

THE SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

CASE NO. SCSL-2004-15-T
TRIAL CHAMBER I

THE PROSECUTOR
OF THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
ISSA SESAY
MORRIS KALLON
AUGUSTINE GBAO

THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2004
9.44A.M.
TRIAL

Before the Judges:

Benjamin Mutanga Itoe, Presiding
Bankole Thompson
Pierre Boutet

For Chambers:

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Mr Matteo Crippa

For the Registry:

Ms Maureen Edmonds
Mr Geoff Walker

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Ms Melissa Pack
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For the accused Issa Sesay:

Mr Wayne Jordash
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For the accused Morris Kallon:

Mr Shekou Touray
Mr Melron Nicol-Wilson

For the accused Augustine Gbao:

Mr John Cammegh
Mr Ben Holden

1 [Thursday, 14 October 2004]
2 [Accused Sesay and Kallon entered Court]
3 [The accused Gbao not present]
4 [Open session]
09:23:33 5 [Upon commencing at 9.44 a.m.]
6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning, learned counsel, we are
7 resuming our session. We are supposed to be moving on to
8 calling a new prosecution witness this morning.
9 MR HARRISON: That's correct.
09:44:55 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: With special technical devices, you know,
11 put in place for purposes of recording the evidence.
12 MR HARRISON: That's correct.
13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Right.
14 MR HARRISON: But before the witness is brought in, I'm asking
09:45:09 15 that the Court go into a closed session to deal with some
16 introductory information about the next witness. I have
17 discussed this matter with the Defence counsel already,
18 and my understanding -- they can be canvassed on the
19 point, but my understanding is this application would be
09:45:26 20 by consent.
21 JUDGE THOMPSON: Learned counsel for the Prosecution, could
22 you now state your application?
23 MR HARRISON: The application is for the Court to go into a
24 closed session, so that information regarding the next
09:46:45 25 witness could be canvassed, such information regarding
26 his identity.
27 JUDGE THOMPSON: And after -- yes?
28 MR HARRISON: For the guidance of the Court --
29 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes.

1 MR HARRISON: -- I anticipate it being roughly 15 minutes of
2 closed session.
3 JUDGE THOMPSON: Right.
4 MR HARRISON: Ten to 15 minutes.
09:47:13 5 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay, thank you. Learned counsel for the
6 Defence?
7 MR JORDASH: There's no opposition to that application, and
8 I've just had an indication from the third accused that
9 there is no objection from him either.
09:47:26 10 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, and what about learned counsel for the
11 second?
12 MR NICOL-WILSON: No objection, Your Honour.
13 JUDGE THOMPSON: No objection, thanks. Learned counsel, the
14 application is granted. And I would wish to inform
09:48:13 15 members of the gallery that this Chamber is about to move
16 into closed session, and, to be realistic, we want to put
17 a timing of 30 minutes. You can come back in 30 minutes
18 time, thank you.
19 PRESIDING JUDGE: I want members of the gallery to understand
09:48:36 20 that, you know, closed sessions are part of the judicial
21 procedures of international tribunals like this, and that
22 if we are doing it, it is to respect, you know, certain
23 rules of procedure, and in this particular case, of
24 course, it's been done in total agreement by counsel for
09:48:53 25 the parties who understand why we are moving into closed
26 session.
27 We are sorry we have to keep moving you in and out,
28 but this is part of the procedure. You can come back in
29 30 minutes, please.

1 [At this point in the proceedings, a portion of the
2 transcript, pages 4 to 17, was extracted and sealed under
3 separate cover, as the session was heard in Camera]
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1 [Open session]

2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Will the technicians confirm that we are now
3 fully in open session? Right. Then learned counsel for
4 the Prosecution, please proceed.

10:16:20 5 MR HARRISON:

6 Q. Witness, we're going to start from the 25th of May 1997.
7 Do you recall the coup taking place at that time?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you know that there was an overthrow of the
10:16:39 10 government at that time; is that right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. The term "junta" has been used in the past. Are you
13 familiar with that term?

14 JUDGE THOMPSON: Could you just hold on, please. Will the
10:17:07 15 experts make sure that we have all the facilities in
16 place for this session.

17 JUDGE BOUTET: Which means, so there is a clear understanding
18 from the technicians, that we are in an open session, the
19 voice of the witness is to be distorted for the public
10:17:29 20 and not distorted for this section. In other words, that
21 the Chamber, the judges, Prosecution and Defence,
22 everybody should hear the voice of the witness
23 undistorted. It should be distorted only for the public.
24 And I'm -- we are informed that the voice is not
10:17:52 25 distorted at this moment for the public. Please confirm.

26 Thank you, Mr Presiding Judge.

27 JUDGE THOMPSON: We are advised that the voice distortion
28 mechanism is on. Learned counsel, proceed.

29 MR HARRISON: I think I'll just cover the first couple of

1 questions again, if I could.

2 Q. You're aware of the coup taking place in Sierra Leone on
3 the 25th of May 1997?

4 A. Yes.

10:18:41 5 Q. And the word "junta", that means something to you,
6 doesn't it?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Perhaps you could describe in your own words what "junta"
9 means when you use it?

10:18:54 10 A. Well, to me the word "junta" is used on those that made
11 the coup. So and the -- I mean Revolutionary United
12 Front made the coup.

13 Q. And do you know who the leaders of the coup were?

14 A. Yes.

10:19:20 15 Q. Perhaps you should just wait a minute, there's a
16 telephone ringing.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: I said it yesterday, that we might run into
18 problems once in a while. Five minutes, you say? So
19 what do you want us to do? Do you want us to rise for
10:19:50 20 five minutes or to sit in here? Well, I suppose we have
21 to rise, you know, so that things can be put right.
22 We'll rise for five minutes, please.

23 [Break taken at 10.24 a.m.]

24 [On resuming at 10.46 a.m.]

10:44:02 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Right, learned counsel, we are resuming the
26 session. Mr Harrison, I hope that you have a good
27 mastery of the technology to be able to proceed.

28 MR HARRISON: My mastery is not all that --

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: I wish you luck.

1 MR HARRISON: Thank you.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Right.

3 MR HARRISON: Perhaps it's helpful if I just recommence from
4 where I started. I'm not sure what was on the record and
10:44:27 5 what wasn't. At any rate --

6 JUDGE THOMPSON: Be safer to do that.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, you know, what was on the record, you
8 know, is that there was a coup on the 27th of May and he
9 said the government was overthrown. He defined the word
10:44:35 10 "junta" to mean those who were responsible for the
11 overthrow of the government.

12 MR HARRISON: That being clear, I'll just proceed from there.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, that is, I think, up to where he went.

14 MR HARRISON:

10:44:50 15 Q. Witness, are you able to tell the Court who the leaders
16 of the coup were?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Could you please state the names that you recall?

19 A. Leader of the coup was his excellency, the President
10:45:08 20 Johnny Paul Koroma.

21 MR JORDASH: I'm very sorry, but it's -- this witness' voice
22 is distorted for those inside the Court.

23 JUDGE BOUTET: Yes. You -- his voice, Mr Jordash, you should
24 listen on the speaker that is on your desk.

10:45:28 25 MR JORDASH: Oh, okay. On here, okay.

26 JUDGE BOUTET: That is where that voice is supposed to come to
27 you. But I suggest you keep your earphones, because when
28 the Prosecutor is speaking he speaks in the mike you're
29 going to hear that from -- so it's a very complex,

1 convoluted system, so let's try to get adjusted to do it.

2 MR JORDASH: Thank you.

3 JUDGE BOUTET: So the witness speaks through a mike that comes
4 to you in the speaker here; the speaker that you have on
10:45:54 5 your desk in front of you. Mr Touray, you have one of
6 those -- yes, you do. So that is how the voice is
7 supposed to come to you.

8 MR JORDASH: Thank you.

9 JUDGE BOUTET: Let's see.

10:46:05 10 MR HARRISON: Perhaps what I'll try to do is I'll try to speak
11 as loud a voice as I can. Defence counsel can indicate
12 to me if they cannot hear me, and I'll try and speak even
13 louder, in which case they're not having to have the
14 earphones on and listen to the speakers at the same time.

10:46:20 15 JUDGE BOUTET: And I just want to make sure that the accused
16 will get the voice of the witness through translation,
17 because the -- it is being translated from English to
18 Krio I imagine, because, I think -- it's Krio. So that's
19 the way it should be done. So, Mr Sesay and Mr Kallon,
10:46:45 20 you do hear the translation of the witness in Krio?

21 THE ACCUSED KALLON: No, sir.

22 JUDGE BOUTET: You don't?

23 MR NICOL-WILSON: Your Honour, Mr Kallon is --

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can somebody check their microphones,
10:47:09 25 please. They should -- at least they should get the
26 translation. It's important that they follow the
27 testimony. Are you all right now?

28 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Kallon, speak in your mike, please.

29 THE ACCUSED KALLON: I prefer to -- to hear in English.

1 JUDGE BOUTET: In English?
2 THE ACCUSED KALLON: Yes, sir.
3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Okay.
4 THE ACCUSED KALLON: But the -- the witness voice -- the
10:47:29 5 witness voice destructed [sic] in my microphone.
6 JUDGE BOUTET: Yes. Well, we'll see you -- if you can hear.
7 I mean, you have -- you will hear the voice of the
8 witness through the speaker that is on your counsel's
9 desk. So tell us if you -- you will not hear that
10:47:52 10 through the earphone, because when the witness is
11 speaking, if you hear -- you listen through the earphone,
12 you're going to hear a distorted voice. If you don't
13 want to hear the distorted voice, you have to listen to
14 the speakers that are on the desk in front of you.
10:48:05 15 THE ACCUSED KALLON: Thank you, Your Honour.
16 JUDGE BOUTET: Okay. But if you're running into difficulties,
17 let your counsel know and we'll see how we can adjust it.
18 Thank you. Let us see again.
19 MR HARRISON:
10:48:25 20 Q. Witness, I'm wanting to canvass with you if -- the names
21 of the leaders of the coup?
22 A. Yes. I know the 16 members that had made the coup.
23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is the gallery getting the evidence? The
24 gallery's getting the evidence, right, okay. In a
10:48:57 25 distorted voice. Yes.
26 JUDGE BOUTET: Is the voice you hear a clear voice or it's
27 distorted? It's not distorted?
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: It's a clear voice?
29 JUDGE BOUTET: I'm not talking of my voice; I'm talking of the

1 voice of the witness.
2 PRESIDING JUDGE: The voice of the witness.
3 JUDGE BOUTET: It's clear? No?
4 PRESIDING JUDGE: It means the voice is not distorted to the
10:49:21 5 public. We are not yet there. We don't appear to be
6 there.
7 JUDGE THOMPSON: The technology's failing then.
8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.
9 JUDGE THOMPSON: Let's find out from them over there directly.
10:49:31 10 JUDGE BOUTET: Yes, Mr Jordash?
11 MR JORDASH: They appear to be saying that the voice is
12 distorted.
13 JUDGE THOMPSON: That's what they're saying?
14 JUDGE BOUTET: It is?
10:49:35 15 MR JORDASH: Yes.
16 JUDGE BOUTET: Okay, thank you.
17 JUDGE THOMPSON: Well, then, that's correct. That's what we
18 want for the gallery. We don't want distortion for us
19 here.
10:49:45 20 MR JORDASH: No. What isn't happening is any voice coming out
21 of my speaker.
22 JUDGE BOUTET: That's fine.
23 JUDGE THOMPSON: [Overlapping speakers]
24 JUDGE BOUTET: This is not your voice we want distorted; it's
10:49:54 25 the voice of the witness only.
26 MR JORDASH: Oh, right, I'm there.
27 JUDGE THOMPSON: That's it, yeah.
28 JUDGE BOUTET: We'll get there. Thank you.
29 JUDGE THOMPSON: I think for an abundance of caution, before

1 we proceed further, let's confirm whether the gallery is
2 getting an undistorted voice or distorted voice. Could
3 the technicians help us?

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: The security sitting in the gallery, could
10:50:33 5 you confirm, you know, whether you're getting the
6 witness' voice in a distorted form, please. But he needs
7 to speak, you know, so that -- I think you better put the
8 question to him again. Just wait and let's see. The
9 security should wait in that room. Let's see, please.

10:50:53 10 Yes, Mr Harrison, could you please put the question to
11 him again.

12 MR HARRISON:

13 Q. Witness, can you state who the members of the coup were?

14 A. Yes, I could state them. And they are 16 in number;
10:51:08 15 that's two parts in the group.

16 Q. Can you indicate the names, please?

17 A. Yes. First was the chairman of the -- the AFRC
18 government, called Major Johnny Paul Koroma. Two, is
19 Zagalo. I know his alias name; I don't know his first
10:51:43 20 name. He's called Zagalo. And, three, you have Alex
21 Tamba Brima. Four, you have Ibrahim Bazy Kamara. Five,
22 you have Samuel Kargbo. Six, you have Biyoh Sesay.
23 Seven, you have Momoh, a.k.a. Dotti. Eight, you have
24 Tamba Gborie. Nine, you have Abdul Sesay. Ten, you have
10:52:33 25 Woyoh. Eleven, you have Sullay Falaba. Twelve, you have
26 George Adams. Thirteen, you have Lager. Fourteen, you
27 have -- not known to now, forgotten the two names.

28 Q. I'll just put it to you. Does the name or the alias
29 Leather Boots mean anything to you?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Why does that mean something to you?

3 A. Because he was part of the 16 men.

4 Q. And does the name or the alias Bomb Blast mean anything
10:53:24 5 to you?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And why is that?

8 A. His full name is Hassan Papa Bangura, a.k.a. Bomb Blast.
9 He's one of the 16 men.

10:53:35 10 Q. And you mentioned the name Lager. I take it that was an
11 alias?

12 A. Say again.

13 Q. You mentioned the name Lager, is that an alias?

14 A. Yes.

10:53:43 15 Q. Do you know that person's birth name?

16 A. No.

17 Q. The leaders of the coup, did they ultimately take part --

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just -- just a minute. The security of the
19 gallery, how is the voice? How are you getting the voice
10:54:02 20 over there, please? It is okay, it is distorted? The
21 voice of the witness -- of the witness, when he was
22 enumerating the names of the leaders. Was the voice
23 distorted or it was normal?

24 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Dolphin at the back in the gallery, was it
10:54:28 25 distorted or not? He was, okay.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Okay.

27 MR HARRISON:

28 Q. Does the alias Five-Five mean anything to you?

29 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Can you tell the Court why?
- 2 A. He is called Santigie Kanu, alias Five-Five. He's one of
3 the 16 men that took part in the coup.
- 4 Q. Did these members of the coup ultimately form a ruling
10:54:58 5 body for Sierra Leone?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. What was the name of that ruling body?
- 8 A. Well, the name of the ruling body is the Armed Forces
9 Revolutionary Council, the AFRC.
- 10:55:12 10 Q. Do you know who the leaders of the AFRC were?
- 11 A. The chairman of the AFRC was Major Johnny Paul Koroma,
12 who was the president. And, two, was Foday Saybana
13 Sankoh, who was not present; he was at Nigeria. So in
14 his absence Sam Bockarie, alias Mosquito, takes his
10:55:46 15 place.
- 16 Q. And in the event Mr Bockarie is absent, would someone
17 take his place?
- 18 A. Yes. In the absence of Sam Bockarie alias Mosquito, Issa
19 Sesay takes his place.
- 10:56:05 20 Q. As part of the governing structure, was there something
21 known as a PLO?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Could you describe for the Court what a PLO was and who
24 they were?
- 10:56:30 25 A. The PLOs, they are the principal liaison officers. We
26 have 1, 2 and 3.
- 27 Q. The PLO 1, do you know the name of that person?
- 28 A. The PLO 1's name is Abu Zagalo.
- 29 Q. What did the PLO 1 do?

- 1 A. The PLO 1 has certain ministries that are under his
2 supervision, and through him he goes to reports to the
3 president.
- 4 Q. Do you know what those ministries were?
- 10:57:34 5 A. Well, yes, I can recall some of the ministries that were
6 under the PLO 1 and the Honourables I can recall --
7 recollect that we are under the PLO 1.
- 8 Q. Please tell the Court who they were.
- 9 A. The PLO 1 had Tamba Gborie and -- Honourable Tamba
10:58:07 10 Gborie; and he also had Woyoh; and, number three, he had
11 Abdul Sesay. And those I could recollect.
- 12 Q. And the names of the ministries under the PLO 1?
- 13 A. Well, the names of the ministries under the PLO 1 I
14 cannot say.
- 10:58:51 15 Q. Who was the PLO 2?
- 16 A. The PLO 2 was Alex Tamba Brima, alias Gullit.
- 17 Q. Did he oversee ministries?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Tell the Court which ones.
- 10:59:25 20 A. The ministries that Tamba Brima oversees, I cannot tell
21 now, but the Honourables that were under Alex Tamba Brima
22 I could say.
- 23 Q. Before you do that, tell the Court what you mean when you
24 use the word "Honourables".
- 10:59:55 25 A. Well, the Honourables are all the 16 men that partake on
26 the coup plans. So that was why they call them all
27 Honourables.
- 28 Q. And are you able to say who those were under the PLO 2?
- 29 A. Yes. Under the PLO 2 we have Honourable Samuel Kargbo;

- 1 you have Momoh, alias Dotti; you have -- you have Sullay
2 Falaba; you have Abdul Sesay. Those I can recollect.
- 3 Q. Can you tell us who the PLO 3 was?
- 4 A. The principal liaison officer 3 was Ibrahim Bazy Kamara.
- 11:01:32 5 Q. What was he responsible for?
- 6 A. He has some Honourables that are under his supervision
7 and the ministries that he supervise.
- 8 Q. Can you tell the Court the names of the ministries?
- 9 A. Yes, the Energy and Power was under the PLO 3, and the
11:02:04 10 Honourable that was in charge of the Energy and Power is
11 called Hassan Papa Bangura. And you have the Marine
12 Resources, you have Foday Kallay. And he have the Queen
13 Elizabeth Ports and the Customs, you have Biyoh. And the
14 State Lottery you have -- I think those I can't remember.
- 11:03:01 15 Q. I'm going to show you a document, copies of which have
16 already been given to Defence counsel, and I'll pass it
17 up to the Court clerk now, if I can.
- 18 [HS141004B 11.07 a.m.]
- 19 MR HARRISON: This is a document which was produced by the
20 Prosecution some time ago and it is also one that is
21 referred to in the judicial notice decision. It is from
22 the Sierra Leone Gazette, the date is the 13th -- sorry,
23 the 18th September 1997 and it is issue number 54 of the
24 Gazette. In the judicial notice decision, this is one of
25 the documents that notice was taken of with respect to
26 its existence and authenticity. It is in annex 2, part
27 (1) of the judicial notice decision.
- 28 Q. Witness, do you have that document in front of you now?
- 29 A. Yes.

1 Q. I would ask you to look at the bottom right column of the
2 first page. You will see in dark letters the words,
3 "Armed Forces Revolutionary Council Secretariat".

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. If you continue reading it says, "Govt. Notice No. 215
6 THE ADMINISTRATION OF SIERRA LEONE (ARMED FORCES
7 REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL) PROCLAMATION, 1997." Below that
8 in brackets "(P.N. No. 3 of 1997)" It then goes on to
9 state - and I would ask you to read along with me -
10 "P.N. No. 3 of 1997. Pursuant to subparagraph (2) of
11 paragraph 1 of the Administration of Sierra Leone (Armed
12 Forces Revolutionary Council) Proclamation. 1997. The
13 following persons constitute the Armed Forces
14 Revolutionary Council with effect from the 25th day of
15 May 1997." It then goes on to list 34 names. Do you see
16 that, Witness?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. The names of those people are: Major Johnny Paul Koroma,
19 Chairman; Corporal Foday S Sankoh, Deputy Chairman;
20 Captain SAJ Musa, member; Colonel AK Sesay, member; Staff
21 Sergeant Abu Sankoh, member; Staff Sergeant Alex T Brima,
22 member; Staff Sergeant Brima P Kamara, member; Colonel
23 Sam Bockarie, member; Major Morris Kallon, member; David
24 G Kallon --

25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Do you need to go through that?

26 MR HARRISON: I was going to do it for the benefit of the
27 record. If it is not necessary, I won't bother.

28 Q. Do you see the names there, witness?

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, you can just confirm it.

1 THE WITNESS: Yes.

2 MR HARRISON:

3 Q. I would ask you to review that list of 34. Is that your
4 understanding of who the members of the AFRC were?

5 A. Yes.

6 MR HARRISON: That's the document that the Prosecution is
7 seeking to have admitted as an exhibit in these
8 proceedings, and I ask to do so now.

9 JUDGE BOUTET: Has the Defence any comment?

10 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, any comments from the Defence?

11 MR JORDASH: No, thank you.

12 JUDGE THOMPSON: No response.

13 MR JORDASH: No, thank you.

14 JUDGE THOMPSON: Counsel Touray? Williams?

15 MR WILLIAMS: No, no objection, Your Honour.

16 MR CAMMEGH: Nor me.

17 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, quite. Well, pursuant to a decision of
18 the 24th June 2004, this document is received in evidence
19 as having been judicially noticed and marked Exhibit
20 8[sic].

21 [Exhibit No. 6 was admitted]

22 MS EDMONDS: Six.

23 JUDGE THOMPSON: Exhibit 6. Proceed, learned counsel.

24 Learned counsel on both sides, this exhibit was indeed
25 judicially noticed, pursuant to a decision of 24th June
26 2004, as to its existence and authenticity, and of course
27 we have received it also in evidence now in respect of
28 its contents. So counsel will be entitled to
29 cross-examine on that.

- 1 MR JORDASH: Thank you.
- 2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you. Proceed.
- 3 MR HARRISON:
- 4 Q. If you could just keep the document at hand for a moment,
5 Witness. Were there persons from the RUF amongst the
6 Honourables?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Can you tell the Court the names of those persons from
9 the RUF?
- 10 A. Yes. You have Dennis Mingo alias Superman. You have
11 Mike Lamin. Three, you have Morris Kallon. Four, you
12 have Issa Sesay. Five, you have Collins, Eldred Collins.
13 Six, you have CO Isaac, and those I could remember for
14 now.
- 15 Q. If you could just turn your attention to the exhibit
16 itself and from the exhibit are there any names there
17 that you recognise as being members of the RUF?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Could you please tell the Court what those names are?
- 20 A. Colonel Sam Bockarie.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE: What names? We are not [inaudible] you
22 know?
- 23 MR HARRISON: The witness is actually looking at the exhibit.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.
- 25 MR HARRISON: He is looking at the names on the exhibit and he
26 is telling the Court which names on the exhibit were
27 members of the RUF to his understanding.
- 28 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see.
- 29 THE WITNESS: One, Colonel Sam Bockarie; two, Major Morris

1 Kallon; three, Colonel Issa H Sesay; four, Colonel Gibril
2 Massaquoi; five, Colonel Mike Lamin; six, Lieutenant
3 Eldred Collins -- these I can name here.

4 Q. What about the name Foday S Sankoh?

5 A. Foday S Sankoh is not known to me.

6 Q. I am going to take you to events on 25th May 1997 and ask
7 you to explain to the Court what you ended up doing on
8 that day and on subsequent days. So starting from the
9 25th May, it is my understanding that at some point in
10 the day you went to the Cockerill Barracks; is that
11 right?

12 Q. Pardon?

13 Q. At some point on 25th May 1997 you went to the Cockerill
14 Barracks?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What did you do after that?

17 A. After going to the Cockerill Barracks, from that point we
18 went to Murray Town at the army ordnance where military
19 equipments are kept. On our arrival there, we break in
20 and collected some military fatigues and arms and
21 ammunition, distribute it to those that have no arms and
22 ammunition.

23 Q. Following the coup, do you know if there was
24 communication between the coup members and the RUF?

25 A. Well, yes.

26 Q. Please tell the Court what you know about the
27 communication.

28 A. The first communication that I had - and I was inside the
29 office where the communication was made - it's from Major

1 Johnny Paul Koroma, who was the chairman of the AFRC, to
2 the Revolutionary United Front in the bush to Sam
3 Bockarie, alias Mosquito, for them to come and join the
4 military in Freetown, telling him that the military has
5 already taken power in Freetown. So for the sake of
6 peace, RUF should come and join the army in Freetown.

7 Q. Did anyone come to Freetown?

8 A. Yes. On the first day the communication message was sent
9 to RUF high command -- commander came on that day. It
10 was on the following day I saw at the military Cockerill
11 Denis Mingo, alias Superman, was the first commander I
12 saw that came from the bush to Freetown who was an RUF.

13 Q. Did you see other members of the RUF come to Freetown
14 later?

15 A. Yes. I saw -- after Denis Mingo alias Superman, I saw
16 other high commands of the RUF in Freetown like Morris
17 Kallon, Issa Sesay, Gibril Massaquoi, Eldred Collins,
18 Mr Rogers, Mike Lamin, CO Isaac and those I could recall
19 met I saw.

20 Q. Did Sam Bockarie come to Freetown?

21 A. Yes. Sam Bockarie came to Freetown and later left
22 Freetown for Kenema.

23 Q. First of all, tell the Court when Bockarie came to
24 Freetown.

25 A. Sam Bockarie came to Freetown just after the announcement
26 of the government of the Armed Forces Revolutionary
27 Council, the AFRC.

28 Q. And just to close the point, tell the Court when
29 Mr Bockarie left Freetown.

- 1 A. Well, due to some problems that were arising up between
2 SLAs and RUF, lead Sam Bockarie to go back to Kenema and
3 said he is going to gain control of Kenema.
- 4 Q. Can you assist the Court in saying when that was?
- 5 A. Well, I cannot give any specific date for that.
- 6 Q. Were there any meetings between Johnny Paul Koroma and
7 the RUF?
- 8 A. Yes. He had several meetings at Johnny Paul's residence
9 at Spur Loop and also at the military headquarters
10 Cockerill.
- 11 Q. Please tell the Court which members of the RUF attended
12 those meetings.
- 13 A. First, to start with -- on the absence of Foday Sankoh
14 and the absence of Sam Bockarie in Freetown, Issa Sesay
15 commands the RUF on the meeting and also you have other
16 RUF members like, Gibril Massaquoi, Morris Kallon, Eldred
17 Collins, they also go to the meeting. Those I could
18 remember.
- 19 Q. You said Mr Bockarie went to Kenema; do you know why he
20 went to Kenema?
- 21 A. Well, Bockarie goes to Kenema. I don't know that through
22 my boss I was with, the principal liaison officer 3, when
23 he was addressing us on a routine muster parade and he
24 told us that Sam Bockarie is going to Kenema to take care
25 of the east and all diamond rich areas.
- 26 Q. During the junta period, were there joint operations
27 between the RUF and the SLA?
- 28 A. Yes.
- 29 Q. Before you answer, give the Court your understanding of

1 what the junta period was.

2 A. Well, the junta period at the time when RUF has been
3 called upon to come to Freetown. They worked hand in
4 hand with the soldiers in Freetown under the AFRC
5 government. So on all operations they do it jointly.

6 Q. Can you guide the Court as to when, to your
7 understanding, the junta period commenced?

8 A. Pardon?

9 Q. Can you advise the Court of your understanding of when
10 the junta period commenced -- the month and year?

11 A. The junta period commenced on May 25th, 1997 on a Sunday.

12 Q. To your understanding, when did it end?

13 A. It ended February 12th, because that date was the day the
14 chairman himself, Major Johnny Paul Koroma, pulled out
15 finally from Freetown.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE:

17 Q. 12th February?

18 A. 12th February 1998. 6.00 p.m. in the evening was his
19 pull-out.

20 Q. 6.00 in the morning or in the evening?

21 A. Evening.

22 MR HARRISON: Yes.

23 Q. Were there joint operations between the RUF and the SLA
24 during the junta period?

25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Tell the Court about those joint operations.

27 A. Well, there was a joint operation, one, to attack the
28 Nigerians at their [inaudible] headquarters, but it was
29 not successful. And the other joint operation was the

1 June 2 at the Mammy Yoko hotel.

2 Q. During the junta period, did the RUF get arms or
3 ammunition from the SLA?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What did they receive and how did they receive it?

6 A. As I earlier on said, they got arms and ammunition from
7 the military ordnance of Murray Town, which was shared to
8 both SLA and RUF.

9 Q. When the junta ended, did Johnny Paul Koroma give
10 instructions to Bockarie to relocate?

11 A. Say again your question.

12 Q. When the junta ended, did Johnny Paul Koroma give
13 instructions to Bockarie to relocate?

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: I don't like that question. It's very
15 suggestive, learned counsel. I don't like it. Can you
16 reframe it, please?

17 MR HARRISON: I will do so.

18 Q. At the end of the junta, were there any instructions
19 given by Mr Koroma?

20 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's right.

21 THE WITNESS: Yes, at the end of the junta, when they pulled
22 out from Freetown, instructions were given to -- from
23 Johnny Paul to all fighters in Kono that we shall be all
24 under the RUF and we are all to recognise ourselves as
25 RUF.

26 JUDGE THOMPSON: Counsel.

27 MR HARRISON:

28 Q. During the junta were arms received from other countries?

29 A. Yes.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: There again -- there again, learned counsel,
2 where did the arms they were using come from? Your
3 questions, learned counsel, are very suggestive and they
4 are breaking the rules. The Chamber is concerned about
5 this. Can you reframe that question, please.

6 MR HARRISON: Well, I will do so, but I don't think there is
7 any contention about this bit of evidence.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, no, no, there is a contention, the court
9 is contending.

10 MR HARRISON: All right.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: There is no agreement between you and when
12 the Court discovers there is an irregularity. You see,
13 let us get the process, you know, clear. It is not the
14 job of the Court or the Tribunal to do the job of Defence
15 counsel, but where the Court perceives a patent
16 illegality, it has a perfect right to intervene and it is
17 in the exercise of this right that -- we wouldn't do that
18 often if the Defence counsel doesn't raise it, but I
19 think it's good for us to put the hands of the clock, you
20 know, right if and when we can. Thank you. You may
21 proceed.

22 MR HARRISON: I accept your guidance. It was my understanding
23 that we weren't in a contentious area, though.

24 MR JORDASH: Just so that we are clear, where weapons came
25 from during the junta period - if it was not clear during
26 the General's testimony then I will make it clear now -
27 it is very much disputed.

28 JUDGE THOMPSON: Proceed, learned counsel.

29 MR HARRISON:

1 Q. What can you tell the Court about shipments of arms
2 during the junta?

3 A. Yes. I couldn't remember the actual date, but there was
4 one ship that came that has rice on board and the ship
5 was a Ukrainian ship. It came about at our Queen
6 Elizabeth quay and from that point, when it aboard that
7 Queen Elizabeth quay, message had to reach the chairman
8 that the ship that is anchored at the Queen Elizabeth
9 quay has some arms and ammunition in it. So troops were
10 sent there and the arms and ammunition were taken out
11 from the ship, transported to the residence of Johnny
12 Paul Koroma.

13 Q. What was in the shipment?

14 A. The shipment came with rice belonging to a businessman
15 called Tariq Makie.

16 Q. What type of arms were there?

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated] the name of the
18 consignee of the rice, please.

19 THE WITNESS: Tariq Makie.

20 MR HARRISON:

21 Q. Do you know what arms were in the shipment?

22 A. Yes, I saw arms and ammunition.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE:

24 Q. Excuse me, who is Tariq Makie?

25 A. Tariq Makie is a Lebanese businessman.

26 Q. Where?

27 A. In Sierra Leone.

28 Q. And where was he based?

29 A. I don't know the street where he was based, but he was

1 based in Freetown.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, counsel, you may proceed, please.

3 MR HARRISON:

4 Q. Do you know which arms were in the shipment?

5 A. Yes, I saw the arms and the ammunition they had
6 deposited, because I didn't go on the operation to get
7 them from the ship, but on the arrival of the two trucks
8 filled with AK rounds, 7.6 mm AK rounds and had plenty of
9 RPG bombs; 16 mm commando mortars; anti-aircraft guns,
10 six; and two BMG gun. Those are the weapon I saw.

11 Q. Were those weapons distributed?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. To whom were they distributed?

14 A. The weapons were taken to the house, the residence of
15 Major Johnny Paul Koroma, the chairman, AFRC, and the
16 distribution of the weapon was made by the chief of staff
17 who was at that time SO Williams. Distributed the
18 weapons to some high commanders of the RUF, like Dennis
19 Mingo, alias Superman, Issa Sesay, Morris Kallon, Gibril
20 Massaquoi, Rambo of the RUF. Those I could recall that I
21 saw arms distributed to.

22 Q. I am just going to jump out of sequence here for a
23 moment. You mentioned the name Rambo. To your knowledge
24 there are two people who use the name Rambo?

25 A. Yes.

26 Q. How do you distinguish one from the other?

27 A. Well, that's why initially I said RUF Rambo, then you
28 have the SLA Rambo.

29 Q. Do you know the Christian --

- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Learned counsel, please.
- 2 Q. You said that arms were distributed by somebody. They
3 were taken to Koroma's house?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And then they were distributed by the chief of staff.
6 What is the name again, let me get it right.
- 7 A. Colonel SO Williams.
- 8 Q. SO Williams.
- 9 MR HARRISON:
- 10 Q. We were just perhaps trying to clarify the name Rambo. I
11 think you tried to indicate that you do know of two
12 individuals who use that name?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. How do you distinguish between the two?
- 15 A. One is called RUF Rambo, from the Revolutionary United
16 Front; and the other is called SLA Rambo, who is from the
17 Armed Forces of the Sierra Leone military.
- 18 Q. During the junta, where was the person that you have
19 referred to as Gullit?
- 20 A. During the junta Gullit was the principal liaison officer
21 to --
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who is the person you referred to? Who is
23 the person, was that your question?
- 24 MR HARRISON:
- 25 Q. The question was where was the person that you have
26 referred to as Gullit during the junta?
- 27 A. Say again.
- 28 Q. Where was Gullit located during the junta?
- 29 A. Well, early during the junta period he was located in

- 1 Freetown and later junta period he was posted by Johnny
2 Paul Koroma to Kono.
- 3 Q. Why was he posted to Kono?
- 4 A. He was posted to Kono, which I heard from my boss --
- 5 Q. I'm sorry for interrupting, Witness. There is a
6 protective measure and you don't have to indicate on the
7 record who your boss was.
- 8 A. He was located in Kono, because he was sent there to go
9 and take care of diamond minerals.
- 10 Q. What do you mean by take care of diamond minerals?
- 11 A. Well, he was to go and oversee all diamond companies and
12 to take care of the diamond mining areas in Kono.
- 13 Q. To your knowledge did Gullit obtain diamonds?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Do you know what the purpose of the diamond mining was?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 MR HARRISON: I was now going to take the witness through a
18 document which is actually a list of a number of
19 individuals which Defence counsel have already seen and,
20 as I understand, there is no objection to it being marked
21 as an exhibit. I will tender it now and I can go through
22 that list either now, or if the Court wishes to take a
23 break now or not take a break this morning, I am in the
24 Court's hands.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, please.
- 26 MR HARRISON:
- 27 Q. You have the document in front of you, witness?
- 28 A. Yes.
- 29 Q. You recall this as a document that you prepared with the

1 assistance of members of the Prosecution office?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. Was all of the document or all the information that you
4 gave accurate and correct?
5 A. Yes.
6 Q. And you had a chance to review this document --
7 JUDGE THOMPSON: Just a minute, counsel. Continue.
8 MR HARRISON:
9 Q. You have had a chance to review this document before
10 coming into court?
11 A. Yes.
12 Q. And just for the sake of the record, this information is
13 your best recollection of the brief biographies of a
14 number of individuals involved in the junta and a later
15 period in Sierra Leone; is that right?
16 A. Yes.
17 MR HARRISON: I believe it is by consent. I will maybe allow
18 my friends to speak for themselves but --
19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Tender it and they will indicate whether
20 they have any objection or not.
21 MR HARRISON: Yes, I am asking if this document be admitted as
22 the next exhibit in these proceedings.
23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can it be shown to the Defence, please. Let
24 them make up their minds.
25 MR JORDASH: I do have a copy of it. It is with consent, but
26 not necessarily accepted as correct, if that makes sense.
27 So we accept it should be an exhibit, this is the
28 witness's testimony, but it may be subject to dispute
29 later in the proceedings.

1 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes. Well, consistent with the principle of
2 flexible admissibility.

3 MR JORDASH: Indeed.

4 JUDGE THOMPSON: But, of course, the issue of reliability and
5 probative value still remains an issue.

6 MR JORDASH: Indeed. Yes, Your Honour.

7 MR CAMMEGH: On the basis of flexible admissibility, I accept
8 this document service right now.

9 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you, learned counsel. Learned counsel
10 for the second accused.

11 MR NICOL-WILSON: Your Honour, no objection at this stage.

12 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you. Learned counsel on both sides,
13 the document is received in evidence and marked Exhibit
14 7.

15 [Exhibit No. 7 was admitted]

16 Let the document be so marked. You will then proceed.

17 MR HARRISON:

18 Q. I am not going to go through all the names on the exhibit
19 with you, witness, but I am going to ask you about a few
20 of them. The third name is Alhaji on the first page; you
21 see that?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Can you please just state in our own words who Alhaji
24 was?

25 A. [Inaudible] appointed deputy to battalion commander in
26 Kono in March 1998 remain in Tombodu with Savage, rank of
27 staff sergeant currently in the SLA.

28 Q. And while we are on that particular item, could you just
29 tell the Court now in your own words who Savage was?

- 1 A. Savage was an SLA and when we pulled -- we drove from
2 Freetown, went to Kono and he was at Kono, stayed with
3 the RUF throughout, and then later he came to the West
4 Side jungle.
- 5 Q. Do you know Savage by any other name?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Do you know Alhaji by any other name?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. And if you turn to the second page, the second name on
10 the left-hand corner is Hassan Papa Bangura, alias Bomb
11 Blast. You told us already that he was one of the
12 participants in the coup, but without actually reading
13 what is already recorded there, can you just say in your
14 own words who Bangura was?
- 15 A. Hassan Papa Bangura, alias Bomb Blast. He was one of the
16 SLA, one of the 16 men who carry out the May 1997 coup --
17 honourable in the junta government under Bazzy, promoted
18 to rank of brigadier-general at Masiaka, operations
19 commander at Kono in March, May 1998, from Mansofinia to
20 Major Eddie Town in 1998 and from Newton in December
21 1998. Under house arrest from Major Eddie Town to
22 Newton. Continued as operation commander after the death
23 of SAJ Musa.
- 24 Q. I am going to ask you to turn over to the next page. The
25 first name on the left-hand corner is Alfred Brown and I
26 am asking you, witness, not to simply read out what is
27 written down there, but if you could address the Court,
28 speak to the Court and just tell them in your own words
29 who Alfred Brown was.

1 A. Alfred Brown was with the Revolutionary United Front as
2 one of the their commanders who was in charge of
3 communication and signaller, I would say. But he was not
4 with the RUF; he was with SAJ Musa till we came to
5 Freetown on January 6th invasion, and went back to Makeni
6 after retreating from Freetown.

7 Q. Those are all the names I am going to take you through
8 now. I am now going to move forward in the chronology of
9 events to the time when the junta exited from Freetown.
10 Please tell the Court why the junta pulled out of
11 Freetown.

12 A. Well the junta pulled out of Freetown because of lack of
13 arms and ammunition.

14 Q. Was any fighting taking place during the pull-out?

15 A. There was fighting taking place at the Hill Station and
16 at the new Bollington [phonetic] highway.

17 Q. Who was doing the fighting?

18 A. We are mixed RUF and SLA soldiers; we are fighting
19 against the ECOMOG troops.

20 JUDGE THOMPSON: [Microphone not activated]

21 MR HARRISON:

22 Q. Who was involved in the pull-out from Freetown?

23 A. The pull-out from Freetown involved all senior commanders
24 of the AFRC government.

25 Q. Was it only senior commanders?

26 A. Senior commanders and other ranks from the military and
27 everybody who was collaborated with the AFRC pulled out.

28 Q. Did you pull out from Freetown?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. What route did you take?

2 A. We took the peninsula route round to York and Tombu. On
3 our arrival at Tombu, we crossed the water to Phoho. On
4 our arrival at Phoho we walked for some hours to join the
5 routes at Hastings. Then we then proceeded to Masiaka.

6 MR HARRISON: At this point, I have another exhibit, this time
7 it is a large map which has been given already to Defence
8 counsel. Again they can make their comments, but I have
9 the map and I am asking that this be tendered as the next
10 exhibit in these proceedings.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Harrison, it reminds me of tourism
12 abroad.

13 MR HARRISON: I beg your pardon?

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: It reminds me of tourism abroad and finding
15 your way around. Oh, my God, these maps are so -- they
16 are easy to open, but to bring them back is a whole
17 problem. Okay, let's get along.

18 MR HARRISON:

19 Q. If you will allow me, Mr Cammegh I think needs a map and
20 I have an extra copy.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am sure learned counsel have no objection
22 to this being admitted like you say.

23 MR CAMMEGH: If Mr Harrison -- if I have taken his, then he is
24 the one -- Thank you very much.

25 MR HARRISON:

26 Q. I would just like to inform the Court that we have gone
27 through the exercise of putting this map on a disk with a
28 view to trying to use it on the computer. Unfortunately,
29 the speed of the computers and the size and the amount of

1 information on the map, means that if you were to look on
2 the computer it would be an extremely slow process and
3 you would have to magnify it considerably so that you
4 would only be able to see a very small area. So it is
5 our suggestion that for -- until we can figure out a
6 plan B that may be superior, that we use this map and
7 this is what I am asking to be marked as an exhibit now.
8 There may be something in future which we will be asking
9 to be marked as well, but this is what I am asking to be
10 marked as an exhibit now. I would just like to ask --

11 JUDGE THOMPSON: For my information, this is not the same map
12 that was judicially noticed in our annex 2 to our
13 judgment as to existence and authenticity. Is it the
14 same document?

15 MR HARRISON: It is not, you are correct.

16 JUDGE THOMPSON: It is not.

17 MR HARRISON: You are correct, this is not the same map that
18 was judicially noticed.

19 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, all right.

20 MR HARRISON: Before you ask my friends whether they wish to
21 take any position on the map, perhaps I can just ask the
22 witness a couple of questions just so that he can give
23 whatever evidence he can as to the existence of
24 [overlapping speakers]

25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Since you have to tender the document in any
26 event, you could as well tender it and we will refer --
27 give it to him for him to be using it in the process.

28 MR HARRISON: He has it already.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.

1 JUDGE THOMPSON: Let's hear the other side.

2 MR JORDASH: I have no objections to the use of this map at
3 all.

4 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you. And learned counsel for the
5 second accused?

6 MR NICOL-WILSON: No objection, Your Honour.

7 JUDGE THOMPSON: Learned counsel from --

8 MR CAMMEGH: Nor from me either.

9 JUDGE THOMPSON: All right. Consistent with our principle of
10 flexible admissibility, we will receive it in evidence
11 and mark it Exhibit 8. Court records, are we correct in
12 our numbering? Exhibit 8. Proceed counsel.

13 [Exhibit No. 8 was admitted]

14 MR HARRISON: So that there is no later misunderstanding, what
15 I am asking to be admitted is both sides of a map, on one
16 side there is a large pull-out map of all of Sierra
17 Leone, and if we were to flip it over on the other side
18 you would have two smaller maps, one a blown-up map of
19 the Free --

20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Learned counsel, I don't think the document
21 is admitted and marked as an exhibit.

22 MR HARRISON: Both sides of the map.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: So in its entirety, you know, you are free
24 to refer to whatever, you know, in that document.

25 JUDGE THOMPSON: We don't want to get into --

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: We don't want to get into the complication
27 of exhibit A1 to 2 or that kind of thing. We will just
28 call it Exhibit 8, every part of it.

29 MR HARRISON:

1 Q. Now, you have described your route up as far as Hastings.
2 Can you assist the Court in telling what your route was
3 after Hastings?
4 A. Yes. After we passed through Hastings, the troops was
5 divided into two.
6 JUDGE THOMPSON: Excuse me, he said after?
7 [HS141004C 12.05 p.m.]
8 JUDGE THOMPSON: You said after?
9 MR HARRISON: After Hastings.
12:09:09 10 Q. If it helps you, the map is in front of you. You can
11 open it up and review it, if you wish.
12 A. Yeah, I'm looking.
13 Q. Continue from "after Hastings", please.
14 A. After Hastings, the group was divided into two. We had
12:09:28 15 two battalions. Battalion 3 and Battalion 4 went into
16 Kossoh Town to attack the Nigerians, to draw their
17 attention --
18 JUDGE THOMPSON: Slowly, slowly.
19 THE WITNESS: To draw the attentions for the troops and all
12:09:53 20 our arms and ammunition to pass through the bridge into
21 Freetown. And when we crossed the bridge, we diverted
22 left to Orugu.
23 MR HARRISON:
24 Q. Witness, I think you've misunderstood me. What we're
12:10:14 25 talking about, when there was a pull-out from Freetown --
26 when there's a retreat from Freetown at the end of the
27 junta.
28 A. We pull out, but we did not pass through Hastings. We
29 used the peninsula routes to Benguema and we joined the

- 1 RUF at Waterloo.
- 2 Q. And continue on in describing the route that you took
3 during your pull-out from Freetown immediately following
4 the junta.
- 12:10:56 5 A. After the fall of the junta, we pull out by the
6 peninsula, 7 Battalion to York, York to Tumbu, Tumbu to
7 Phoho, Phoho to Newton, from Newton to Masiaka.
- 8 Q. How long did it take you to get to Masiaka?
- 9 A. It took us two days and two nights.
- 12:11:48 10 Q. Can you advise the Court of the day or month when you
11 arrived at Masiaka?
- 12 A. Yes, I can recollect the month, but I cannot recollect
13 the date. It was in February we arrived at Masiaka --
14 February 1998.
- 12:12:14 15 Q. What did you do at Masiaka?
- 16 A. When I arrived at Masiaka, there was an operation to go
17 back to attack Bo, and the commander that went on the
18 operation was the late Major AF Kamara. He went to Bo
19 and back to Masiaka. We had a joint meeting between RUF
12:12:59 20 and the SLAs. And from that meeting all the high
21 commands in Freetown that were Honourables were
22 automatically promoted to Brigadier-General.
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who was promoted to Brigadier-General?
- 24 THE WITNESS: All the Honourables in Freetown during the AFRC
12:13:45 25 junta regime were all promoted to Brigadier-General,
26 including the RUF and the SLAs.
- 27 MR JORDASH: I'm very sorry, but could the witness repeat who
28 was the commander who attacked Bo? I missed the name.
- 29 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, learned counsel for the Prosecution, can

1 we have that name again?

2 MR HARRISON: It was -- I'll let the witness say it.

3 Q. Witness, who was the commander who attacked at Bo?

4 A. Late Major AF Kamara.

12:14:48 5 Q. The meeting you referred to in Masiaka, tell the Court
6 who you recall attending.

7 A. In the meeting at Masiaka, Solomon Anthony Julius Musa
8 was there; we had SFY Koroma was there; Ibrahim Bazzy
9 Kamara was there; Santigie Kanu aka Fifty-Five was there;

12:15:47 10 Denis Mingo aka Superman was there; Morris Kallon aka
11 Bilai Karim was there; Issa Sesay was there; Mike Lamin
12 was there; Hassan Papa Bangura was there;
13 Colonel SO Williams was there; and Colonel Avivavo was
14 there -- I think those I can recall, because there were

12:16:47 15 many, many more, but I can recall just these.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: You gave a name -- you said Denis Mingo
17 [sic] also known as aka --

18 JUDGE THOMPSON: Superman.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Superman?

12:17:03 20 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

21 MR HARRISON: I think, for the record, it is Mingo.

22 THE WITNESS: Yes, Denis Mingo.

23 JUDGE THOMPSON: Proceed counsel.

24 MR HARRISON:

12:17:32 25 Q. Were any decisions taken at that meeting?

26 A. Yes. Decisions that were taken at that meeting was for
27 us to pull back straight to Makeni, so the decision was
28 accepted by all bodies, including the RUF and the AFRC.

29 Q. At this point in time, how were the RUF personnel

- 1 dressed?
- 2 A. They were dressed -- some put on military trousers and a
3 civilian top -- shirt; some put on uniforms in full, but
4 have slippers on their feet.
- 12:19:15 5 Q. Was anyone in command at Masiaka?
- 6 A. In Masiaka the only high command that was there was
7 SAJ Musa for the SLA, and the RUF side you have Issa
8 Sesay.
- 9 Q. Where was Bockarie at this time?
- 12:20:09 10 A. Sam Bockarie at this time was at Kenema trying to proceed
11 to Kailahun.
- 12 Q. Why was he trying to go to Kailahun?
- 13 A. Well, much is not known to me about that.
- 14 Q. Where did you go from Masiaka?
- 12:20:58 15 A. From Masiaka we went to Makeni.
- 16 Q. Did you go alone?
- 17 A. No. We went in full force just as how we left Freetown
18 on the pull-outs, mixed with RUF and SLA fighters, and
19 families that joined us.
- 12:21:27 20 Q. And how long were you at Makeni for?
- 21 A. In Makeni, I was there for just three days.
- 22 Q. When you got to Makeni, where was JPK?
- 23 A. JPK -- on my arrival at Makeni, JPK had already left for
24 his village, Mabonkani.
- 12:22:17 25 Q. Do you know where that village is in relation to Makeni?
- 26 A. The village is just --
- 27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let's have the name of the village again.
- 28 THE WITNESS: Mabonkani.
- 29 MR HARRISON:

- 1 Q. And are you able to say where that village is in relation
2 to Makeni?
- 3 A. Mabonkani is just between Makeni and Kamabai, off the
4 main highway.
- 12:23:23 5 Q. At this time do you know if there was any communication
6 between JPK and the RUF?
- 7 A. Not at all.
- 8 Q. When you pulled out from Freetown, was there any looting?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 12:23:46 10 Q. Was it referred to under a name?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Was an order given for looting?
- 13 A. An order was not given at that time, because everybody
14 was trying to pull out of Freetown for safety.
- 12:24:31 15 Q. What was the looting for?
- 16 A. On our withdrawal from Freetown most fighters loot
17 vehicles for quick transportation to Tumbu.
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let's get things clear. We see him then in
19 Makeni, he mentions looting. He said at the time they
12:25:20 20 were leaving there was no looting apparently, because
21 they were all sort of saving their lives and escaping
22 from Freetown. Now he's back to Freetown; is that
23 correct?
- 24 MR HARRISON: I think that's accurate. I can go through that
12:25:39 25 again, if you wish.
- 26 PRESIDING JUDGE: He says the transition was rather sudden --
27 from Makeni to Freetown and looting and so on. Can the
28 witness be led to show a chain of sequence -- some
29 sequence in this?

1 MR HARRISON:
2 Q. Let me start with your recollection of your departure
3 from Freetown. Was there looting then?
4 A. Yes.
12:26:12 5 Q. Describe it.
6 A. There were looting taking place for vehicles --
7 PRESIDING JUDGE: When they were leaving Freetown?
8 THE WITNESS: When they were leaving Freetown for quick
9 transportation to Tombu and, also, shops along the Spur
12:26:45 10 Road, Lumley, Juba, and the 7 Battalion were all looted
11 because of food.
12 MR HARRISON:
13 Q. Did the looting continue as you moved east?
14 A. The looting continued when we moved north to Makeni.
12:27:38 15 Q. Can you advise the Court of the month that you were in
16 Makeni?
17 A. I could not remember the month.
18 MR JORDASH: Could I just ask my learned friend to clarify the
19 witness's last answer concerning when the looting
12:28:33 20 continued? My note says that the looting continued "when
21 we went north to Makeni". Does that mean it stopped
22 before Makeni, or does that mean it continued up until
23 Makeni?
24 JUDGE THOMPSON: Let us ask counsel to --
12:28:49 25 MR HARRISON: I'm happy to pursue that.
26 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, do, please.
27 MR HARRISON:
28 Q. Can you indicate to the Court if there was looting at
29 Makeni?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. What types of things were looted at Makeni?
- 3 A. All business shops were broken open, looted; all fuel
4 stations were looted for fuels; and the Catholic school
12:29:30 5 in Makeni, St Joseph, was also looted for vehicles.
6 Those I can remember the lootings I saw in Makeni.
- 7 Q. Who was doing the looting?
- 8 A. The looting was done by other ranks -- soldiers.
- 9 Q. Were any meetings held at Makeni?
- 12:30:39 10 A. Yes, a very brief one.
- 11 MR JORDASH: Sorry, what I'm seeking clarification of, with
12 Your Honours' leave, is whether the looting continued
13 from Masiaka all the way to Makeni, or whether there was
14 a break in the looting, according to this witness.
- 12:31:00 15 MR HARRISON: I'll try to cover that point now.
- 16 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes.
- 17 MR HARRISON:
- 18 Q. Can you tell the Court if the looting continued eastward
19 of Makeni?
- 12:31:11 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Were there meetings at Makeni?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Can you tell the Court who attended those meetings?
- 24 A. Yes. The meeting was chaired by SAJ Musa --
- 12:31:49 25 MR JORDASH: I'm sorry to leap to my feet again. Masiaka is
26 to the west of Makeni, so the question that remains
27 unanswered is whether there was looting between Masiaka
28 and Makeni.
- 29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Do you mean along the route?

1 MR JORDASH: Indeed, Your Honour.
2 PRESIDING JUDGE: The towns they went through.
3 MR JORDASH: Indeed.
4 MR HARRISON: I've got my friend's point, now. I apologise
12:32:16 5 for the confusion I've caused.
6 Q. Was there looting between Masiaka and Makeni?
7 A. Yes.
8 Q. What was looted?
9 A. Looting happened in Lunsar. They went to the hospital.
12:32:42 10 Denis Mingo, alias Superman, looted the Catholic
11 hospital, he shut off medicines, and another
12 Revolutionary United Front commander by the name of Mike
13 Lamin looted the missionaries' vehicle.
14 PRESIDING JUDGE: In what town was this again -- in what town
12:33:21 15 was this again?
16 THE WITNESS: Lunsar -- Lunsar Clinic Hospital.
17 JUDGE THOMPSON: You say Mike Lamin looted the hospital? Was
18 it Mike Lamin who --
19 THE WITNESS: Denis Mingo alias Superman looted the hospital
12:33:46 20 and Mike Lamin looted the vehicles of the missionaries at
21 Lunsar.
22 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes. Continue, counsel.
23 MR HARRISON:
24 Q. We're at Makeni now, I think. Were there meetings at
12:34:16 25 Makeni?
26 A. Yes, one brief meeting was held at Makeni.
27 Q. Who attended the meeting?
28 A. It was chaired by SAJ Musa; Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara was
29 there; Santigie Kanu alias Fifty-Five was there; Morris

- 1 Kallon was there; Denis Mingo alias Superman was there;
2 Rambo of the RUF, the Revolutionary United Front, was
3 there; and Rambo of the Sierra Leone Army was there, and
4 other commanders I could not recall.
- 12:35:23 5 Q. Who was in charge of the RUF at that meeting?
6 A. At that meeting the RUF high command was Denis Mingo aka
7 Superman.
8 Q. Were any decisions taken at that meeting?
9 A. Yes.
- 12:35:56 10 Q. Tell the Court what they were.
11 A. The decisions taken at that meeting was for the troops to
12 move to Kafala which would be the safest place, which
13 they did.
14 Q. Did you go to Kafala?
12:36:34 15 A. Yes.
16 Q. Did JPK go to Kafala?
17 A. No, JPK stayed at his village Mabonkani.
18 Q. How long did it take you to get to Kafala?
19 A. It was just a day.
- 12:37:08 20 Q. Can you assist the Court in saying when it was you
21 arrived in terms of months or days or years?
22 A. We arrived at Kafala very early in the month of March,
23 but I cannot tell the date.
24 PRESIDING JUDGE: March of what year, please.
- 12:37:48 25 THE WITNESS: 1998.
26 MR HARRISON:
27 Q. Were there meetings at Kafala?
28 A. Yes.
29 Q. Who was present for those meetings?

1 A. SAJ Musa chaired the meeting; Ibrahim Bazy Kamara was in
2 the meeting; Alex Tamba Brima was in the meeting; Samuel
3 Kargbo was in the meeting; Momoh Dotti was in the
4 meeting; Morris Kallon was in the meeting; Mike Lamin was
12:38:43 5 in the meeting; Eldred Collins was in the meeting; and
6 Issa Sesay was in the meeting. Those I can remember.

7 Q. Do you know where Bockarie was at this time?

8 A. At this time Sam Bockarie I heard he had already reached
9 Kailahun from Kenema.

12:39:19 10 Q. Why was he in Kailahun?

11 A. Well, to my own belief, I believe that's the RUF
12 stronghold, so that was why he went to Kailahun.

13 Q. Were any decisions taken at the meeting at Kabala?

14 A. Yes.

12:40:16 15 Q. What were the decisions?

16 A. In the meeting there was a tussle between SAJ Musa and
17 Denis Mingo aka Superman that the troops should move to
18 Kono as one, but SAJ Musa refused that order, that he's a
19 soldier and he will never [inaudible] himself under the
12:40:50 20 Revolutionary United Front. So he's going further to the
21 north to Kurubonla to open his own jungle.

22 Q. Perhaps you could just repeat the name of where SAJ Musa
23 was going.

24 A. SAJ Musa went north of Kabala in a town called Kurubonla.

12:41:15 25 Q. At this point in time, did JPK give any instructions to
26 ex SLAs?

27 A. No.

28 Q. After the meeting at Kabala, what happened?

29 A. After the meeting at Kabala, we divided ourselves -- some

- 1 troops went with SAJ Musa to Kurubonla, whilst the other
2 troops, commanded by Denis Mingo alias Superman, Bazzy
3 being -- he's 2IC, we proceeded to Kono to attack the
4 Kamajors at Kono so that we can get control of Kono.
- 12:42:36 5 Q. Why did you want control of Kono?
- 6 A. Because we wanted to have a freeway to take Major Johnny
7 Paul Koroma to Kailahun.
- 8 MR HARRISON: If there is any difficulty in understanding the
9 word, I think the word "freeway" was used. I can ask the
12:43:28 10 witness.
- 11 Q. Did you use the witness "freeway"?
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE: He did. JPK - Johnny Paul Koroma to
13 Kailahun.
- 14 MR HARRISON:
- 12:43:48 15 Q. Do you know who the senior commander was for the attack
16 on Kono?
- 17 A. It was Denis Mingo alias Superman.
- 18 Q. Did he have a deputy?
- 19 A. Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara was his deputy.
- 12:44:25 20 Q. Is it at this time that SAJ Musa goes to Krubola?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Did combatants go with him?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Do you know how many?
- 12:45:07 25 A. I cannot give a specific number, but they were more than
26 823.
- 27 Q. Did any senior commanders go with SAJ Musa?
- 28 A. Yes.
- 29 Q. Please tell the Court their names, if you know them?

- 1 A. One Brigadier Mani went with SAJ Musa. He was the only
2 commander I knew that went with him.
- 3 Q. On the attack on Kono, was a particular area the target
4 of the attack?
- 12:46:20 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. What was the target?
- 7 A. The target was at Giehun junction.
- 8 Q. Are you able to spell that?
- 9 A. No.
- 12:46:36 10 Q. Can you advise what town that junction is near?
- 11 A. It is near Motema.
- 12 Q. And why was that target selected?
- 13 A. Well, we met a heavy force of Kamajor at [inaudible].
- 14 Q. Was there a reason why that particular location was the
12:47:30 15 target?
- 16 A. No, I can't say.
- 17 Q. Can you advise the Court when this attack took place?
- 18 A. The attack took place at night, but I cannot say the date
19 or the dates, but I know it is in 1998.
- 12:48:01 20 Q. Were there other attacks in that area?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. What was the result of the attack?
- 23 A. It was successful for the troops against the Kamajors.
- 24 Q. As a result of the attack, did you remain in that area?
- 12:48:46 25 A. Yes.
- 26 Q. Where did the majority of the troops remain?
- 27 A. The majority of the troops remained in Koidu Town.
- 28 Q. Why did they go to Koidu Town?
- 29 A. Because Koidu Town was the centre of Kono District.

- 1 Q. Was diamond mining taking place at this time?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Following the attack and occupation of Koidu, what did
4 JPK do?
- 12:50:00 5 A. After we captured Kono from the Kamajors, a team was sent
6 to Mabonkani, JPK's village, to collect him to Koidu Town
7 and on his arrival at Koidu Town, he slept there for
8 three nights and on the fourth night he was there he
9 rested and the second night there was a meeting.
- 12:50:41 10 Q. If possible, can you assist the Court in giving a month
11 when this meeting may have taken place?
- 12 A. The meeting took place late March.
- 13 Q. Of what year?
- 14 A. 1998.
- 12:51:02 15 Q. Who was present at the meeting?
- 16 A. Johnny Paul Koroma himself was present; Denis Mingo alias
17 Superman was present; Mike Lamin was present; Morris
18 Kallon was present; Rambo of the Revolutionary United
19 Front was present; Rambo of the Sierra Leone Army was
12:51:46 20 present; FAT Sesay was present, Leather Boots was
21 present; Akim was present, and other commanders
22 I couldn't remember the names.
- 23 Q. Can you recall now if Mr Sesay was present?
- 24 A. Pardon?
- 12:52:14 25 Q. Can you recall if Mr Sesay was present?
- 26 A. Yes, he was present -- Issa Sesay.
- 27 Q. Who chaired the meeting?
- 28 A. The meeting was chaired by Johnny Paul Koroma.
- 29 Q. Were any decisions taken at the meeting?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Tell the Court what they were.
- 3 A. The decisions taken were Johnny Paul Koroma told us all
4 the SLAs that we should be under the control of the RUF,
12:52:52 5 because they had been in the jungle before the SLA
6 joining them. Although it was hard to [inaudible] every
7 commander, but it was not satisfactory to the SLA
8 commanders. But we did join and work with them.
- 9 Q. Who was the commander at the conclusion of the meeting?
- 12:53:33 10 A. Pardon?
- 11 Q. Who was the commander at the conclusion of the meeting?
- 12 A. At the conclusion of the meeting Denis Mingo alias
13 Superman was appointed as the battlefield commander of
14 Kono.
- 12:53:51 15 Q. Did he have a deputy?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Who was that?
- 18 A. His deputy was Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.
- 19 Q. Was there a radio communication set at Koidu?
- 12:54:37 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Do you know where it was located?
- 22 A. It was located at the residence of Denis Mingo aka
23 Superman.
- 24 Q. Do you know who operated it?
- 12:54:55 25 A. No, but it was an RUF man that was operating it, but
26 I could not see his name.
- 27 Q. At this time, do you know if there was radio
28 communication with Sam Bockarie?
- 29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Do you know what the subject of the radio communication
2 was?
3 A. Yes.
4 Q. Would you please tell the Court.
12:55:57 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Learned counsel, I just wanted to draw your
6 attention to the fact that it will soon be 1.00. We're
7 just about 7 minutes off 1.00 o'clock, so you may just be
8 wrapping up your questions to conclude the chapter before
9 we move to the next in the afternoon. You may proceed,
12:56:18 10 please.
11 MR HARRISON: Thank you.
12 Q. Do you know the subject of the radio communications?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. Can you tell the Court what they were?
12:56:31 15 A. A radio message was sent to Colonel Mosquito -- Sam
16 Bockarie alias Mosquito that Johnny Paul is proceeding to
17 his HQ, which was called Globe at Kailahun and the
18 message reached him and he replied that Denis Mingo
19 should make sure that he escorts Major Johnny Paul Koroma
12:57:13 20 to Kailahun safely. That, I heard when I was at the
21 radio room.
22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who gave those instructions -- Bockarie?
23 THE WITNESS: Yes.
24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Bockarie gave the instructions?
12:57:29 25 THE WITNESS: Yes, that Johnny Paul should go to Kailahun.
26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Should be escorted to Kailahun?
27 THE WITNESS: Escorted to Kailahun.
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: And you gave a code number of his
29 headquarters. What name did you call his headquarters --

1 Sam Bockarie's alias Mosquito's headquarters?
2 THE WITNESS: It is called Globe.
3 MR HARRISON: I think it should be Globe.
4 THE WITNESS: Globe, G-L-O-B-E.
12:58:47 5 MR HARRISON:
6 Q. You told us about one meeting at Koidu. Were there
7 subsequent meetings?
8 A. Well, for that time, that was the only meeting held first
9 before Johnny Paul was escorted to Kailahun.
12:59:07 10 Q. And after the escort?
11 A. After the escort on the arrival of Superman, Denis Mingo
12 came back to Kono and --
13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let's get things right. It was Mingo who
14 escorted --
12:59:24 15 THE WITNESS: Johnny Paul Koroma to Kailahun.
16 PRESIDING JUDGE: To the Globe?
17 THE WITNESS: Yes.
18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Sorry, counsel, you may proceed, please.
19 MR HARRISON:
12:59:56 20 Q. I think we were at the point when Superman returned to
21 Koidu. The question is: were there subsequent meetings?
22 A. Yes, on his return to Koidu, another meeting was called
23 by Denis Mingo for us to put together the fighting force
24 for us to defend Kono.
13:00:30 25 Q. Who chaired that meeting?
26 A. Denis Mingo alias Superman.
27 Q. Can you tell the Court who attended the meeting?
28 A. The meeting was attended by Abraham Bazy Kamara; Morris
29 Kallon; RUF Rambo; Kallay -- Foday Kallay, sorry -- Foday

1 Kallay; Ibrahim Papa Bangura alias Bomb Blast, Biobo,
2 Abdul Sesay, CO Isaac, Savage, Bendu -- those I can
3 remember.

4 Q. Was Issa Sesay at this meeting?

13:02:11 5 A. No.

6 Q. Do you know where he was?

7 A. He was at Kailahun.

8 MR HARRISON: I'm going to remain at this meeting and this
9 will be the time for the next exhibit, so I think this is
13:02:32 10 an appropriate time to take the break if the Court is
11 agreeable.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: All right. I think we'll take the lunch
13 break and resume the session at 2.30. The Court will
14 rise, please.

13:03:56 15 [Luncheon recess taken at 1.00 p.m.]
16 [On resuming at 2.48 p.m.]
17 [HS141004D]
18 [The accused entered court]
19 [The witness entered court]

14:44:42 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, we're resuming the session.
21 Mr Harrison, you may proceed.

22 MR HARRISON: Thank you. Just to inform the Court, a copy of
23 Exhibit 8 has been attached to the wall directly behind
24 the witness and it may be of some guidance to Defence
14:45:04 25 counsel and the Court if, on occasion, the witness is
26 asked to point to the area that he's referring to.

27 Q. Before the lunch break, Witness, we were talking about a
28 meeting in Koidu that took place after Johnny Paul Koroma
29 had left; do you recall that?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And my understanding of your evidence was that, in fact,
3 there was a meeting after Johnny Paul Koroma left; is
4 that right?

14:45:39 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Please tell the Court what took place at that meeting?

7 A. First of all, it was a command structure meeting, and
8 permissions were also given at that meeting and other
9 specific orders were given to take care of the defensive
14:46:16 10 of Kono from the ECOMOG entering into Koidu Town.

11 Q. And can you tell the Court about the command structure.
12 How was it set up?

13 A. The command structure in Kono was set up -- the Field
14 Commander 1 was Denis Mingo, alias Superman.

14:47:08 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Wait, wait Fielder Commander 1.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Was Denis Mingo.

18 THE WITNESS: Yes, and the Field Commander 2 was Ibrahim Bazzy
19 Kamara. And they also have the operations commander, who
14:48:06 20 was Hassan Papa Bangura, aka Bomb Blast.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Aka?

22 THE WITNESS: Bomb Blast.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Bomb Blast.

24 MR HARRISON:

14:48:37 25 Q. Witness, you have, with the assistance of personnel from
26 the Prosecution's office, prepared a Kono command
27 structure chart.

28 A. Yes.

29 MR HARRISON: I would ask that if that document could be put

1 before the witness.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: It is called structure, not chart, command
3 structure.

4 MR HARRISON:

14:49:32 5 Q. Witness, if you look at that chart, you'll see there is a
6 time frame of March to May 1998. Is that the time frame
7 where this command structure was in place?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. All of the information in this chart was provided by you
14:50:01 10 to the Prosecution staff in the preparation of this
11 document?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You've already told us that Denis Mingo was a field
14 commander.

14:50:17 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. If we look at the chart on the right, there's a box with
17 a number of individuals in there. Can you explain to the
18 Court who those people were.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, we would prefer that this document
14:50:34 20 goes in evidence before we start going into the details.
21 Would you, at this stage, want to tender, learned
22 counsel?

23 MR HARRISON: I can do that right now.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please, you better do before we go into
14:50:43 25 the details.

26 JUDGE THOMPSON: Learned counsel?

27 MR JORDASH: I've got no objection to that course of action.

28 JUDGE THOMPSON: All right. Learned counsel for the second
29 accused?

1 MR NICOL-WILSON: No objection, Your Honour.
2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Learned counsel for the third?
3 MR CAMMEGH: Nor me, thank you.
4 JUDGE THOMPSON: All right, the document on command structure
14:51:08 5 will be received in evidence and marked Exhibit 9, is it?
6 MR WALKER: Yes, Your Honour.
7 JUDGE THOMPSON: Exhibit 9
8 [Exhibit No. 9 was admitted]
9 MR HARRISON:
14:51:35 10 Q. In the top right corner of that chart, there's a box with
11 a number of individuals in it. Could you please explain
12 to the Court who those people were and what function they
13 fulfilled?
14 A. Yes. We have Brigadier General Morris Kallon of the RUF.
14:51:55 15 He was responsible for creating obstacle to the movement
16 of ECOMOG troops along the Makeni to Kono highway.
17 Colonel CO Isaac of RUF, he is the support commander
18 responsible for heavy artillery; Colonel Komba Gbundema
19 of RUF; Major Kailondo of RUF. They were all standby RUF
14:52:33 20 fighters.
21 Q. What do you mean by the term "standby fighters"?
22 A. Well, we call them standby fighters, because they are on
23 the waiting in case anything or injury or sickness is --
24 has occurred to any other commander, they would take his
14:52:59 25 place.
26 Q. Directly below the box of Denis Mingo, you'll see the one
27 with the name of Brima?
28 A. Yes.
29 Q. Can you explain the function of the field commander 2?

- 1 A. Alex Tamba Brima, alias Gullit, was the field commander 2.
2 In Gullit's absence Ibrahim Bazy Kamara takes over the
3 place of Gullit, and he was also a G4 logistics
4 commander.
- 14:53:49 5 Q. What does a field commander 2 do?
6 A. The field commander 2 is in charge of coordinating the
7 operations between the troops and the field commander 1.
8 Q. On the left side of the chart you'll see a box with the
9 first name of Brigadier Abdul Sesay. Could you please
14:54:30 10 explain who those individuals are in that box and what
11 function they fulfilled?
12 A. You have Brigadier Abdul Sesay, Brigadier Woyoh,
13 Brigadier Momoh, alias Gutsy [phonetic], all these are
14 standby SLA officers. Standby, I mean, they are there in
14:55:00 15 case of any casualty on senior officers or sickness.
16 They will take care of command responsibility.
17 Q. Just below that box and slightly to the right of it
18 there's a box with the name "Rambo" in it, and just
19 beside that box to the right of it is another box with
14:55:26 20 the name "Bangura" in it which you've already described.
21 Can you please tell the Court about those two boxes and
22 the functions those individuals served.
23 A. Rambo of the RUF was the operations commander, and also
24 Brigadier Hassan Papa Bangura, alias Bomb Blast, who is
14:55:59 25 an SLA, was also operations commander. These two would
26 jointly in planning of operations for the battalions.
27 Q. And below the name of "Rambo" there's another box with
28 "Captain Junior Marvin". Could you please explain to the
29 Court who that person was and what role they fulfilled?

- 1 A. Captain Junior Marvin was an SLA soldier and he is the
2 operation commander 2. When the two joint operation
3 commander meet, RUF Rambo and Brigadier Hassan Papa
4 Bangura, alias Bomb Blast, they come together and
14:56:59 5 whatever decision is taken, it would be pass on to
6 Captain Junior Marvin, who is the operation commander 2,
7 and he will implement it to the battalions.
- 8 Q. When you refer to the battalions, is that the line or the
9 group of boxes just below Captain Junior Marvin?
- 14:57:21 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Can you explain to the Court the individuals named, who
12 they are, and the roles they played?
- 13 A. Yes. Lieutenant Salifu Mansaray, alias Tito was an
14 SLA -- was a battalion commander 1 of Mamudu village.
- 14:58:01 15 Lieutenant Savage is also an SLA commander battalion 2 at
16 Tombodu village. Lieutenant Arthur, who is an RUF,
17 commander battalion 3 Sokobeh village. Lieutenant Busuwa
18 [phonetic] of the RUF commander battalion 4 road to
19 Bunumbu.
- 14:58:50 20 Q. These locations of Mamudu, Tombodu, Sokobeh and the road
21 to Bunumbu, where are they?
- 22 A. They are all on the outskirts of Koidu Town.
- 23 Q. And according to this chart, under each of these
24 battalion commanders, there was a deputy; is that right?
- 14:59:15 25 A. Yes.
- 26 Q. Can you advise the Court of who those deputies were and
27 what their function was?
- 28 A. Yes. The deputy -- the deputy for Battalion 1, the
29 deputy commander's name is unknown to me. Battalion 2,

- 1 the deputy is Staff Sergeant Alhaji, who was an SLA.
2 Deputy 3 is Staff Sergeant Edward Williams, who was an
3 SLA. Deputy 4 Staff Sergeant Saidu Kambulai, aka Baski,
4 who was an SLA.
- 15:00:21 5 Q. I'm going to take you back to the right side of the
6 chart. You'll see a box with the name Colonel FAT Sesay
7 in it; do you see that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Could you tell the Court who that person was and what
15:00:35 10 function he served?
- 11 A. Colonel FAT Sesay is an SLA and he was the commander G1
12 operations and administration.
- 13 Q. And the person directly below, what function -- who was
14 that person and what function did he serve?
- 15:01:08 15 A. Santigie Kanu, alias Five-Five, he too is an SLA. He was
16 the commander G5, civilians and abductees.
- 17 Q. And the person in the box to the right of that, can you
18 indicate who that person was and the function he served?
- 19 A. Brigadier General Bio, he is an SLA. He was the
15:01:41 20 commander of the medical hospital.
- 21 Q. And there is another box just below Brigadier General
22 Bio. Who was that person and what function did he serve?
- 23 A. Lieutenant George, he was an SLA commander 2 to the
24 medical.
- 15:02:11 25 Q. Now, this command structure came into effect at the
26 conclusion of this second meeting in Koidu that you've
27 discussed?
- 28 A. Yes.
- 29 Q. Were any promotions given at this meeting?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Were those promotions confirmed or approved by anyone?

3 A. The promotions were confirmed by the field commander who
4 was Denis Mingo, alias Superman.

15:02:58 5 Q. Who did Superman report to?

6 A. Superman reports directly to Sam Bockarie, alias
7 Mosquito.

8 Q. And who did Bockarie report to?

9 MR JORDASH: Well, Your Honours, I've -- excuse me. I've let
15:03:31 10 various questions go past, but I think it is getting
11 beyond a -- it is getting serious. My learned friend
12 should ask the question: "Did Sam Bockarie report to
13 anybody", not "who did he report to?" The same goes for
14 Denis Mingo. They are leading questions on issues of
15:03:53 15 great importance, command structure, the very basis on
16 which the Prosecution accuse Mr Sesay of various crimes.
17 That's my objection.

18 MR HARRISON: I'm prepared to accept that criticism.

19 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, thank you.

15:04:14 20 MR HARRISON:

21 Q. Did Mingo report to anyone?

22 A. Denis Mingo reports to the -- Denis Mingo reports to
23 Mosquito.

24 Q. And did Mosquito report to anyone?

15:04:52 25 A. I cannot say.

26 Q. Do you know the radio call signals of various commanders?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Which commanders do you know the radio call signals of?

29 A. One, Denis Mingo, alias Superman, his call sign was -- at

1 first he used the call sign Equaliser and later then
2 changed it to Time Bomb. Two, Brigadier Morris Kallon,
3 call sign he used was Exterminator. Issa Sesay his call
4 sign he used was Vulture.

15:06:25 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Vulture.
6 THE WITNESS: Vulture. Ibrahim Bazy Kamara used the call
7 sign of Dark Angel. Alex Tamba Brima used the call sign
8 of Godfather. Hassan Papa Bangura used the call sign as
9 Bomb Blast. Santigie Kanu, alias Five-Five, used the
15:07:57 10 call sign as Chuku [phonetic].
11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Chu what?
12 THE WITNESS: Chuku.
13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Chuku.
14 THE WITNESS: Yes. Foday Bah Marah used the call sign as
15:08:41 15 Bulldoze. I could remember these call signs only.
16 PRESIDING JUDGE: The last call sign?
17 THE WITNESS: Foday Bah Marah, call sign Bulldoze.
18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Bulldoze?
19 THE WITNESS: Bulldoze.

15:09:19 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Oh, Bulldozer. I thought he was saying full
21 dose. I say a full dose of what was he taking? Not
22 Bulldozer, just Bulldoze?
23 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
24 JUDGE THOMPSON: Proceed, counsel.

15:09:43 25 MR HARRISON:
26 Q. At this point in time, which is at the time of the second
27 meeting or shortly thereafter, do you know if there were
28 radio communications between Superman and other
29 commanders?

1 A. The only radio communication I knew of between Superman
2 and Mosquito was the radio communication that was sent to
3 Superman that Kono should be defended, whilst Superman
4 should send some men to collect arms and ammunition at
15:10:39 5 Kailahun.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: So the radio communication was between
7 Superman and Mosquito?

8 THE WITNESS: Sam Bockarie, yes, Mosquito.

9 Q. Do you know when this communication took place?

15:11:27 10 A. No.

11 Q. Do you know what arms were referred to?

12 A. They were -- the team was going to collect more
13 particularly 7.62 millimetre rounds, some boxes of
14 grenade and some boxes of rocket-propelled grenade bomb,
15:12:09 15 the RPG bomb. These three I could remember that was
16 sent.

17 Q. Were there any other meetings at Koidu?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Do you know if civilians were recruited at Kono in this
15:12:42 20 time period?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Do you know if there was forced recruitment at this time
23 period?

24 A. No.

15:12:53 25 Q. Do you know if there was looting at Koidu in this time
26 period?

27 A. No.

28 Q. Do you know if diamond mining was taking place in Koidu
29 in this time period?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Was there any military operations conducted at Kono?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Tell the Court about that -- or those military
15:13:55 5 operations.

6 A. The first military operation that was held in Kono was an
7 ambush on the Nigerian troops leading to Sewafe from
8 Makeni.

9 MR CAMMEGH: I'm sorry, could we have the spelling of that
15:14:25 10 last location, please.

11 THE WITNESS: Sewafe.

12 MR HARRISON: I think on the map you'll see it as S -- oh,
13 sorry.

14 JUDGE BOUTET: Can you point on the map just next to you?

15:14:49 15 MR CAMMEGH: Your Honour, I think it is S-E-W-A-F-E, if I've
16 got the right place.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, exactly, S-E-W-A-F-E.

18 MR HARRISON:

19 Q. Who led that operation?

15:15:16 20 A. The operation was led by Lieutenant Savage, Battalion
21 Commander 2, who was stationed at Tombodu.

22 Q. What was the purpose of that operation?

23 A. The purpose of the operation is an ambush on the ECOMOG
24 troops trying to come to Koidu Town, so that we can get
15:15:45 25 arms and ammunition, including uniforms.

26 Q. Do you know what happened during that operation?

27 A. During the operation I did not go on the operation, but
28 on the arrival back to Koidu Town, the operation
29 commander came with lots of arms and ammunition, military

1 uniforms, lots of magazines and food to Koidu Town. So I
2 believe the operation went on successfully.

3 Q. How long were you in Kono?
4 A. We were in Kono for a month and a half.

15:17:31 5 Q. And when you left Kono, where did you go?
6 A. We went to a village called Mansofinia.
7 Q. Why did you leave Kono?
8 A. We left Kono because we couldn't gain control over Kono
9 when the ECOMOG forces penetrated into Kono.

15:18:24 10 Q. During the time that you were in Kono, did you see
11 diamond mining taking place?
12 A. No.

13 Q. Were you present when mining matters were discussed by
14 commanders?
15:19:00 15 A. No.

16 Q. On that map can you, perhaps, indicate where Mansofinia
17 is, on the map behind you,
18 A. Yes, yes. Yes, I could.

19 Q. Perhaps you can just indicate to the Court, is there
15:19:44 20 another community that it is near?
21 A. Pardon?
22 Q. Is there a larger community nearby to Mansofinia?
23 A. Yes, you have Krubola close to Mansofinia and you have
24 Kondea close to Mansofinia.

15:20:11 25 Q. When you went to Mansofinia, who did you go with?
26 A. I went to Mansofinia with Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara, Alex
27 Tamba Brima, Brigadier Five-Five, Brigadier Woyoh,
28 Brigadier Abdul Sesay. Those were the High Commands that
29 I went with to Mansofinia from Kono.

- 1 Q. Did everyone from Kono go to Mansofinia?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Who did not go?
- 4 A. Most of the RUF fighters did not go with us to
- 15:21:14 5 Mansofinia. The majority that went to Mansofinia were
- 6 SLA soldiers and just a few RUF boys, about 20 of them.
- 7 Q. Why was Mansofinia selected as the place to go to?
- 8 A. Because we wanted to reach SAJ Musa and join him at his
- 9 own camp in Krubola.
- 15:21:56 10 Q. And did you do that?
- 11 A. On our arrival at Mansofinia, High Commanders went to
- 12 Krubola, 9 miles from Mansofinia, to meet SAJ Musa and
- 13 when they reach SAJ Musa, SAJ Musa told the commanders
- 14 that the troops should stop at Mansofinia and wait there
- 15:22:44 15 for further instructions.
- 16 Q. Did those instructions ever come?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Tell the Court what they were.
- 19 A. There was a meeting held at Krubola when SAJ Musa had to
- 15:23:04 20 tell the High Command of the Mansofinia fighting team who
- 21 was Alex Tamba Brima, alias Gullit, that we should
- 22 restructure the fighters, put them into battalions and we
- 23 should start moving into the jungle, going towards
- 24 Bombali. And when we reach Bombali, we must find a
- 15:23:32 25 suitable place to open a camp.
- 26 Q. Do you know where Mingo went?
- 27 A. Mingo went -- Mingo was at the outcast of Koidu, whilst
- 28 ECOMOG had captured central Koidu Town.
- 29 Q. Do you know if there's a name for the location of where

- 1 Mingo was?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. When was it you arrived at Mansofinia?
- 4 A. Pardon?
- 15:24:21 5 Q. When it was that you arrived at Mansofinia?
- 6 A. I couldn't remember the date, but it was in the month
7 of -- early May 1998.
- 8 Q. Were any civilians abducted on the way to Mansofinia?
- 9 A. I did not see civilians abducted, because I had -- we had
15:25:06 10 a vehicle that we used to pass through the main road,
11 whilst the other troops passed on the bypass footpath.
12 But on my route I passed through, I did not see any
13 civilian abducted.
- 14 Q. Was there any looting on the way to Mansofinia?
- 15:25:35 15 A. No, I did not see any.
- 16 Q. I'm going to ask you, witness, if, with a blue
17 highlighter pen, if you could mark the route, on the map
18 that is attached to the wall, as far as Mansofinia for
19 us, please. I would just ask if you could remember to
15:26:07 20 remain seated or crouch down when you do so?
- 21 A. Say again, please, the question.
- 22 Q. If you could indicate with a blue highlighter pen, the
23 route you took from Koidu to Mansofinia?
- 24 A. Yes [marks].
- 15:27:44 25 Q. Thank you. When you left Koidu, who was the commander at
26 Tombodu?
- 27 A. It was Savage.
- 28 Q. And at that time what were his rank and his position?
- 29 A. He was lieutenant and he was a battalion commander,

1 Battalion 2 that was deployed at Tombodu.

2 Q. Do you know when he -- or the period of his command at
3 Tombodu?

4 A. Yes.

15:28:17 5 Q. Can you tell the Court what it was?

6 A. Say again.

7 Q. When did Savage become the commander at Tombodu?

8 A. Savage become the battalion commander at Tombodu, because
9 he was appointed to go there by the field commander, who
15:28:41 10 was Denis Mingo, alias Superman.

11 Q. When was he appointed?

12 A. He was appointed during the second meeting, which was the
13 command structure meeting in Koidu Town.

14 Q. And how long did he remain the commander there?

15:29:00 15 A. He remain there as commander until we pulled out from
16 Koidu. He was there as commander and he stayed there and
17 operate with the RUF.

18 Q. During this time period, who did Savage report to?

19 A. He reports directly to Denis Mingo.

15:29:24 20 Q. Did you go to Tombodu when you were at Koidu?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How often did you go?

23 A. I did go there two times a week.

24 Q. How were civilians treated at Tombodu?

15:29:49 25 A. Civilians at Tombodu were badly treated.

26 Q. Explain to the Court what you mean by that.

27 A. When the Commander Savage, who was at Tombodu, if at all
28 a civilian commits an offence -- I mean, an offence, when
29 a civilian is asked to carry an ammunition box or to

1 carry looted items, if the civilian does not do that, he
2 might be killed, or minimum punishment for that would be
3 flogging publicly.

4 Q. Did you see that happen?

15:30:48 5 A. Yes, on two occasions. We left Koidu Town in the evening
6 to drink palm wine at Tombodu. I witnessed on two
7 occasions Savage flogging civilians mercilessly. And the
8 second occasion was that he killed up to 200 civilians
9 when we were pulling out from Koidu.

15:31:45 10 Q. Tell court about this incident where you --

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: 200 civilians in Tombodu?

12 THE WITNESS: In Tombodu.

13 JUDGE BOUTET: It was 200 civilians in Tombodu when you were
14 pulling out of Koidu?

15:32:03 15 THE WITNESS: Yes.

16 MR HARRISON:

17 Q. Tell the Court about this incident of seeing the 200
18 civilians killed; where it was, when it happened?

19 A. At the time the ECOMOG troops took over Koidu, we pulled
15:32:22 20 out to Mansofinia and the route to Mansofinia we had to
21 pass through Tombodu. On our arrival at Tombodu, we saw
22 a lot of dead bodies in a pit at the right-hand side
23 entering Tombodu Town. And in this pit were lots of dead
24 bodies, some killed with machetes, some with gunshots,
15:33:03 25 some were flogged 'til they died, and they were all
26 packed inside the pit, which is now called the Savage
27 Pit. And when we passed through, I saw five dead bodies
28 in front of the Court Barri in Tombodu before we passed
29 Tombodu to continue to Mansofinia.

1 Q. Do you know why these people were killed?
2 A. Yes. When ECOMOG troops were advancing from Sewafe to
3 Koidu Town, Savage was one of the commanders fighting
4 back the ECOMOG troops from coming in Koidu Town, but
15:34:29 5 unfortunately for us, the ECOMOG troops forced their way
6 into Koidu Town whilst we all pulled out from Koidu Town.
7 On Savage way to his deployment at Tombodu, civilians
8 were jubilating, because when they saw Savage and his men
9 coming, they were all dressed in ECOMOG uniforms and they
15:35:00 10 all had ECOMOG badges on them. So the civilians thought
11 these people were ECOMOG, so they were jubilating and
12 when Savage reach their points from Koidu, all the
13 villages from Koidu up to Tombodu -- abducted all the
14 civilians that jubilated for ECOMOG and took them to
15:35:29 15 Tombodu and there they were killed and placed in the pit.

16 JUDGE BOUTET:

17 Q. Witness, I just want to make sure I hear what you're
18 saying, that when Savage was retreating back from Koidu
19 to Tombodu, he and his troops were dressed in ECOMOG's
15:36:14 20 combat?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. They had uniforms and flags and so on of ECOMOG?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And badges?

15:36:29 25 A. Yes.

26 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you.

27 MR HARRISON:

28 Q. You referred to another incident involving flogging. Can
29 you tell the Court about that?

1 A. Yes. As I earlier on said, at Tombodu their punishments
2 that Savage gives to civilians, the maximum punishment is
3 flogging if a civilian does not carry arms and
4 ammunition, or if a civilian is caught stealing, then he
15:37:13 5 will be punished by public flogging. And the amounts of
6 flogging that he should or she should receive is 200 cuts
7 and above.

8 Q. What types of things were civilians stealing?

9 A. Pardon?

15:37:51 10 Q. What types of things were civilians stealing?

11 A. Well, the common things for civilians to steal at that
12 time is food, because food -- they hadn't got the access
13 to get sufficient food for themselves.

14 Q. Do you know of any other acts of violence committed by
15:38:30 15 Savage or his men in Tombodu?

16 A. I believe those are the only acts I could talk of.

17 Q. When you referred to this incident of the 200 civilians,
18 which commanders were you with at the time?

19 A. I was with Alex Tamba Brima, Ibrahim Bazy Kamara,
15:39:26 20 Santigie Kanu, Abdul Sesay, Hassan Papa Bangura. Those
21 are the High Commands that I was with.

22 Q. And at that time, who were the commanders of Kono?

23 A. It was Denis Mingo, aka Superman.

24 Q. Did Savage go to Krubola?

15:40:07 25 A. Yes, later I had heard that he went to join Brigadier
26 Mani at Krubola.

27 Q. Do you know when that was?

28 A. No.

29 [HS121004E 4.45 p.m.]

- 1 Q. From Mansofinia, did you travel some other location?
- 2 A. From Mansofinia, we went to find a camp at the Bombali
3 District, which would end up getting Camp Rosos.
- 4 Q. And why did you do that?
- 15:41:03 5 A. We decided to go and get a camp at the Bombali District,
6 because we are authorised by SAJ Musa to go ahead Bombali
7 District and get a camp there.
- 8 Q. At that time what role did SAJ Musa have?
- 9 A. At that time he was the commander commanding all SLAs in
15:41:39 10 the northern jungle.
- 11 Q. Were there any meetings at Kurubonla?
- 12 A. There was only one meeting at Krubola. That is to
13 restructure the fighting force at Mansofinia before
14 moving to locate the Camp Rosos.
- 15:42:10 15 Q. And at that time who was the overall commander?
- 16 A. SAJ Musa was the overall commander at that time.
- 17 Q. And who was his deputy?
- 18 A. His deputy was Alex Tamba Brima.
- 19 Q. Were any missions carried out around Kurubonla?
- 15:42:38 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Upon leaving Mansofinia, what route did you take?
- 22 A. Upon leaving Mansofinia, we came back to a village called
23 Yarya, which is the village of Alex Tamba Brima. When we
24 reached that village, we left there late in the evening
15:43:09 25 and took to the jungles.
- 26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Learned counsel, I just have one observation
27 to make before you continue. And that is that I'm asking
28 myself the question as to maybe the relevance of some
29 aspects of this cross-examination, because Alex Tamba

1 Brima is not standing trial here, Bazy Kamara is not
2 standing trial here. True enough, you know, there is an
3 interrelationship; I know what you're doing, you know.
4 But I think if we can focus on the relevance of this
15:43:48 5 trial, we'll move, you know, faster. I know there is --
6 there is spill over, you know, from one to the other and
7 so on and so forth. But if we could focus on the main
8 issues that concern the trial and these accused persons
9 here, I think we would move faster. Without, of course,
15:44:13 10 some diversions which would clarify the situation the way
11 you are wanting -- you are doing it. That's the only
12 remark. You know, this said, you can proceed.

13 MR HARRISON: Thank you.

14 MR JORDASH: Sorry to jump up. I just wanted to say at this
15:44:29 15 stage, Your Honour, that for the Defence part we are
16 interested in the activities of such characters as Brima
17 and the like, as part of our case involves exploring what
18 they did.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: I have made the point, you know.

15:44:49 20 MR JORDASH: I just wanted to say -- [Overlapping speakers]

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, yes, I know that there is a connection,
22 you know, but we should not lose the focus on the main
23 issues. But perfectly he is entitled, you know, to bring
24 in issues that concern other accused persons provided,
15:45:06 25 you know, they are relevant to the trial which is
26 concerned. Yes, you can proceed, please.

27 MR HARRISON:

28 Q. I'm just going to ask the witness to continue on with the
29 route that you took. I think you've already said that it

1 was to Camp Rosos; is that right.

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. And you first went to Yarya, Gullit's home village?

4 A. Yes.

15:45:37 5 Q. And describe for the Court the route after that?

6 A. The route after that was in the jungle, we use footpaths.

7 And most of the villages along that side are not

8 conversant to me that well. But the only villages I

9 could remember after Yarya, is when we crossed to Makeni;

15:46:05 10 Kamabai Highway into Karina; and from Karina to Batkanu;

11 Batkanu to Rosos.

12 Q. During that trip were civilians abducted?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And what happened to those civilians?

15:46:30 15 A. Those civilians that were abducted -- before moving on

16 the jungle, the footpaths, all civilians whoever we lay

17 our hands on, should --

18 MR CAMMEGH: I apologise for interrupting. Your Honour, these

19 are places that, in the context of the case against Gbao,

15:47:00 20 I am not, I'm afraid, terribly familiar with. And I

21 wonder if that route could be repeated and spelt out, so

22 I can be made aware of where exactly we're talking about

23 on the way to Camp Rosos, thank you.

24 MR HARRISON: If it's any assistance, my intention was to have

15:47:19 25 the witness go through it orally and then actually trace

26 it on the map with the blue marker.

27 MR CAMMEGH: That would be sufficient, thank you. I didn't

28 realise you were going to do that.

29 MR HARRISON:

- 1 Q. Perhaps we could just continue on. You've taken us
2 through Yarya, Karina, Batkanu -- or Batkanu. Could you
3 please continue on and perhaps somewhat slowly in stating
4 the names of the places you passed through?
- 15:47:44 5 A. Initially I told you that most of the villages I cannot
6 recall by their names, but the villages that I knew and
7 conversant to me was when we crossed through to Makeni;
8 Binkolo Highway, went straight to Karina; and from
9 Karina, Matehun; from Matehun, Batkanu; Batkanu and
15:48:18 10 Rosos. Those are the names I could recall.
- 11 Q. Witness, if you'd be so kind would you try to trace that
12 route that you took, from Mansofinia to Camp Rosos, on
13 the map now with the blue highlighter?
- 14 A. Yes. [Marks]
- 15:51:12 15 Q. Thank you. We will pass the map round so the Defence
16 counsel can look at it at their leisure, but perhaps it
17 could just remain where it is for the time being. You
18 have indicated that there was abductions of civilians
19 during this trip; is that right?
- 15:51:28 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Can you say how many civilians were abducted?
- 22 A. Civilians abducted on the route to Camp Rosos were plenty
23 of them. I cannot give a specific number, but they were
24 thousands.
- 15:51:49 25 Q. And for what purpose were they abducted?
- 26 A. They were abducted, one, because in the jungle route they
27 -- civilians, strong men, are the ones we use to show us
28 the routes which will be safer for us not to encounter
29 ECOMOG troops or enemy persons. Two, they were abducted

1 for them to carry arms and ammunitions, looted
2 properties, and if even a commander is sick, he cannot
3 walk, he will carry the commander. That's all I could
4 say.

15:52:49 5 Q. Were children abducted?
6 A. Children were abducted, but occasionally.
7 Q. And were these children trained?
8 A. Yes.
9 Q. What were they trained for?

15:53:09 10 A. They are trained to be combatants.
11 Q. And do these combatants have a name?
12 A. All abductees underage that are trained to fight, they
13 are called the SBU, Small Boy Unit.
14 Q. During the trip to Camp Rosos, do you know how many of
15 these SBUs were abducted?
16 A. I only knew the number when we reached Camp Rosos, when
17 the training programme started.
18 Q. And what was the number?
19 A. The number -- the total number all of those that were
15:54:04 20 trained were 526.
21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Children?
22 THE WITNESS: No, mixed: Children, adults and women.
23 MR HARRISON:
24 Q. Of the 520, do you know how many of those were children?
15:54:37 25 A. I can't give a specific number, but the children were --
26 they were up to 30, between 30, 35 children, and we had
27 6 female, and the rest are all adults.
28 JUDGE BOUTET:
29 Q. In the group of 35 you had 6 female in that group, that's

1 what you mean?

2 A. No.

3 Q. It was 35 boys and 6 females?

4 A. Yes.

15:55:18 5 Q. Underage?

6 A. Underage.

7 JUDGE BOUTET: Okay.

8 MR HARRISON:

9 Q. What age range are you talking about when you refer to

15:55:32 10 these children?

11 A. They are between 8 to 14 years.

12 Q. One of the villages or towns you mentioned going through

13 was Karina; is that right?

14 A. Karina, yeah.

15:56:00 15 Q. What happened at that village?

16 A. Before reaching Karina, there was an order passed by the

17 commander of the troops, who was Alex Tamba Brima, to all

18 commanders that Karina is the home town of the president

19 of this country, Dr Alhaji Ahmed Tejan Kabbah, so Karina

15:56:37 20 must be burned down to the ground, and there should be

21 more amputations done there, and more killings done

22 there, and that no one should abduct anyone from Karina

23 to follow us to Camp Rosos.

24 Q. And what happened at Karina?

15:57:13 25 A. We reach Karina at night, at about 12 midnight. On

26 arrival at Karina there was gunshots by some OSD

27 personnels that were deployed there. And cause of that

28 gunshots, Bazy, who was the commander to Gullit, said

29 the gunshots was shot against us by OSD personnels that

1 are deployed in Karina. So a lot of --

2 MR CAMMEGH: Sorry, what personnels? Can I hear that again,
3 please?

4 THE WITNESS: OSD personnels. A lot of killing was done in
15:58:09 5 Karina. Burning of people in houses, burning of people
6 in mosques, killing all small children, killing ladies,
7 and the whole town was nearly burnt down before we passed
8 through Karina to Camp Rosos.

9 MR HARRISON:

15:59:07 10 Q. Can you estimate the number of people who were killed at
11 Karina?

12 A. I cannot estimate, but it was more than a hundred.

13 Q. Did anything happen to children at Karina?

14 A. Yes. There were children who were badly killed, children
15:59:45 15 were killed at the age of three years, even children at
16 the age of six months were killed. Had one soldier there
17 by the name of Cyborg, who will take these children up to
18 a high building, and from that high building he will hang
19 them outside and just drop them. So a lot of people --

16:00:21 20 JUDGE THOMPSON: What is -- can you repeat that, the name of
21 the?

22 THE WITNESS: Cyborg.

23 JUDGE THOMPSON: How do you spell that?

24 THE WITNESS: S-Y-G-B-O-R. That is his alias name. His real
16:00:39 25 name is Aldebaline. Aldebaline.

26 JUDGE THOMPSON: Spell for us.

27 THE WITNESS: A-L-D-E-B-A-L-I-N-E, Aldebaline.

28 JUDGE THOMPSON: Said he would do what?

29 THE WITNESS: He would take some numbers of children - like

1 10, 20 - go up three-storey building or two-storey
2 building, right up, and he will hang them like that and
3 leave them to fall down from the building to the ground.

4 Q. Were people burned in Karina?

16:01:53 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Tell the Court what happened.

7 A. Before entering Karina I was with some other fighters,
8 like Edward Williams, Ibrahim Bazy Kamara, and there was
9 a house that Edward Williams went into the house, met
16:02:33 10 some people in there -- I cannot say the number because I
11 did not go with him in the house; I was outside, standing
12 with Bazy. Went in the house, took the carpet on the
13 ground, wrapped it on the people he met in the house.
14 There was a Mercedes Benz parked outside, close to the
16:02:59 15 house. He took fuel from the Mercedes, sprinkled it
16 right round the house, and place it on blaze -- on fire,
17 with the people being wrapped inside the carpet. And
18 outside was Eddie Maf, Captain Blood - those I recollect
19 their names. There were others around, but I cannot
16:03:36 20 recollect their names. Standing outside holding their
21 rifles, that anybody runs out of the fire will be shot
22 inside the fire again. That I saw myself.

23 Q. How many houses were burned at Karina?

24 A. I cannot give a specify [sic] number, but I could see
16:04:12 25 half of Karina was burnt down.

26 Q. How many villages -- sorry, how many villages did you
27 attack on the way to Camp Rosos?

28 A. The villages were many that we passed through, and in
29 each village we passed through, once somebody is caught

1 there, he will be taken with us as an abductee.

2 Q. Was there any burning at those villages?

3 A. Some villages were burnt down, but some we passed through

4 without no burning.

16:05:05 5 Q. If a civilian resisted abduction, what happened?

6 A. He will be killed.

7 Q. Did that happen?

8 A. At that point it did not happen there, but at Camp Rosos,

9 whilst the training was going on for the abductees, two

16:05:37 10 tried to escape, and one made his way - he went away, and

11 the one that was captured was killed publicly before the

12 other trainee -- trainers.

13 Q. You mentioned that you went to Mateboi?

14 A. Mateboi, yes.

16:06:10 15 Q. What happened there?

16 A. At Mateboi -- when we were at Rosos, a team of fighters

17 were sent to Mateboi, because we had information at Rosos

18 that there are civilians at Mateboi. So Gullit sent a

19 team to Mateboi to invite all the civilians to come to

16:06:39 20 Camp Rosos to join us. But on the arrival of the first

21 team that went, they came back to the camp and they told

22 Gullit that the people said they are not going to join

23 anybody.

24 And the second team was sent, which was commanded by

16:07:06 25 Lieutenant Arthur, who is an RUF. When he went to

26 Mateboi, I did not go with the team; I was at Camp Rosos.

27 But on their arrival, they came with the head, saying

28 that was the chief of Mateboi, because of he refuse his

29 people to come and join us. And a lot of killing was

1 done there. The head was brought publicly to the camp
2 and shown to Alex Tamba Brima.

3 Q. Did you go to Batkanu?

4 A. Batkanu, I passed through there to go on the
16:08:02 5 Makeni/Lunsar Highway on ambushes.

6 Q. What was the purpose of the ambushes?

7 A. The purpose of the ambushes was for us to get military
8 fatigues and arms and ammunition from any military
9 vehicle plying that route.

16:08:35 10 Q. And were you successful in doing so?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. On how many occasions?

13 A. I went on the ambush once. After we turned back to Camp
14 Rosos other fighting teams were sent out, which I did not
16:09:06 15 go with, like to Gbinti.

16 Q. I'm sorry, perhaps you should repeat that name again.

17 A. Gbinti, Gbinti.

18 Q. Were there forced marriages at Camp Rosos?

19 A. Pardon?

16:09:32 20 Q. Were there forced marriages at Camp Rosos?

21 A. Well, at this point at Camp Rosos I would say yes,
22 because on our way from Mansofinia to Camp Rosos, ladies
23 were abducted and they were forcefully given to husbands.
24 So I believe that is forceful marriage.

16:10:04 25 Q. How frequently did that happen?

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: In what -- what time was this? Ladies were
27 abducted where?

28 THE WITNESS: Well, as initially I said, most of the villages
29 on that route I'm not conversant to me. But from

1 Mansofinia, where we started our movement, to Camp
2 Rosos -- during that journey girls were abducted, but --
3 PRESIDING JUDGE: From Mansofinia?
4 THE WITNESS: From Mansofinia to Camp Rosos, along the way.
16:10:43 5 But I could not remember the names of the towns.
6 MR HARRISON:
7 Q. How frequently did this --
8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Abducted and given to?
9 JUDGE THOMPSON: Shall we -- you put the answer to that
16:11:11 10 question.
11 THE WITNESS: Girls -- [Overlapping speakers]
12 JUDGE THOMPSON: Were abducted.
13 THE WITNESS: -- were abducted.
14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.
16:11:16 15 JUDGE THOMPSON: And given?
16 THE WITNESS: They are forcefully given to other fighters, who
17 took them as their wives.
18 JUDGE THOMPSON: Continue, counsel.
19 MR HARRISON:
16:11:44 20 Q. How frequently did this happen?
21 A. It happened until when SAJ Musa came to join us at Major
22 Eddie Town.
23 Q. Can you estimate, for the Court, how many women were
24 abducted and in a forced marriage?
16:12:09 25 A. As I said, I cannot give a specified number, but there
26 were plenty, more -- even more than hundred.
27 JUDGE THOMPSON: I'm a little in a difficulty here, because my
28 own record seems to be saying that girls were abducted
29 and forcefully given to other fighters. In your question

1 you said "how many women were". Are you making a
2 distinction between that?
3 MR HARRISON: I was and I apologise.
4 JUDGE THOMPSON: That's okay.
16:13:03 5 MR HARRISON: I thank you for drawing that to my attention.
6 JUDGE THOMPSON: Right, yes.
7 MR HARRISON:
8 Q. Witness, let me ask you, using different words, can you
9 estimate how many girls were abducted and placed in a
16:13:17 10 forced marriage?
11 A. There are plenty, that's why I said that hundred
12 [inaudible] that. I cannot give a specific number, but
13 there are plenty and they are more than hundred.
14 MR HARRISON: Your Honour, the --
16:13:42 15 JUDGE THOMPSON: One hundred girls.
16 THE WITNESS: Yes.
17 JUDGE THOMPSON: Right, okay. More than 100 girls. Thank --
18 MR HARRISON: Presiding judge, I'm not sure if you wish to
19 take an afternoon break. If you don't I'm quite content
16:14:03 20 to continue on right now.
21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pardon?
22 MR HARRISON: If the Court is wishing to take an afternoon
23 break this would be a convenient time. If not, I'm
24 prepared to --
16:14:09 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: You can continue, though I have my eyes on
26 the clock. I have my eyes on the clock.
27 MR HARRISON: Thank you.
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yeah.
29 MR HARRISON:

1 Q. Were abductions taking place around Camp Rosos?
2 A. No.
3 Q. The persons who you say were trained, what were they
4 trained for?
16:14:43 5 A. They were trained to fight alongside with -- with the
6 troops at Camp Rosos.
7 PRESIDING JUDGE: So they were trained as soldiers?
8 THE WITNESS: Yes.
9 MR HARRISON:
16:15:13 10 Q. Did people try to escape from Camp Rosos?
11 A. Yes.
12 Q. Did anything happen to those people?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. What happened?
16:15:21 15 A. Two trainee tried to escape. Only one made his way -
16 went away, and the other one that was caught was publicly
17 executed in front of the other trainees.
18 Q. And how was he executed?
19 A. He was executed by the cutting of his throat with the
16:15:57 20 machete.
21 Q. At Camp Rosos were there different punishments for
22 different offences?
23 MR JORDASH: Sorry to -- this is a bit of delayed objection,
24 I'm afraid. Well, less of an objection; more of a point
16:16:18 25 of clarification.
26 JUDGE THOMPSON: Right, let's hear it then.
27 MR JORDASH: The witness has given evidence about there being
28 a hundred abducted girls.
29 JUDGE THOMPSON: Girls, yes.

1 MR JORDASH: I'm concerned that the term "girls" has not been
2 defined.
3 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, cause the difficulty was -- [Overlapping
4 speakers]
16:16:38 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: At a certain stage he said women, you know.
6 MR JORDASH: Exactly.
7 JUDGE THOMPSON: Well, yes. In fact, I think that's the --
8 this is something that I would like clarified, because
9 learned counsel for the Prosecution did, in his
16:16:49 10 subsequent question, say "how many women", so there is
11 that lack of precision there, whether his evidence
12 relates only to girl abductees, and that is very
13 important.
14 MR JORDASH: Yes.
16:17:09 15 JUDGE THOMPSON: But I imagine that at some point in time
16 learned counsel will revisit that and see if he can
17 clarify that for us.
18 MR JORDASH: Certainly. Because what I'm concerned about is
19 that each person in this room may have a different
16:17:25 20 definition of what girl is and what women is.
21 JUDGE THOMPSON: Of course, certainly. Of course, it is a
22 matter of mixed law and fact, too.
23 MR JORDASH: Yes.
24 JUDGE THOMPSON: But the evidence -- the foundation has to be
16:17:36 25 laid factually as to whether we're talking about girls or
26 women before we, at some later stage, apply a knowledge
27 of the law as to who is a girl and who is a woman.
28 MR JORDASH: Exactly, thank you.
29 JUDGE THOMPSON: That's my own concern.

1 MR HARRISON: There's no time like the present.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Overlapping speakers] -- cannot even tell
3 us, you know, by his normal estimations, you know.

4 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, but I'm sure, in the ordinary run of
16:18:04 5 things, this witness would know who a woman is and a girl
6 is. Quite right. We need that kind of factual
7 foundation to enable us to apply the law at some later
8 stage.

9 MR HARRISON: And now is the right time to sort it out.

16:18:18 10 JUDGE THOMPSON: Proceed, counsel.

11 MR HARRISON:

12 Q. Witness, my understanding is that you said --

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Overlapping speakers] -- break.

14 MR HARRISON: Sorry?

16:18:31 15 JUDGE THOMPSON: After sorting that out then --

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: After sorting that out you'll earn your
17 break.

18 JUDGE THOMPSON: -- you'll earn your long deserved break.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Get girl, though, Mr Harrison.

16:18:42 20 MR HARRISON:

21 Q. Witness, you've indicated that girls were abducted and
22 placed in forced marriages; do you recall that?

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. Please explain to the Court what you understand by the
16:18:56 25 term "girls". What age are you referring to?

26 A. I'm referring to the age between 15 to 25.

27 Q. If I ask you the question were women abducted and placed
28 in forced marriages; can you say if that happened?

29 A. Yes, women, too, were abducted, but not as much as the

1 girls.

2 Q. And, to close off this point, what do you mean in terms
3 of age --

4 JUDGE THOMPSON: By women.

16:19:51 5 MR HARRISON: -- by women?

6 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes.

7 THE WITNESS: Well, I would take the age of the women that
8 were abducted from 25 to 35.

9 JUDGE THOMPSON: By women I mean 25 to 35 years of age.

16:20:17 10 THE WITNESS: To 35, yeah.

11 JUDGE THOMPSON: By women I mean 25 to 35 years of age.

12 MR HARRISON:

13 Q. In terms of numbers of women, can you assist the Court in
14 telling them how many women were abducted and placed in
16:20:40 15 forced marriages?

16 JUDGE THOMPSON: Learned counsel, I'm sure we'll be content
17 with about.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: About, yes.

19 MR HARRISON: Yes, of course, an approximate.

16:20:53 20 THE WITNESS: As I said, I still say I don't know the actual
21 number, but it's over a hundred.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, no. Women. Say women this time; not
23 girls.

24 THE WITNESS: Women?

16:21:10 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, about how many women from your age --

26 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, your age categorisations -- [Overlapping
27 speakers]

28 THE WITNESS: Well, I cannot give -- I cannot give --

29 JUDGE THOMPSON: About. About; not exactly.

1 THE WITNESS: I'm not too sure. I'm not sure.
2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Right. But, of course, you had said also
3 that they were not as many as the girls. Cause I have
4 you down as saying that --
16:21:38 5 THE WITNESS: Yes.
6 JUDGE THOMPSON: -- women too were abducted, but they were not
7 as many as the girls.
8 THE WITNESS: There's not as many as the girls, but for me to
9 say --
16:21:49 10 JUDGE THOMPSON: No, I'm not pressing you at all. I'm just
11 trying to make sure that I get your evidence correctly.
12 PRESIDING JUDGE: So for the girls you maintain your evidence
13 that there might be about a hundred?
14 THE WITNESS: Yes.
16:22:05 15 JUDGE BOUTET: So when you gave the number about 100 you were
16 talking of girls only, not including what you have
17 described as women?
18 THE WITNESS: Yes.
19 JUDGE BOUTET: Okay, thank you.
16:22:27 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you through with that, Mr Harrison?
21 MR HARRISON: That was the last question for that particular
22 topic.
23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes. I wanted to find out if Mr Jordash,
24 you know, is satisfied with that categorisation.
16:22:39 25 MR JORDASH: Very, thank you.
26 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think we could now visit our break and
27 resume in the next couple of minutes. Mr Harrison, I
28 hope you have no objection to that suggestion.
29 MR HARRISON: I'll reflect upon it and report back.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Right. The Court will rise.

2 [Break taken at 4.26 p.m.]

3 [HS141004F 4.56 p.m.]

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Harrison.

5 MR HARRISON: Thank you.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: You may proceed, please.

7 MR HARRISON:

8 Q. Just before the break I was going to ask you about your
9 knowledge of the type of punishments that were handed out
10 for various offences at Camp Rosos. Can you assist the
11 Court in that? Can a tell the Court about that?

12 A. Yes. [Microphone not activated] -- laws were made by high
13 command, that was Alex Tamba Brima, and these laws was
14 sent to all battalions and the law says stealing
15 government properties -- government properties, I mean,
16 and arms and ammunition, medicines, if any fighter is
17 caught stealing these two items must be executed. And
18 also another law was made for abductees; that any
19 abductees that tries to run away must be executed. And
20 for minor stealing, like stealing food, clothes and other
21 minor things, it's public flogging, 200 cuts and above.

22 Q. Was there any punishment for rape?

23 A. Yes. There was punishment for rape, but until when SAJ
24 Musa joined us and he made the law of rape, if a soldier
25 is caught raping a woman forcefully, he must be executed.

26 Q. How long were you at Camp Rosos?

27 A. We are at Camp Rosos?

28 A. We are at Camp Rosos for two months to two and a half
29 months.

1 Q. Did you leave Camp Rosos?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Can you assist the Court in when you left Camp Rosos?

4 A. Well, I couldn't give the right dates, but we left Camp
5 Rosos and we went to the Kambia axis, a town unknown to
6 me, they call it Major Eddie Town.

7 Q. And we will deal with Major Eddie Town in just a moment,
8 but why did you leave Camp Rosos?

9 JUDGE THOMPSON: Did he say that was in Kambia? Did you say
10 Kambia?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes, Kambia District.

12 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, thank you.

13 MR HARRISON:

14 Q. Why did you leave Camp Rosos?

15 A. We left Camp Rosos because the camp was located by the
16 ECOMOG troops and the jets came and flew above the camp,
17 dropped some bombs and it happened to kill one of our
18 signaller by the name of Bah. So, because of that, we
19 had to move the camp from Camp Rosos further to the Port
20 Loko Kambia border.

21 Q. I am going to have you go to the map in just a moment,
22 but before you do so can you try to explain, as clearly
23 as you can and as slowly as you can, the route you took
24 to Major Eddie Town?

25 A. Major Eddie Town it's not a long distance to from Camp
26 Rosos. As I earlier on told you, because of the war, I
27 went to the those places. So the names of the villages
28 are not known to me. What is known to me from Camp
29 Rosos, when we moved there, we went to a place called

- 1 Major Eddie Town.
- 2 Q. The map that is behind you, are you familiar with that
3 map?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Have you used those maps in the past?
- 6 A. Yes, I have been using the shell map in the jungle.
- 7 Q. And when were you using that map?
- 8 A. I used it when I was operation commander at the west side
9 jungle.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: When he says, "I used it," is he referring
11 to this particular one?
- 12 THE WITNESS: The shell map.
- 13 JUDGE BOUTET: Shell.
- 14 MR HARRISON: He is referring to a copy of that map.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: A copy of this map?
- 16 MR HARRISON:
- 17 Q. I would ask if you would indicate on the map by placing
18 an X where Major Eddie Town is located.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. I will give you a blue pen to do so. Not that
21 highlighter I will give you a blue ball point pen. I'm
22 sorry, it's black. If you could put an X where Major
23 Eddie Town is located. But before you do that -- no
24 please, go ahead and do that.
- 25 A. [Witness complies]
- 26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Has he marked the town?
- 27 MR HARRISON: There is an X and I was wondering if the
28 witness --
- 29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let him put his finger on the X, please.

1 Put your finger on.
2 A. [Witness complies]
3 THE WITNESS: Just close to the Little Scarcies.
4 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay.
5 THE WITNESS: Coming back close to Camp Rosos and the town
6 right up the Little Scarcies is called Mabu [phonetic].
7 MR HARRISON:
8 Q. Witness, I would ask you, if you would, perhaps just
9 below the X, put the initials "MET", which I think we
10 would all understand as being letters indicating Major
11 Eddie Town. Could you put MET just below the X?
12 JUDGE BOUTET: Do we find this name on the map?
13 JUDGE THOMPSON: No, it's not on the map.
14 JUDGE BOUTET: Okay.
15 PRESIDING JUDGE: It's not on the map.
16 MR HARRISON: No.
17 JUDGE THOMPSON:
18 Q. Can you locate it near the Little Scarcies river?
19 A. Yes.
20 Q. Where about that -- where is it near the Little Scarcies
21 river, near Manga Ferry.
22 A. Well, go up. Let me say, you can see Kukuna.
23 Q. Yes, I can see that.
24 A. Well from Kukuna coming right down you have Konta, right
25 down.
26 Q. Yes.
27 A. Can you locate Konta?
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Konta, yes.
29 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, I have seen Konta.

- 1 THE WITNESS: You have the Little Scarcies.
- 2 JUDGE THOMPSON: That's the Little Scarcies river.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Just after the Little Scarcies river.
- 4 JUDGE THOMPSON: River.
- 5 THE WITNESS: This river --
- 6 MR HARRISON: It's just on the --
- 7 THE WITNESS: This area is where Major Eddie Town is.
- 8 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, it's some distance away from Mambolo.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Exactly.
- 10 JUDGE THOMPSON: Below Mambolo.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yes. You see it's right down.
- 12 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes.
- 13 THE WITNESS: [Inaudible] Batkanu. Mateboi, Rosos and
- 14 [inaudible]. Just close to Deili. Can you see Deili on
- 15 your map? D-E-I-L-I.
- 16 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Well, a few inches above there, there is the
- 18 area of Major Eddie Town.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE:
- 20 Q. How do you spell the town?
- 21 A. Well, the town, it was given that name because -- we
- 22 had --
- 23 Q. Pronounce it slowly. What is the pronunciation?
- 24 A. Major.
- 25 Q. Yes.
- 26 A. Eddie.
- 27 Q. Eddie Town.
- 28 A. Town.
- 29 Q. Okay. That's all right.

1 A. Okay.

2 MR HARRISON:

3 Q. Perhaps, witness, I could ask you to take the blue
4 highlighter and trace the route that you took from Rosos
5 to Major Eddie Town.

6 A. [Witness complies]

7 Q. How many people were at Major Eddie Town?

8 A. Major Eddie Town was the headquarter of the whole troops.
9 And I would say it would consist of a battalion to take
10 care of the security of the camp, and each battalion had
11 520 armed men strong. And there were families also at
12 the headquarter of Major Eddie Town. So I would give an
13 approximate number, 900 to a 1,000 people.

14 Q. Were people killed at that camp?

15 A. Yes. Yes.

16 Q. Tell the Court about who was killed.

17 A. On our arrival at Major Eddie Town there were some
18 abductees that were referred to as witch and they were
19 arrested. Some of these people arrested had five girls
20 with them and they were impaled, beaten and later they
21 were cut into pieces and thrown into the Little Scarcies.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: And thrown into?

23 THE WITNESS: The Little Scarcies; the river.

24 JUDGE THOMPSON: Did you say they were alleged to be witches?

25 THE WITNESS: Yes.

26 MR HARRISON:

27 Q. How many people were killed in this way?

28 A. There were up to 13 in number.

29 Q. Approximately how old were they?

- 1 A. Between the ages of 18 to 30.
- 2 Q. These people were all female?
- 3 A. Females, six females.
- 4 Q. Perhaps you could -- the question was, were these people
5 all female?
- 6 A. No, there were only six females among the 13.
- 7 Q. Did SAJ Musa come to Major Eddie Town?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Why did he come there?
- 10 A. On his arrival at Major Eddie Town, he said he was chased
11 by the RUF from his base at Kurubonla. So it's like he
12 escaped and came over to Major Eddie Town.
- 13 Q. When he arrived there, were people under arrest?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And upon his arrival, what did SAJ Musa do?
- 16 A. Upon his arrival -- when he came he tried to restructure
17 again the battalions, because he came with him some other
18 fighters that came with him to Major Eddie Town.
- 19 Q. How many fighters?
- 20 A. There were 126 fighters, excluding families and abductees
21 he came with.
- 22 Q. When did SAJ Musa arrive in Major Eddie Town?
- 23 A. He arrived at Major Eddie Town, the dates not known to
24 me, but was it on September 1998.
- 25 Q. Was a meeting held at Major Eddie Town?
- 26 A. Yes.
- 27 Q. What was discussed at the meeting?
- 28 A. On his arrival first -- the first meeting that was
29 discussed was about the brigadiers all under house

1 arrest. And the second meeting was to tell everybody
2 that he is planning to come to Freetown on an invasion
3 and we should try to do that before the RUF.

4 Q. The first thing you talked about was brigadiers under
5 house arrest. Before we go forward, could you just
6 explain to the Court what you mean by that?

7 A. Yes. We had our high command, who was Alex Tamba Brima,
8 next to him was Ibrahim Bazy Kamara, and Five-Five,
9 Santigie Kanu, alias Five-Five. We had Woyoh, we had
10 Biyoh, we had Abdul Sesay. These were all Honourables
11 and members of the 16 men that made the group. So in the
12 jungle they all were brigadier generals. So leading to
13 the arrest, the troops -- the morale of the troops was
14 going too low, because they were not planning any
15 operational order -- given any operational orders. So we
16 decided to hold onto them and put them under house arrest
17 until the arrival of SAJ Musa. And that was done.

18 Q. Did a radio signaller come with SAJ Musa?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Who was that?

21 A. Gio Marvin [phonetic] was the operational commander at
22 that time. After the arrest of these generals, he called
23 SAJ Musa and explained to him and SAJ Musa replied that
24 they should be under house arrest till he reached our
25 loc.

26 Q. The question was, did a radio signaller come with SAJ
27 Musa?

28 A. Pardon?

29 Q. Did a radio signaller come to Major Eddie Town with SAJ

- 1 Musa?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Who was that?
- 4 A. He was Alfred Brown of the Revolutionary United Front;
- 5 RUF.
- 6 Q. Do you know why he was there?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Was an operational plan made by SAJ Musa at Major Eddie
- 9 Town?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Was that plan made at a meeting?
- 12 A. It was made on a meeting that was attended by all
- 13 battalion commanders.
- 14 Q. Tell the Court what the plan was?
- 15 A. The plan was that we should go and attack Kukuna for us
- 16 to get more arms and ammunition to start the invasion to
- 17 Freetown.
- 18 Q. Was there an attack on Kukuna?
- 19 A. Yes, of course.
- 20 Q. What happened?
- 21 A. Kukuna was attacked and the commander was Colonel 0-Five
- 22 that when went to the troops. We attacked Kukuna and it
- 23 was successful. We had a large amount of arms and
- 24 ammunition and we also had a Guinean prisoner of war, who
- 25 was a signaller, that we brought with us to Major Eddie
- 26 town.
- 27 Q. How was that Guinean prisoner of war treated?
- 28 A. He was not treated badly, because we needed him to be and
- 29 monitoring the communications between the Guineans

1 whenever they tried to talk their native languages. And
2 he will translate it to us. So he was properly taken
3 care of.

4 Q. And how long was he held a prisoner?

5 A. He was held a prisoner till the operation to Freetown and
6 back to west side, and I came with him and hand over him
7 to the formal [sic] Vice-President Tembe [phonetic]. I
8 released him to him.

9 Q. At the mission to Kukuna, were any people killed?

10 A. Yes. I saw with my own eyes two Guinean soldiers that
11 were killed and houses he had burnt, and also I saw two
12 small children and a lady lying on the floor. We saw
13 same gunshots wounds, but they are dead.

14 Q. Were there later missions after Kukuna?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Where were they to?

17 A. We had another mission to Pendembu. But I did not go on
18 mission to Pendembu.

19 Q. When you left Major Eddie Town, how many men amongst them
20 were from the RUF?

21 A. Say again the question, please.

22 Q. When you left Major Eddie Town, how many of the persons
23 were members of the RUF?

24 A. We only had Alfred Brown and few low ranking RUF boys
25 with us that I earlier on said were up to 30.

26 Q. Did SAJ Musa leave commanders behind in Kurubonla when he
27 came to Major Eddie Town?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Who were those people?

1 A. Brigadier Mani was left there. Liberian Buple [phonetic]
2 who was aiding the STF was left there. And later,
3 Superman of the RUF came to join Brigadier Mani at
4 Kurubonla. Those are all the commanders I could remember
5 that were there.

6 Q. Do you know when Superman of the RUF joined with Mani at
7 Kurubonla?

8 A. I don't know the date he joined, but on my own
9 understanding, I believe Superman went to Kurubonla
10 because there was a plan to attack Makeni.

11 Q. I will return to that later, but I am going to take you
12 now towards Freetown. What were the groups instructions
13 on moving to Freetown?

14 A. The instructions that were given to the fighters for
15 SAJ Musa were on our arrival to Freetown they had
16 targetted people. One, the policemen; two, Nigerian
17 soldiers; three, Nigerian civilians, and all
18 collaborators of the SLPP government. They were all
19 targetted people being instructed by SAJ Musa, the
20 commander, that when we come to Freetown these people
21 should be killed.

22 Q. Why were these people the targets?

23 A. Well, to my own knowledge, like the SLPP collaborators,
24 policemen, Nigerian civilians, Nigerian soldiers, they
25 were all looked as enemies to our movement.

26 Q. We are first of all going to trace this route to Freetown
27 orally, later I will ask you to trace it on the map. But
28 if you could just start out from Major Eddie Town, where
29 did you go?

1 A. From Major Eddie Town we passed through Mange. Excuse
2 me, across the Little Scarcies, Mange, passed through the
3 two bridges. Diverted left into the jungle. Went
4 through the jungle and we came down to Lunsar.

5 Q. Let me stop you at Lunsar for the moment, I think that
6 can be located on the maps before counsel and the Court.
7 You say you went to Mange.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did anything happen there?

10 A. In Mange -- when we reached Mange it was at night, 1.00
11 a.m. in the morning. All the shops along the route of
12 Mange were burnt down and we crossed over, because we
13 just crossed through the main road we are in haste to go
14 through the bridges for us not to be countered by ECOMOG.

15 Q. Why were they burnt?

16 A. Those houses were burnt because we are coming in a large
17 number, some people are still behind. But normally in
18 the jungle we locate directions through burning.

19 Q. You said you went to Lunsar; is that right?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. Did anything happen at Lunsar?

22 A. Yes. On our arrival at Lunsar, we did not occupy the
23 town of itself, Lunsar. We went to occupy a jungle very
24 close to Lunsar and from that jungle it seemed more
25 sensible to attack Lunsar at night. And we had captured
26 a civilian who had told us that he had brought two trucks
27 of uniforms, boots, logistics, for ECOMOG troops in
28 Lunsar. So on that information a troop was sent to
29 attack Lunsar and Lunsar was attacked and all the

- 1 logistics that was brought for ECOMOG was captured from
2 them and it killed one RSM soldier who was a Nigerian
3 ECOMOG soldier, and also all the pharmacies at Lunsar
4 were looted because of medicines.
- 5 Q. Were there radio sets at Lunsar?
- 6 A. Yes. On the attack on Lunsar there are six radio VHS
7 sets captured.
- 8 [HS141004G 5.32 p.m.]
- 9 Q. What was done with those radio sets?
- 17:34:49 10 A. The radio sets were brought to SAJ Musa and, on receiving
11 them, he had to distribute them to all battalions for
12 proper coordination.
- 13 Q. At that time, how many battalions were there?
- 14 A. At that time we had six battalions.
- 17:35:16 15 Q. Where did you go next?
- 16 A. From Lunsar we went next, crossed over the Gberi Bridge
17 where we met some Kamajors deployed, but they were fast
18 asleep at night in the palm huts where they were -- the
19 palm huts, so they were overrun, and those that were
17:35:49 20 sleeping in the palm huts were all killed, and we crossed
21 over the bridge and diverted to a village in the jungle.
- 22 Q. Does that village have a name?
- 23 A. It must have a name, but I don't know the name of the
24 village.
- 17:36:17 25 Q. And the bridge you say you crossed, perhaps you could say
26 the name of that bridge again, but slightly slower.
- 27 A. Gberi Bridge.
- 28 Q. Is the spelling G-B-E-R-I?
- 29 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Why were the Kamajors killed?
- 2 A. They were killed, because on the routes coming to
3 Freetown we believe Kamajors, they are fighting against
4 the rebels, so they were taken as enemies.
- 17:37:11 5 Q. Where did you go to next?
- 6 A. Soon we cross over the bridge, went to a village, rested
7 the whole day. At night we started the walk. We walk
8 and bypassed Masiaka, came to attack RDF and Mile 38 the
9 same night and we went into the jungle again for a rest.
- 17:37:42 10 Q. Let me just pause you there. "RDF", please tell the
11 Court what that means.
- 12 A. The RDF means rapid deployment force. It was a unit in
13 the army that was located at that point in the days of
14 the NPRC regime.
- 17:38:07 15 Q. Where was it located?
- 16 A. On the main highway between Mile 38 to Masiaka.
- 17 Q. Does Mile 38 have another name?
- 18 A. The other name for Mile 38 is called Magbuntoso.
- 19 Q. If there's no objection, perhaps I can assist by spelling
17:38:32 20 that out. Tell me if I'm wrong. Is Magbuntoso spelt
21 M-A-G-B-U-N-T-U-S-O?
- 22 A. Yes -- no, M-A-G-B-U-N-T-O-S-O.
- 23 Q. I've been corrected. Tell the Court what happened there
24 at the RDF base.
- 17:39:30 25 A. RDF base, reached there at night about 11.00 p.m. On our
26 arrival we met ECOMOG troops, OSD personnels and
27 Kamajors. So the camp was attacked and we overrun the
28 camp. There were some ladies that were captured in the
29 camp that came from Freetown, and they were fiancées of

1 the ECOMOG soldiers that were at RDF. But on this
2 operation SAJ had initially passed an order that he needs
3 no more abductees to join us. So in the capture of these
4 guys, when we were ready to leave Magbuntoso, the RDF,
17:40:36 5 back to our camp, these guys were killed, and there were
6 four of them.

7 Q. Where were they killed?

8 A. They were killed right in front of the RDF office --
9 rapid deployment force office.

17:40:56 10 Q. Were ECOMOG soldiers there?

11 A. No ECOMOG soldier I saw killed. The oversea officers
12 also was killed and brought to SAJ Musa.

13 Q. Why was he brought to SAJ Musa?

14 A. Because SAJ Musa wanted to get some information from him,
17:41:44 15 because he was not totally dead. So he wanted to get
16 some information from him, but he couldn't. Then he
17 died.

18 Q. What did you do next?

19 A. Next, we organised another fighting force back to hit
17:42:17 20 Masiaka.

21 Q. And what was the purpose of attacking Masiaka?

22 A. The purpose of attacking Masiaka was we wanted to have
23 more arms and ammunition to come to Freetown on the
24 invasion.

17:42:43 25 Q. Were there any abductions from Masiaka?

26 A. No.

27 Q. Do you know when SAJ Musa's birthday is?

28 A. If I could remember, it's the 17th of November.

29 Q. Does that assist you in estimating for the Court when

1 this attack on Masiaka took place?

2 A. No. The attack on Mile 38 took place on SAJ's birthday,
3 which was on 17 November. That's how I could remember,
4 but Masiaka I couldn't tell you?

17:43:52 5 JUDGE BOUTET: Which attack did you say was on 17 November?
6 THE WITNESS: The one at Magbuntoso.
7 MR HARRISON:

8 Q. And is your evidence that the attack on Magbuntoso was a
9 few days prior to the attack on Masiaka?

17:44:10 10 A. Yes, after attacking Magbuntoso, two days went back to
11 attack Masiaka.
12 Q. Did you remain in that area for a while?
13 A. No.
14 Q. What happened next?

17:44:45 15 A. After attacking Masiaka, transported all arms and
16 ammunition captured, we moved straight to Newton and we
17 were in Newton for a while.
18 Q. Can you tell the Court where Newton is in relation to
19 Freetown?

17:45:21 20 A. Newton is just the outcast of Freetown, after Waterloo on
21 the highway to Masiaka.
22 Q. On the trip to Newton was there looting taking place?
23 A. No, because Newton was already a ghost town -- there was
24 nobody there.

17:46:04 25 Q. Were houses burned in Newton?
26 A. No.
27 Q. How long did you stay at Newton?
28 A. Three days.
29 Q. Witness, I'm going to ask if you could take the time now

1 to indicate on the map with the blue highlighter the
2 route you took from Major Eddie Town to Newton.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Learned counsel, you may sit down while he's
4 tracing. When you continue with your examination, you --

17:47:44 5 MR HARRISON: Thank you.

6 [Witness traces route to Newton in blue highlighter]

7 MR HARRISON:

8 Q. Were you able to trace your route to Newton?

9 A. Yes.

17:50:39 10 Q. Perhaps while you have the pen in your hand, it might be
11 convenient if you were to circle Rosos on the map to make
12 it somewhat easier for counsel to see it. [Witness marks
13 map as requested]. Thank you.

14 How long were you at Newton?

17:51:08 15 A. For three days.

16 Q. Was there a meeting there?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What was the purpose of the meeting?

19 A. The purpose of the meeting was to restructure the
17:51:24 20 fighters, put all those that don't belong into battalion,
21 put them into battalion and all orders were given to
22 commanders -- all their responsibility areas on our
23 arrival in Freetown.

24 Q. Please tell the Court what you mean by "responsibility
17:51:51 25 areas".

26 A. All battalions had their battalion commanders and, when
27 we reached Freetown, each battalion has an assignment, or
28 I would say has a particular vicinity where his battalion
29 should take care of.

1 Q. Was this allocation of duties discussed at the meeting?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. Do you know which battalion had which duty?
4 A. Yes.
17:52:41 5 Q. Would you please indicate for the Court what they were?
6 A. The 1st Battalion, the commander was Salifu Mansaray aka
7 Tito, was responsible for the Pademba Road prisons; the
8 Government Broadcasting Station, SLBS; the Brookfields
9 Hotel, the former headquarters of the Kamajor. That was
17:53:20 10 the 1st battalion's own responsibility of assignments.
11 And the 2nd Battalion -- the 2nd and the 4th -- the 2nd -
12 the 3rd battalion was responsible for the Government's
13 wealth.
14 PRESIDING JUDGE: What was the 2nd? We went from the 1st to
17:53:58 15 the 3rd. What was the 2nd?
16 THE WITNESS: The 2nd and the 4th Battalion is responsible for
17 security around the State House and the central parts of
18 Freetown. That's the 2nd and the 4th, and the 3rd
19 Battalion was responsible for the Government's wealth.
17:54:31 20 The 5th battalion was responsible for the King Tom Power
21 Station and the whole of King Tom, and the 6th Battalion
22 was responsible for the Queen Elizabeth key ports.
23 MR CAMMEGH: Sorry, could I have the 5th again, please.
24 THE WITNESS: Pardon?
17:54:59 25 MR HARRISON:
26 Q. Could you please repeat the duty for the 5th -- of the
27 5th Battalion?
28 A. The 5th Battalion I said again was responsible for the
29 King Tom power station and the whole of the King Tom

1 police barracks.

2 Q. Was a command structure put in place at this meeting?

3 A. Yes.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: And the 6th -- you mentioned the 6th. The
17:55:39 5 6th was --

6 THE WITNESS: The 6th battalion was to take care of the Queen
7 Elizabeth key port.

8 MR HARRISON:

9 Q. Was a command structure put in place at this meeting?

17:56:16 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You have assisted members of the Prosecution Office in
12 preparing a command structure for Newton.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. I'd ask if the document with the heading "Command
17:56:31 15 structure - Newton" could be put before the witness.
16 [Document placed before witness]

17 Is that a copy of the document that you assisted the
18 Prosecution Office in preparing?

19 A. Yes.

17:57:04 20 Q. Did you provide all of the information contained in that
21 document --

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. -- to members of the Prosecution Office?

24 A. Yes.

17:57:13 25 Q. And is all that information correct and accurate?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. It's my request that this document be admitted as the
28 next exhibit. I'm then going to take the witness through
29 the command structure, but perhaps you wish to hear from

1 my friends first.

2 MR JORDASH: No objection, Your Honours.

3 JUDGE THOMPSON: Mr Williams?

4 MR WILLIAMS: Your Honour, no objection.

17:57:38 5 MR CAMMEGH: Nor from me, thank you.

6 JUDGE THOMPSON: There being no objection, the document will

7 be received in evidence, and marked as Exhibit 10.

8 [Exhibit No. 10 was admitted]

9 MR HARRISON:

17:58:05 10 Q. At the top centre of the chart there's a box for Major

11 General SAJ Musa; is that correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. He was the field commander; is that correct?

14 A. Yes.

17:58:15 15 Q. And to the left of that box there's one for Major Elguma;

16 do you see that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Could you please explain his role and that of the other

19 people in that box?

17:58:27 20 A. Major Elguma, he was the head of the communications, and

21 under him you have Captain Stone, Lieutenant American --

22 they are all signallers.

23 Q. And the box just below that has Brigadier Woyoh in there.

24 Can you explain his role and that of the other people in

17:58:57 25 the box?

26 A. Brigadier Woyoh, Brigadier Abdul Sesay, Major Muchunga

27 Balanga Sesay, Alfred Brown -- these people were standby

28 officers. In case there is an injury in any commander,

29 they will take the place of the injured commander.

- 1 Q. And in the box directly below that of Major General
2 SAJ Musa, you'll see one with the name Brigadier Alex
3 Tamba Brima; do you see that?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 17:59:34 5 Q. Can you explain the role of Brigadier Alex Tamba Brima?
6 A. Brigadier Alex Tamba Brima aka Gullit, he was the second
7 in command to SAJ Musa.
- 8 Q. And directly below Gullit is Ibrahim Bazy Kamara?
9 A. Yes.
- 18:00:06 10 Q. What was his role?
11 A. He was in charge -- he was the G4 logistics commander,
12 and he takes care of arms and ammunition and all
13 logistics for the operation.
- 14 Q. And in the branch going to the left of Brigadier Alex
18:00:30 15 Tamba Brima, you'll see a box with Brigadier-General
16 Bangura; do you see that?
17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. What was his role?
19 A. Brigadier-General Hassan Papa Bangura aka Bomb Blast, he
18:00:48 20 was the director -- the operation director.
- 21 Q. And below the two -- the two boxes below that of Bangura
22 are for which persons and what role do they have?
23 A. We have Colonel 05. He's the operation commander 1. And
24 you have Lieutenant Colonel Marvin, operation commander
18:01:15 25 2. But these two worked jointly and reported to
26 Brigadier-General Hassan Papa Bangura alias Bomb Blast.
- 27 Q. The meaning of the box "joint command" just below that is
28 to indicate that Colonel 05 and Lieutenant Colonel Marvin
29 worked together?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And below them is six battalions?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And you've indicated the areas of responsibility. Could
18:01:52 5 you explain the role played by the commanders of each of
6 those battalions?

7 A. The 1st Battalion is Major Salifu Mansaray aka Tito and
8 his 2IC -- his deputy is Captain MTL Sesay. The 2nd
9 Battalion, Major Fasuluku aka Rhino. He's the commander
18:02:26 10 of the 2nd Battalion. His deputy is Captain Alhaji
11 Kamanda aka Gunboots. The 3rd Battalion -- the commander
12 of the 3rd Battalion is Major Zedem Sidike. Deputy to
13 him is Captain Hashim. The 4th Battalion, the commander
14 is Major Saidu Kambula aka Baski. Deputy to him is
18:03:04 15 Captain Allan. The 5th Battalion commander is Major
16 Tamba Foryo aka Cambodia. Deputy to him is Captain
17 Sheriff. The 6th Battalion commander is Abubakar Kamara
18 aka Pikin. Deputy to him is Captain Born Naked.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Captain what?

18:03:42 20 THE WITNESS: Born Naked, B-O-R-N N-A-K-E-D - Born Naked.

21 MR HARRISON:

22 Q. At this time, how large was the fighting force?

23 A. Pardon?

24 Q. At this time, at Newton, how large was the fighting
18:03:59 25 force?

26 A. At Newton, I could estimate the fighting force -- I would
27 say armed men strong are well up to 3,000 -- armed men
28 strong.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: How many -- 15,000?

1 THE WITNESS: 3,000.
2 MR HARRISON:
3 Q. Were there civilians with the fighting force?
4 A. Yes.
18:04:51 5 Q. What were their numbers, approximately?
6 A. We have unarmed men -- those are there to carry weapons,
7 ammunitions, food. Those, I would say, they are up to
8 2,000 of them.
9 JUDGE BOUTET: And these 2,000 are unarmed?
18:05:21 10 THE WITNESS: Unarmed.
11 MR HARRISON:
12 Q. Were these persons abducted?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. Were they abducted on the trip from Major Eddie Town to
18:05:36 15 Newton?
16 A. No, they were abducted on the trip from Mansofinia to
17 Camp Rosos.
18 MR HARRISON: If the Court wishes, this is a convenient time
19 to end the examination for this afternoon.
18:06:09 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: You are going to move to a new subject?
21 MR HARRISON: There will certainly be a break. It is not a
22 completely new subject, but this subject is going to go
23 on for a few hours.
24 PRESIDING JUDGE: You mean, where we are now is likely to go
18:06:22 25 on for some hours?
26 MR HARRISON: Yes.
27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Okay. All right. We take note of the fact
28 that there were about 3,000 armed men strong; there were
29 civilians among them to carry their weapons, food and so

1 on, about 2,000, but they were abducted on the way to --
2 right. Okay. I think we can conveniently call it a day
3 here. We would rise and resume sitting tomorrow at 9.30.
4 The Court will rise, please.
18:08:28 5 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 6.05 p.m., to be
6 reconvened on Friday, the 15th day of October 2004, at
7 9.30 a.m.]
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