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Salone Times, Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

## 'I Was Not Told To Spare Innocent Civilians' -SPECIAL COURT WITNESS

*By Mohamed Mansaray*

*The former National Deputy Director of CDF Operations, Albert Moinina Jusu Nallo who is a Special Court Prosecution witness, has testified that his initiators never told him to spare innocent civilians during combat.*

Mr. Nallo gave this evidence during cross-examination by Hinga Norman's defence lawyer, Ibrahim Yillah at the First Trial Chamber, New England in Freetown, recently.

He testified that he was initiated into the Kamajor society by Mama Munda For-

tune in Bo in November 1996 together with others and that he was also the Director of Operations in the Southern region.

"They only told us that we should not kill our colleague Kamajors," Mr. Nallo testified under cross-examination and added that

the law against the killing of innocent civilians was given to him by PC Amidu Nallo of Lugbu Chiefdom, Bo district who was also a Kamajor.

Asked specifically by counsel Yillah whether he was told not to kill innocent civilians, Mr. Nallo re-

plied: "Don't tell me that Kamajors were told not to kill innocent civilians" and mentioned Mustapha Fallon, a Kamajor and Alpha Dauda Kanu, a Kapra whom according to the witness were murdered in the 'Poro' bush at Base Zero in the Bonthe district sometimes in 1997 for ritual purposes.

Asked whether he was given any laws during initiation that would guide him in the conduct of warfare, Mr. Nallo testified that they should not eat banana, that they should not eat rice mixed with pounded okra and that they should not urinate or defecate in a graveyard. He went on to tell the court that Kamajors were also told not to enter a funeral house containing an unburied corpse and that a woman should not sit on a mortar whenever Kamajors were in town.

The 52-year-old witness was born at Upper Siama, Lugbu Chiefdom, Bo district.

Mr. Nallo gave his testimony publicly in Krio, through an interpreter and he was led in evidence earlier by a Prosecution lawyer, Kevin Tavener.

The three CDF indictees, namely, Samuel Hinga Norman, Moinina Fofana and Allieu Kondewa are charged with individual criminal responsibility for offences committed against civilians by Kamajors during the war in Sierra Leone.

The trials resume on April 5.

The Exclusive, Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

# Norman Family Angry

**By Joseph Turay**

The family members and relatives of the Special Court CDF indictee, Chief Sam Hinga Norman, have reacted

angrily over a recent press report carried out by the New Citizen newspaper Wednesday this week, which said

relatives of Norman have been banned from attending his hearings.

According to the daughter of Norman, Juliet Hawa Norman and some family members who approached this press Wednesday morning at the Special Court, the report which further alleged that the family and

relatives had been banned by the Presiding Judge, Benjamin Itoe, was not true. "This incident did not even happen to us..." Juliet said angrily, adding that they would have to forward the matter to the Press and Public Affairs Section of the Court.

Some of the family members who were also in a very furious and desperate mood brandishing a copy of the newspaper described the report as a "malicious and fabrication", stated that such a biased report would paint a bad image of them to the public.

The New Citizen, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2005.

## APOLOGIES TO THE SPECIAL COURT

A front page story carried by the New Citizen on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March captioned "Special Court Bans Norman's Relatives" has been declared as an untrue representation of what transpired in Justice Benjamin Itoe's court, as a Special Court spokesperson intimated that the Judges of the Special Court have taken great excep-

tion to the reportage carried by the New Citizen.

The story, among other things, attempted to suggest that the relatives of Sam Hinga Norman had been banned from attending court sessions for threatening the life of a witness, but this assertion by the reporter in the New Citizen has attributed the

anger of members of the Special Court.

The New Citizen believes in the relevance of the Special Court in Sierra Leone and would not promote any enterprise that seeks to undermine or ridicule the activities of such a very important Court. The editorial staff of the New

Citizen apologizes profusely to Justice Benjamin Itoe and other members of the Special Court, especially now that it has been made

clear that the newspaper report did not reflect the true activities of what transpired in Court. Once again, we apologize to the judges of the

Special Court, members of the Registry and friends and relatives of the Norman family that such an error will never take place again.

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AUSTRALIAN policeman Peter Halloran, who was convicted of the indecent assault of an underaged Sierra Leonean girl, has been sacked by the country's **special court**.

A spokeswoman said Halloran, who is on bail pending an appeal, was sacked as chief of investigations of the **Special Court in Sierra Leone**.

Halloran was on suspension on full pay since his trial began in August last year.

He was granted bail on March 9, and is now awaiting his appeal against an 18-month jail sentence.

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