JUDGE THOMPSON: In other words, there's a disjunction  
18 here. Or, as put in American terminology, a disconnect.

19 MR JABBI: I will reconnect, My Lord. My Lord, if I may  
12:18:42 20 just explain. What he said about the sobels was about the time  
21 they were in Gerihun and they were in a displaced camp up to the  
22 time one of the section chiefs suggested to them that they could  
23 get somebody to initiate them.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: We have all of that. No problem with  
12:19:06 25 this. But now we seem to be going back --

26 MR JABBI: So he has left that and come back to Blama. So  
27 I will now have him reestablish.

28 Q. Now, when you returned to Blama after your initiation, did  
29 you find soldiers there?



1 A. Soldiers were there. What I said just now, that the  
2 soldiers --  
3 Q. Talk slowly, please.  
4 A. -- were not trusted to be initiated into the society.  
12:19:36 5 [CDF22FEB06C - SGH]  
6 Q. Talk slowly, please.  
7 A. We did not trust the soldiers.  
8 JUDGE ITOE: You are very anxious. Follow your lawyer very  
9 carefully and answer just the question.  
12:19:54 10 MR JABBI:  
11 Q. Go over the two statements you have just made, please.  
12 A. Okay.  
13 Q. Slowly.  
14 JUDGE ITOE: You returned to Blama, you know, after your  
12:20:06 15 initiation. Did you meet soldiers there in Blama?  
16 THE WITNESS: We met soldiers there. That was what I said  
17 just now, that Lieutenant Ali be my --  
18 MR JABBI:  
19 Q. When you spoke earlier on about the distrust in soldiers,  
12:20:36 20 what were you referring to?  
21 A. Well, we did not trust them to be initiated into the  
22 society because they were changing sides. That's why we didn't  
23 trust them at all to initiate them into the society.  
24 PRESIDING JUDGE: But you are still working with them?  
12:20:58 25 MR JABBI:  
26 Q. When you returned to Blama, were you working with soldiers?  
27 A. Yes, we were working with them. We were under them.  
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.  
29 MR JABBI:



1 Q. Can you give the Court an idea of the time you are now  
2 talking about when you are back in Blama? Can you give us a  
3 rough idea of the time?

4 A. I am talking about 1996; that's when we returned to Blama.

12:21:39 5 Q. Are you able to say the month? A rough indication.

6 A. By September going to November.

7 Q. Now, can you give the Court an idea of what encounters you  
8 had with the rebels in co-operation with the soldiers? You, in  
9 co-operation with the soldiers, the encounter you had with rebels

12:22:38 10 around that time, November 1996, if at all?

11 A. We were fighting in unison. That they were going to ask  
12 for reinforcements, the soldiers.

13 Q. Yes?

14 A. Because the rebel camp that we were going to that we had  
12:23:12 15 planned to attack, it was called Zogoda. It was the base for the  
16 rebels.

17 Q. Talk slowly, please.

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. Where was this Zogoda camp?

20 A. Zogoda camp was in Niawa. Between Niawa and Koya but it  
21 was really in Niawa.

22 Q. You were saying you were working with the soldiers to  
23 attack Zogoda camp?

24 A. Yes.

12:24:13 25 Q. Did you in fact do so?

26 A. Yes, together with the soldiers, we went there. Lieutenant  
27 Marah, Seth Marah, Marah Small Voice, he led us.

28 Q. Seth Marah?

29 A. Yes, Seth Marah, yes. There were two Marahs. Seth Marah,





1 and there was the other Marah called Small Voice. Marah Small  
2 Voice.

3 MR JABBI: Marah, at any rate, My Lords, is M-A-R-A.

4 Seth Marah: S-E-T, I suppose. Seth Marah. Lieutenant Seth

12:24:54 5 Marah, did you say?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And Lieutenant Marah Small Voice; is that correct?

8 A. Yes, Marah Small Voice.

9 Q. Was Marah Small Voice also a lieutenant?

12:25:07 10 A. Yes.

11 MR JABBI: Small as in "small", My Lord. Voice as in  
12 "voice". English.

13 Q. So those two led you to Zogoda Camp?

14 A. Yes.

12:25:31 15 Q. Yes. So what happened there?

16 A. Well, on our way, the other Marah, he was carrying a  
17 communications set on his back. Wherever we went, he would speak  
18 to the soldiers in Gbandawo, Blama and Kenema.

19 Q. Which other Marah?

12:25:51 20 A. There was that other Marah, Marah Small Voice.

21 Q. So Marah Small Voice had communication equipment, according  
22 to you?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Kept talking back to where?

12:26:13 25 A. His colleague soldiers - Gbandawo, Blama and Kenema.

26 Q. Yes.

27 A. We went by Camp Moyiah and we captured there.

28 MR JABBI: Moyiah, My Lords, M-O-Y-I-A-H. Camp Moyiah.

29 Q. And what chiefdom is that?



1 A. Camp Moyiah is in the Niawa Chiefdom.

2 Q. So you went through Camp Moyiah, captured it on your way to  
3 Zogoda Camp?

4 A. When we were going to Zogoda, that was the first camp that  
12:27:18 5 we captured, Camp Moyiah.

6 Q. Yes, carry on.

7 A. When we left there, we went to Sembehun. But Sembehun --

8 Q. Sembehun.

9 A. Sembehun, and that Sembehun is in Koya, Koya Chiefdom.  
10 Sembehun.

11 MR JABBI: Sembehun is S-E-M-B-E-H-U-N, My Lords. In Koya  
12 Chiefdom, K-O-Y-A.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.

14 MR JABBI:

15 Q. Yes, carry on.

16 A. The rebel who was based there was called Saroro, Lieutenant  
17 Saroro.

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. So they were calling there Saroro Ground. The rebels  
12:28:23 20 called there Saroro Ground,

21 MR JABBI: I believe Saroro, My Lords, is S-A-R-O-R-O. I  
22 never knew him.

23 THE WITNESS: Saroro.

24 MR JABBI:

12:28:43 25 Q. Yes?

26 A. Then we found our way to Zogoda itself.

27 Q. And in Zogoda?

28 A. When we reached there, when the rebels saw us, we didn't  
29 even fire a shot, and the rebels, all of them ran away.



1 Q. Yes?

2 A. But that was when we got a lot of guns, machine guns.

3 Q. Can you name some of the weapons they got there?

4 A. LMG, GPMG, HMG, RPG.

12:29:38 5 Q. Yes.

6 A. And a lot of AK bullets that we got from there. We got a

7 gun, AK-47 and AK-58.

8 Q. How many?

9 A. The AK was many. And single barrel, we got them too.

12:31:06 10 Q. What did you do with all those weapons discovered there?

11 A. Well, we put altogether. We brought -- everybody had his

12 and we came towards Camp Lion - that was their camp - and

13 captured their Camp Lion. That was where they carried out their

14 training. They had their training base there, Camp Lion. The

12:31:26 15 rebels. The rebels. The rebels. That was their training base,

16 Camp Lion. We captured there.

17 Q. In what chiefdom is Camp Lion?

18 A. Camp Lion is in Koya.

19 Q. Koya Chiefdom?

12:31:37 20 A. Yes.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is Camp Lion at Zogoda or it's a

22 different camp?

23 THE WITNESS: It is close to Zogoda.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: So when you captured the equipment and

12:31:59 25 the arms, as such, was that at Zogoda?

26 THE WITNESS: Yes. They were in Zogoda; we got them from

27 there.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: And from there you went to Camp Lion?

29 THE WITNESS: Yes.



1           PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

2           THE WITNESS: When we left Camp Lion, we passed the night  
3 at Bagohma in the Koya Chiefdom.

4           MR JABBI:

12:32:25 5       Q.     At where?

6       A.     Bagohma. Bagohma in the Koya Chiefdom. It is called  
7 Bagohma. That is where we slept.

8           MR JABBI: My Lord, B-A-G-O-H-M-A. Bagohma.

9       Q.     You passed the night at Bagohma, Koya Chiefdom?

12:32:47 10      A.     Yes. That's where we slept.

11      Q.     Did you have all this equipment still?

12      A.     Yes, we had them. That was why we couldn't go further.  
13 That was why we slept there.

14      Q.     How were you carrying the weapons, the ones recovered from  
12:33:07 15 Zogoda?

16      A.     Those guns, some of them we tied them up in fours. One  
17 person would take that, the smaller ones. The huge ones, we took  
18 them in one, one -- we took them singly.

19      Q.     So of the small guns, for instance, how many would one  
12:33:39 20 person carry when you were moving?

21      A.     Because the distance was long, sometimes somebody would  
22 take three.

23           JUDGE ITOE: Are you assuring us that this is relevant, how  
24 many guns everybody -- he said "We transported the guns." Is it  
12:33:56 25 relevant as to how many each of them carried?

26           MR JABBI: My Lord, it was just to have an idea of the  
27 number, the total.

28           JUDGE ITOE: He said there were many.

29           MR JABBI: As Your Lordship pleases.





1 JUDGE ITOE: Yes.

2 MR JABBI:

3 Q. Yes. Where ultimately did you take those weapons and  
4 ammunition?

12:34:24 5 A. When we left there, we went towards Jui and slept at  
6 Gbandawo. When we left to go and capture Zogoda, that's where we  
7 slept.

8 Q. In the end where did you take the weapons to, the final  
9 destination of the weapons you captured?

12:34:47 10 A. Well, those guns, the bigger ones, we fought and took them  
11 and transported them to Blama. Because we were afraid that they  
12 would attack us there, so we took all the bigger guns to Blama.

13 Q. Yes. And what happened with them in the end?

14 A. Well, we saw Dr Demby and went to Blama, and he said he had  
12:35:28 15 heard about those guns. So we showed them to him, Dr Joe Demby,  
16 the Vice-President at that time.

17 Q. You showed him the guns in Blama?

18 A. Yes. Yes, in Blama.

19 Q. What happened?

12:35:50 20 A. He put the guns in the vehicle and he said we wouldn't be  
21 able to work with those big guns so he said he was going to take  
22 them to the soldiers.

23 Q. Did you know if he did take them to the soldiers?

24 A. Yes. He took them to the soldiers who were not there then.  
12:36:11 25 But he took them to the soldiers at the base, because at that  
26 time there was a Mr Moinama there -- Colonel Moinama there.

27 THE INTERPRETER: Interpreter's mistake. Colonel Moinama  
28 there.

29 MR JABBI: Colonel Moinama, My Lords, M-O-I-N-A-M-A.



1 Colonel Moinama.

2 Q. Where was that? Where was the base where Colonel Moinama  
3 was?

4 A. It was at Dauda Town in Kenema. Dauda Town in Kenema Town.

12:37:01 5 Q. Yes. Any other encounters with rebels around that time?

6 A. Yes. At that time they said, "Now that the rebels" -- "We  
7 have finished flushing the rebels from that area and they have  
8 now gone to Kailahun."

9 Q. By "that area" you mean Kenema/Blama area?

12:37:26 10 A. Yes. At that time there was no rebels in Zogoda in all of  
11 that area: Niawa, Small Bo, Bagrama [phon], Koya. There were no  
12 rebels there.

13 Q. What was your own personal status at that time among the  
14 Kamajors?

12:37:50 15 A. At that time we met with the Kamasois and they appointed me  
16 chiefdom commander of Small Bo.

17 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, he said something at the  
18 tail-end that I did not get clearly. Can he repeat it, please.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Could you repeat your answer, please.

12:38:13 20 You were appointed as?

21 THE WITNESS: I said we met with the Kamajors and they said  
22 we should organise ourselves, and they appointed me as chiefdom  
23 commander for Small Bo in the chiefdom barri. The paramount  
24 chief himself was not there.

12:38:29 25 MR JABBI:

26 Q. And what time frame roughly is that?

27 A. At that time it was in 1997.

28 Q. What portion of 1997 - early, middle, late?

29 A. At the beginning.



1 Q. So at that time what was the sort of relationship that you  
2 had with the soldiers? What relationship?

3 A. At that time they said that we should join them and we  
4 should go to Kailahun together. Thanks to God when they said  
12:39:35 5 that we should go to Kailahun, we went to Kailahun and dislodged  
6 the rebels. We and the soldiers in Kailahun, they said we should  
7 go there.

8 Q. In early 1997?

9 A. Yes. Early 1997. May.

12:40:08 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Dr Jabbi, can you clarify when the  
11 witness says he was appointed chiefdom commander in '97, so that  
12 applies now to what is coming up or what has happened at Zogoda  
13 and so on. I thought your question was more for Zogoda.

14 MR JABBI: No. I just wanted him to tell us what his own  
12:40:22 15 personal status was around that time.

16 Q. Now, in relation to the capture of Zogoda, when were you  
17 made chiefdom commander - before or after the capture of Zogoda?

18 A. After the capture of --

19 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can he repeat the answer,  
12:40:44 20 please.

21 MR JABBI:

22 Q. Can you repeat what you said, please. And please talk  
23 slowly.

24 A. I said after the capture of Zogoda, because I went to all  
12:41:02 25 the camps.

26 Q. Slowly, slowly.

27 A. We capture Zogoda first before I was made chiefdom  
28 commander.

29 Q. Yes, and what did you say further?



- 1 A. After that the soldiers said that --
- 2 Q. Yes?
- 3 A. That we were about to go to Kailahun together with them to  
4 go and fight there to finish the war there, just like we did in  
12:41:35 5 Kenema District.
- 6 Q. Did you proceed to Kailahun?
- 7 A. I did not go.
- 8 Q. Did other Kamajors go to Kailahun with the soldiers at that  
9 time?
- 12:42:00 10 A. Yes. Kamajors came from Niawa, Small Bo and Bagrama. They  
11 all went.
- 12 Q. And for the rest of 1997 -- you have got us up to  
13 early 1997. For the rest of 1997 what sort of relationship did  
14 Kamajors have with the soldiers, SLA?
- 12:42:47 15 A. Yes. When the Kamajors went to Kailahun together with the  
16 soldiers, Kamajors and Sierra Leone Army soldiers, when they want  
17 to capture Kailahun --
- 18 Q. Yes.
- 19 A. -- those Kamajors who had come from our end, Small Bo --
- 12:43:04 20 Q. Yes.
- 21 A. -- they went to Giema, Giema in the Kailahun District.
- 22 MR JABBI: My Lords, N-G-I-Y-E-M-A, Giema. N-G-I-Y-E-M-A.
- 23 Q. Yes, they want to Giema in Kailahun District and?
- 24 A. The Kamajors were there together with the soldiers.
- 12:43:44 25 Q. Yes?
- 26 A. Those soldiers who were in Freetown, Gborie and others  
27 overthrew the government.
- 28 Q. Do you know the date when that happened?
- 29 A. If I have not forgotten, it is on 25 May 1997.





1 Q. You named one Gborie just now. Who was that?

2 A. I heard on the radio that he was a soldier. He was called  
3 Corporal Gborie.

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12:44:41 5 A. I heard on the radio that he was a soldier. He was called  
6 Corporal Gborie.

7 Q. What did you hear on the radio?

8 A. Well, before I heard that, they told our Kamajors who were  
9 in Giema that they have taken over the government. The soldiers.  
12:45:14 10 They told our Kamajors that, that they have now taken over the  
11 government.

12 Q. What did you yourself hear on the radio about Gborie?

13 A. Well, Gborie himself said that the Kamajor business has  
14 been -- they've crossed a line. They have disbanded it. It will  
12:45:49 15 never exist in this country.

16 Q. Yes?

17 A. So we, the Kamajors, should go and surrender to them. Or  
18 at the nearest police station to us, we should go and surrender  
19 there.

12:46:53 20 Q. What did the Kamajors do in response to that?

21 A. Well, they disarmed the Kamajors. Those whom they were  
22 able to disarm, they disarmed them and took their uniforms away  
23 from them.

24 Q. Where did that happen?

12:47:29 25 A. Those who went to Kailahun, most of them were disarmed and  
26 disrobed.

27 Q. Where were you at the time?

28 A. I was still in Blama. I was in Blama.

29 Q. Apart from those Kamajors who you say were disarmed and



1 disrobed in Kailahun District, what did other Kamajors do in  
2 response to Gborie's radio broadcast?

3 A. Well, they attacked us, the Kamajors, in Kenema. They  
4 attacked those in Kenema and attacked us in Blama, the soldiers.

12:48:48 5 The soldiers went on an attack to us in Blama and burnt a lot of  
6 houses there and killed a lot of people. And Kenema.

7 Q. When was that, can you give a rough time frame? Was that  
8 in May 1997?

9 A. Yes, it was in May, at the same time that the overthrow  
12:49:15 10 took place.

11 Q. Did the Kamajor movement itself do anything at that stage?

12 A. When they attacked us?

13 Q. After the attack.

14 A. After that attack we heard again on the radio when  
12:50:01 15 Eddie Massallay said we would not subdue ourselves to the  
16 soldiers.

17 MR JABBI: Massallay, My Lord, M-A-S-S-A-L-L-Y [sic].

18 Eddie Massallay.

19 Q. Who was Eddie Massallay?

12:50:17 20 A. He was a Kamasoi.

21 Q. Rank?

22 A. At that time I did not know his rank. I don't know his  
23 position at that time the announcement was made.

24 Q. Can you say what he said in the announcement?

12:50:58 25 A. Yes. He said we, the Kamajors, will not surrender to the  
26 Kamajors at all.

27 THE INTERPRETER: Soldiers, sorry. The interpreter's  
28 mistake. That we would not surrender to the soldiers at all.

29 MR JABBI:



1 Q. Did he say anything more?

2 A. Well, that's what I can recall that he said.

3 Q. Did he say anything about the new military government?

4 A. All that he said was that this soldier government that has  
12:51:44 5 come, we would not surrender to them.

6 Q. What would they do if they were not going to surrender to  
7 the soldiers?

8 A. He said we would fight against them, but we wouldn't  
9 surrender to them. Because those who had gone across Liberia,  
12:52:07 10 they were looking out for them, saying they were prisoners.

11 Q. Who went across to Liberia?

12 A. The Kamajors, some of them went to Liberia. Charles Taylor  
13 was looking out for them, saying that they were war prisoners,  
14 that they should be arrested.

12:52:40 15 Q. Do you know when Eddie Massallay made his announcement on  
16 the radio?

17 A. I can't recall the date now.

18 Q. How soon, for instance, after the takeover? The takeover  
19 was on 25th May.

12:53:00 20 A. I don't think it was up to one week when he said that.

21 Q. And do you know if the Kamajor movement did anything after  
22 that announcement by Eddie Massallay?

23 A. Yes. What we decided was --

24 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry, the interpreter's mistake. What  
12:53:23 25 we relied on was.

26 MR JABBI:

27 Q. Can you repeat that statement you just made?

28 A. When Eddie said that, what we relied on that we would fight  
29 against the juntas.



1 Q. What did you rely on?  
2 A. When BBC -- when Kabbah was interviewed.  
3 Q. Who is Kabbah?  
4 A. The President. That's what I know. He is the President.  
12:54:18 5 Q. At that time what was he?  
6 A. At that time he had gone to across to Guinea. That was the  
7 time he was interviewed.  
8 Q. Did you hear that interview?  
9 A. I heard some.  
12:54:43 10 Q. What did he say?  
11 A. Two things -- I can recall two things. When they asked  
12 him, he said the warrior who would fight and run away is not a  
13 lazy person. He would go and come back to fight another day.  
14 Q. Can you repeat that statement again?  
12:55:25 15 A. That the warrior who would fight --  
16 Q. Yes?  
17 A. -- when he gets tired and hides --  
18 Q. Yes?  
19 A. -- he is not a lazy person. He would gather strength and  
12:55:48 20 fight on another day.  
21 Q. Yes. One more?  
22 A. They asked him if he had plans to come back to Sierra Leone  
23 and he said yes.  
24 Q. Yes?  
12:56:05 25 A. They said, "When?" He said, "Soon."  
26 Q. How soon, do you remember?  
27 A. When they said, "How soon?" He said, "Very, very soon."  
28 Very, very soon for him to return. Pretty soon.  
29 Q. Do you remember anything more he said?





1 A. Well, those are the two words that I can recall. Because  
2 when he said that we were all very happy that now we've got  
3 strength to get ourselves from under the juntas.

4 Q. What radio was he speaking from?

12:57:30 5 A. It was on the BBC radio, because he was in Guinea when he  
6 was asked.

7 Q. And do you know if he did anything in fulfillment of what  
8 you heard from him on the radio?

9 A. Yes, I heard that he had sent Mr Hinga Norman to Liberia.

12:58:38 10 Q. To do what?

11 A. To go to ECOMOG in Liberia because they had said that  
12 ECOMOG should strengthen us to fight to dislodge the juntas, that  
13 we should join ECOMOG to fight against the juntas.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Dr Jabbi, would this be a suitable time  
12:59:22 15 for adjournment before we proceed into another area?

16 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord, considering the time factor.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes. So the Court will adjourn until  
18 tomorrow morning at 9.30. Thank you. Court is adjourned.

19 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 1.00 p.m.,  
20 to be reconvened on Thursday, the 23rd day of  
21 February 2006, at 9.30 a.m.]

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