Case No. SCSL-2004-15-T THE PROSECUTOR OF THE SPECIAL COURT

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ISSA SESAY MORRIS KALLON AUGUSTINE GBAO

WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2005

9.52 A.M. TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before the Judges: Pierre Boutet, Presiding

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For Chambers: Ms Candice Welsch

Mr Matteo Crippa

For the Registry: Ms Maureen Edmonds

For the Prosecution: Mr Peter Harrison

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Ms Chantal Refahi

For the accused Morris Kallon: Mr Shekou Touray

Mr Charles Taku

For the accused Augustine Gbao: Mr John Cammegh

OPEN SESSION

	1	[RUF30NOV05A - SGH]
	2	Wednesday 30 November 2005
	3	[Open Session]
	4	[The accused Sesay and Kallon present]
09:30:24	5	[The accused Gbao not present]
	6	[Upon commencing at 9.52 a.m.]
	7	PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning, counsel. We have discussed
	8	the proposals made yesterday by both Prosecution and in
	9	particular Mr Cammegh, and we agree with the proposal to stand
09:54:02	10	down the witness who was giving evidence yesterday and to now
	11	proceed with the examination-in-chief and then cross-examination
	12	of Witness TF1-054, if I am not mistaken. This is done to try to
	13	accommodate Mr Cammegh. While this is not our usual process, we
	14	think at this time that it will not and should not cause any
09:54:34	15	difficulty or prejudice to anybody. So we agree with the
	16	suggestion made, and if you are ready to proceed, Mr Prosecutor,
	17	we are ready to proceed as well.
	18	MR HARRISON: Yes, we are ready to proceed, but regrettably
	19	there is an application for closed session that has to me made
09:54:53	20	for this witness as well.
	21	PRESIDING JUDGE: Is it for the totality of the evidence of
	22	this witness?
	23	MR HARRISON: Yes. There is an unusual and regrettable
	24	circumstance that causes this application to be made. We
09:55:05	25	certainly hope that this sort of circumstance will not happen in
	26	future, but I will inform the Court during the closed session
	27	exactly what took place.
	28	PRESIDING JUDGE: So before we move ahead to hear anything,
	29	you are moving to make this application for closed session?

	1	MR HARRISON: Yes, I am asking for the opportunity to make
	2	an application for a closed session.
	3	PRESIDING JUDGE: And the application is not only for a
	4	part or portion of the evidence for this witness, but will be for
09:55:32	5	the totality of his or her evidence?
	6	MR HARRISON: Yes, and the Prosecution's estimate of the
	7	evidence-in-chief is approximately 90 minutes for TF1-054.
	8	PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Given the requirement to go
	9	into to hear the application for closed session in a closed
09:55:53	10	session, we will ask the court officer to make the appropriate
	11	adjustment and then we will proceed in a closed session. Members
	12	of the public, we regret to inform you that based on what has
	13	been requested at this moment we have to move into a closed
	14	session to hear the application and, if the application is indeed
09:56:17	15	granted, we might be in this closed session at least for the day
	16	and maybe part of the day tomorrow. So having said that, can we
	17	proceed to a closed session scenario, please.
	18	THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, the interpreter is sorry.
	19	Can we be informed about the language of the witness?
09:56:32	20	MR HARRISON: I'm sorry, it's Krio.
	21	[At this point in the proceedings, a portion of the
	22	transcript, pages 4 to 60, was extracted and sealed under
	23	separate cover, as the session was heard in camera.]
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