

**SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE  
OUTREACH AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE**



Special Court staff gathered this morning to pay their final respects to Alexander Moore.

**PRESS CLIPPINGS**

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## BBC World Service Trust

Thursday, 12 June 2008

### CROSS EXAMINATION OF PROTECTED WITNESS TF1 359

The prosecution witness giving evidence of former Liberian president Charles Taylor's connection to the RUF rebels in Sierra Leone has hinted that both the rebels and Taylor's close aides dealt with Al-Qaeda operatives in Liberia.

TF1-359 made the revelation in a 2006 interview with prosecution investigators' script read in court Thursday by Taylor's own lawyer during attempts to impeach the witness credibility.

Adolphus Williams reports from the court room in The Hague.

WILLIAMS: In the interview records read by Taylor's lawyer, Terry Munyard, TF1-539 is quoted as telling Special Court investigators that Taylor's top security personnel arranged diamond deals between RUF commanders and Arabs who were on the wanted list of the CIA.

The witness told the investigators he was present during one of the encounters

MUNYARD: This, Mr Witness, is the typed up version of the notes that I have just read out to you and it reads as follows: "The following morning he was taken again to the residence of Benjamin Yeachen and after his arrival they were joined by a Lebanese Mohamed Saleh and another Lebanese with two Saudi Arabian men who [you] advised were named in a CIA wanted list and living in Monrovia and that this group were diamond buyers. Sam Bockarie retrieved three cardboard boxes that were filled with diamonds and sorted by size. The two Lebanese and the two Arabs started to evaluate the diamonds individually." Why did you not tell Mr Koumjian, in this prepping session in August of last year, that the previous investigators had got the diamond story completely wrong, that they came out of three mayonnaise jars rather than three cardboard boxes? Why didn't you correct that error when he was asking you more questions about paragraph 17?

WITNESS TF1-539: I recall that even during this prepping session I told Mr Koumjian that there was a card box in the suitcase that Sam Bockarie called for from the vehicle. It was in that card box in the suitcase that the mayonnaise bottles were

WILLIAMS: Munyard drove the witness through volumes of previous interviews pointing out TF1-539 had conflicting statements between his courtroom testimony and recorded evidence.

The witness acknowledged some of the points on which he said the Prosecutors had misquoted him.

Munyard told the witness he was making up stories to convince the Court that he was an important insider in the AFRC/RUF arrangement. Especially on the issue of the witness meeting with Taylor in Monrovia, Munyard said the witness was telling a lie.

MUNYARD: Your account there is that you are taken to the protocol office, the protocol officer then and Benjamin Yeachen then take you to Charles Taylor's office and Charles Taylor tries to motivate you, saying, "You're lucky you're alive", that you were a very useful man, Liberia was a home for revolutionists and offers you a job with his forces and made you a one star general... That's what paragraph 13 includes, isn't it?

WITNESS TF1-539: There are some things in this sentence that are wrong, because he did not give me the money to me directly. It was Cisse Musa who gave me the brown envelope that contained the money.

MUNYARD: This alleged meeting with Charles Taylor I suggest is a complete tissue of lies. What do you say about that?

WITNESS TF1-539: It is true.

Munyard ended the cross-examination of Witness TF1-539 Thursday.

WILLIAMS: Charles Taylor will not be in Court Friday. His lead lawyer, Courtney Griffiths, said Mr. Taylor will be relocating from his prison cell to allow renovation work.

The Court granted the Defence motion with no objection from the Prosecution.

Adolphus Williams – BBCWST/SFCG – The Hague

## Associated Press

Wednesday, 11 June 2008

### **Serb war crimes fugitive arrested**

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) -- Serbian police on Wednesday arrested one of the four remaining war crimes fugitives wanted by the U.N. tribunal in the Netherlands.

Stojan Zupljanin faces charges of crimes against humanity.

Suspect Stojan Zupljanin was arrested in the vicinity of Belgrade, Serbia's war crimes prosecution spokesman Bruno Vekaric told The Associated Press.

Zupljanin was a Bosnian Serb police commander during the 1992-95 civil war. The U.N. tribunal wants him on charges of crimes against humanity for overseeing Serb-run prison camps.

In The Hague, a spokeswoman for the prosecution hailed the arrest, which leaves three suspects at large. They are Bosnian Serb military commander Gen. Ratko Mladic, Bosnian Serb wartime leader Radovan Karadzic, and Serb rebel leader in Croatia, Goran Hadzic.

"We hope the others will also end in the Hague soon," Olga Kavran said in a telephone interview.

The arrest comes just days after U.N. prosecutor Serge Brammertz said in a report to the U.N. Security Council that four Serb fugitives sought by his court were "within reach of the Serbian authorities."

The extradition of the four is a key condition set by European Union officials for establishing closer ties with the Balkan nation.

Serbia recently signed a pre-entry accord with the EU, but officials in Brussels said it would not be implemented unless progress was achieved in Serbia's cooperation with the international tribunal in The Hague.

"Zupljanin's arrest shows that Serbia is doing all it can to apprehend the remaining fugitives," said Rasim Ljajic, the government official in charge of ties with the war crimes court.

Zupljanin was initially indicted in 1999, when he was charged with genocide, but that indictment was later amended to war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The Serb-run prison camps in northern Bosnia shocked world public opinion in the early years of the Bosnian war, when television footage of starving prisoners evoked memories of the Nazi camps during World War II.

According to Serbian law, Zupljanin will first appear before a local court to be informed of the indictment before being transferred to the Hague tribunal.

Serbia so far has handed over 42 indicted suspects to the tribunal.

The latest arrest comes at a politically sensitive time for Serbia, where a pro-EU coalition is on the verge of creating a government following parliamentary elections last month.

The Socialist Party of Serbia, once led by late strongman Slobodan Milosevic, is poised to join the coalition, giving the pro-Western bloc of parties a majority in the new parliament.

The Socialists have been blamed for backing Milosevic in a series of bloody wars in the former Yugoslavia during the 1990s.

After being deposed in 2000, Milosevic was extradited to The Hague, where he died of heart failure in 2006 while standing trial on genocide charges.

The Socialists are vehemently opposed to the extradition of any more Serbs indicted by the tribunal.

## Children Welfare Foundation International (Monrovia)

Thursday, 12 June 2008

Press Release

### **Memorial Park for Carter Camp Massacre Victims to be Constructed**

Liberian Children will next Monday, 16th June 2008 converge at the site of the Carter Camp Massacre in Harbel, Margibi County to observe this year's 17th Day of the African Child, set aside by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) now the African Union (AU) to remember the 1976 massacre of South African School Children in the Township of Soweto.

A Press Release issued today by the Public Information Unit of the child rights group, Children Welfare Foundation International (CWFI), states that the day, which will be observed under the theme: "Protecting Children from Violence" will have former Special Representative of the UN Secretary General to Somali Cllr. Winston A. Tubman, as its keynote speaker, while President Johnson-Sirleaf's National Security Adviser Dr. H. Boima Fahnbulleh, Jr., an outstanding Pan Africanist will laid a wreath on the mass grave bearing the remains of the Carter Camp Massacre. The massacre record over 500 deaths in June 1993 allegedly by forces loyal to war crime indictee ex-President Charles Taylor; when he commanded the disbanded National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL).

The occasion according to CWFI's Associate Director, Reuben A. Yuan will also witness the symbolic groundbreaking for the erection of a Monument inscribing the horrific scene of the massacre, and the building of a Memorial Park as a historical shrine of national and international relevance. The General Manager of the Firestone Plantations Company and the Country Director of the international charity, Action Aid Liberia, Mr. Ernest Gaie, will perform the groundbreaking according to the Mr. Yuan jointly.

The Memorial Park upon construction will include among others, a research room, mini-library with the collections of pictures, paintings, books, novels, pamphlets and writings associated with the Liberian civil conflict particularly of Liberian authors including Drs D. Elwood Dunn, H. Boima Fahnbulleh Jr., Amos C. Sawyer, George Klay Kieh Jr., and Thomas Jaye. More so, collections of meaningful pictorials and artistic works would be useful for the mini-library. The projected cost for the exercise is estimated at over one hundred twenty-five thousand United States Dollars.

In conclusion, Mr. Yuan said giving the importance of the observance as an equal vigil for the Carter Camp loss in line with the Soweto madness 32 years ago, the UN Secretary General Special Representative to Liberia, Ambassador Ellen M. Loj; Ms. Rozanne Chorlton, Unicef Country Representative; UNIFEM County Representative and Margibi County Superintendent, Honorable Levi Z. Piah are expected to give special remarks as they partner in the realization of the building of a National Shrine for the unfortunate madness.

The CWFI is leading efforts in this historic sojourn.

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**Newspaper Summary**

**Police employ measures to avert another Stadium Disaster**

(The Informer, New Democrat, National Chronicle, The News, The Inquirer, Daily Observer)

- The Liberia National Police (LNP) in collaboration with its UNMIL counterpart and the Ministry of Youth and Sports have instituted several measures ahead of Sunday's world cup qualifying match with Senegal at the Samuel Kanyon Doe Sports Complex.
- The measures are aimed at preventing a recurrence of a fatal incident in which several soccer fans died during a match between Liberia and The Gambia on 1 June. Addressing a joint news conference on Wednesday, Police Inspector General, Beatrice Muna Sieh cautioned the sponsors of the match not to sell tickets above the capacity of the stadium. Inspector Sieh called on those without tickets to keep away from the stadium. The Acting Commissioner of UN Police, Idris Ibrahim, said the police and UNPOL will be deployed to ensure maximum security at the stadium.

**Solicitor General Opposes Rearming of Police**

(Daily Observer)

- The Solicitor General of Liberia, Tiawon Gongloe has opposed rearming of the Liberia National Police (LNP) on grounds that the LNP still needs training of mind and acquisition of some high level of professionalism.
- Counselor Gongloe said it was important to work on the mind of the LNP by firstly making the public to see the police as a friend by creating a high level of respect for them. He spoke Wednesday at a jointly organized forum by the Liberia National Law Enforcement Association (LINLEA), Civil Society Working Group and the International Transitional Justice (ICTJ).
- The programme was organized under the theme, "Strengthening the Police to Effectively Address the Crime Problem in Liberia".
- Despite the Solicitor General's view, public perception strongly supports rearming of the police to fight crime.

**Doctors Declare Suspected Murderer of Chinese Expert 'Insane' to Stand Trial**

(National Chronicle, The Informer)

- Two medical doctors from the John F. Kennedy Medical Centre have reported that the suspect in the murder trial of a Chinese female instructor is unfit to stand trial.
- In a joint medical report, Drs. Benjamin Harris and Gwen Vogels indicated that suspect Mohammed Konneh is not mentally competent to stand trial at the moment. Kanneh, a former combatant was arrested for stabbing to death Mrs. Jiang Chingyu at the Monrovia Vocational Training Centre (MVTC) on 24 July 2007.

**President Sirleaf Signs Two Bills into Law**

(The Informer, Daily Observer, National Chronicle, The News)

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has signed into law an act rectifying the concession agreement between Liberia and the African Development Agency (ADA) Commercial Incorporated. An Executive Mansion release issued in Monrovia said the agreement, which is worth US\$30

million dollars, will be invested in Lofa and Nimba Counties. The Government said the goal is to produce 75,000 metric tons of rice in about five years, which will be a third of the amount currently imported.

- At the same time, the President has signed into law 'an act ratifying the production sharing contract with Addenda for offshore Liberia Blocks LB-8 and 9 signed between the Republic of Liberia represented by the National Oil Company of Liberia (NOCAL), REGAL Liberia Limited and European Hydrocarbons Limited' at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Those present at the signing ceremony were Vice President Joseph Boakai, Senator Daniel Naatehn; Montserrado County Representative Kettehkumehn Murray; and Nimba County Representative Nohn Kidau. Also present were Agriculture Minister Dr. Chris Toe and Minister of State for Legal and Economic Affairs, Morris Saytumah.

### **USTC Embarks on US\$1.5M Waste Treatment Plant**

(The News, The Inquirer)

- The United States Trading Company (USTC), bottler of Coca Cola in Liberia has embarked on the construction of a US\$1.5 million waste treatment plant at its compound in Paynesville. Speaking to reporters during a tour of the facility Wednesday, the Human Resource and Public Affairs Manager, Gabriel Johnson said the purpose of the plant is to treat waste water through chemical processes.
- Mr. Johnson said the process is part of Coca Cola standards worldwide and said when completed, would be the first in Liberia. The News newspaper reports that the construction of the waste treatment company followed concerns raised by a local environmental group, Action Against Climate Change in Liberia, that the waste water from the factory was posing problems for the Welkarmah community.

### **Defense Lawyers Begin Cross Examination of Witness in Economic Sabotage Case**

(Heritage, The Informer)

- Defense lawyers in the economic sabotage case involving five former finance ministry officials have started cross examination of the first state witness. Speaking during cross -examination, Francois Junius told the court that the defendants withdrew US\$150,000 for a 440 KVA power generator that was never used by the ministry.
- On Tuesday, Mr. Junius, Manager of the Forensic Audit department at the General Audit Commission outlined how the officials acted together to defraud the government of millions of dollars by establishing several "fictitious" companies.
- The officials, former Finance Minister Lusene Kamara, his deputy Tugbeh Doe, and three others Pyne Wallo, Tapple Doe and Albert Quaye are accused of embezzling over LD\$11 million and nearly US\$4 million from government coffers during the transitional government of Gyude Bryant. The cross examination continues today at the Criminal Court "C".

### **CBL, General Auditing Commission Trade Claims**

(The Informer, The News, New Democrat, Daily Observer, Heritage)

- An apparent row has ensued between the General Auditing Commission (GAC) and key government financial institutions over the submission of financial statements to facilitate an audit of the administration. The GAC on one hand and the Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) and the Ministry of Finance on the other have been trading claims and counter-claims of non-cooperation regarding the audit.
- Addressing a news conference Monday, the spokesman for the GAC, Mr. James Jensen, accused the two entities of refusing to cooperate with the commission. But the Executive Governor of the CBL, Dr. Mills Jones denied the allegations and said the bank has delivered to auditors of the commission the documents requested.
- The Ministry of Finance also dismissed similar allegation of stalling the work of the General Auditing Commission. The Ministry said contrary to the GAC claims it has submitted bank statements and relevant vouchers to verify government spending.
- According to The Informer, The News, New Democrat and Heritage newspapers, the Auditing Commission said Friday was the deadline for the submission of financial statements by the entities.

During an impromptu visit to the GAC Tuesday, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf requested the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) to provide all financial documents that is being requested by the General Auditing Commission saying that Government has nothing to hide.

## **Radio Summary**

### **Star Radio** *(News culled today from website at 8:35 am)*

#### **Hundreds of Protestors Besiege Justice Ministry**

- Hundreds of relatives and sympathizers of victims of the violent land dispute in Margibi County today converged before the Justice Ministry to demand justice in the killing of over 13 persons in the area.
- The placard carrying protestors are calling on government to accord "immediate" justice in the incident.
- Addressing the angry crowd, President Sirleaf vowed that government will not hesitate to arrest and prosecute irrespective of status, the mastermind of the violent attack.
- The Chairperson of the Margibi Legislative Caucus, Clarice Jah called on the Justice Ministry to act swiftly to avoid further clashes.
- The Foundation for International Dignity (FIND) condemned the violence and has also called for speedy investigation into the matter.
- Meanwhile, police have confirmed the death of at least 13 persons in the bloody land dispute. Truth FM says the Police are currently investigating Charles Bennie and Roland Kaine in connection with the deaths.

*(Also reported on Truth F.M. and ELBC)*

#### **Defense Lawyers Begin Cross Examination of Witness in Economic Sabotage Case**

*(Also reported on Truth F.M. and ELBC)*

### **Truth F.M.** *(News monitored 10:00 am)*

#### **House Speaker Reaffirms Commitment To Rectify Sub-Regional Protocol**

- House Speaker Alex Tyler has reaffirmed the House of Representatives' commitment to rectify sub-regional protocols to enhance the function of the West African Court of Justice.
- In a release, Speaker Tyler said the court is crucial in addressing the challenges of recruiting children into armed conflicts, cross border trades among other issues.
- He told a visiting 7-man West African Court of Justice delegation that the rule of law and democratic principles are integral components of justice in the region.
- Speaking earlier, Aminata Sanogo said her team seeks to acquaint Liberians with the importance of the court in dealing with issues affecting the growth and development of West Africa.

#### **Police Institute Measures to Prevent Recurrence of Stadium Disaster**

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**Death Toll Rises in land violent dispute – Police ferret perpetrators**

(Public Agenda, National Chronicle, The News, The Inquirer)

- Key dailies reported a rising death toll in a recent violent land dispute that took place in the border town between Margibi and Grand Bassa Counties. Reports suggest that the death toll has increased from 10 to 12 with several cases of injuries.
- A statement carried in the media said the government will move strongly against those responsible for the killings regardless of their status. The Ministry of Justice has ordered the Liberia National Police (LNP) to employ maximum strength in apprehending the culprits.
- The public appears sentimental about the spate of deadly land disputes across the country. Public reactions spoke against the use of violence as a means of resolving land disputes. The Federation of Liberian Youth (FLY) and the communities in which the victims resided condemned the violence and called for the conduct of a speedy and independent investigation involving UNMIL.
- Senator Roland Kaine of Margibi County and a Ministry of Commerce official Charles Bennie are at the centre of controversy over the bloody land dispute.

**President Sirleaf launches over US\$21M project for UL – Calls for support**

(The New Liberia, The Informer Daily Observer, The Analyst, Heritage, National Chronicle, The News, The Inquirer)

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf on Tuesday launched the China-aided project of school buildings within the Fendell Campus of the University of Liberia.
- The project which is valued at US\$21.5 million is funded by the Government of the People's Republic of China and is to be completed by April 2010.
- In remarks, President Sirleaf said the project signifies strong partnerships with both China and the United States as they are collaborating to bring the project to realization.
- For his part, Chinese Ambassador Zhou Yuxiao expressed the hope that the project will contribute significantly to education in Liberia.

**TRC hears wartime testimonies from Liberians in US**

(The Analyst)

- Public hearings by Liberia's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) designed to document wartime atrocities began Tuesday in Minnesota, the United of America. Minnesota is home to the largest Liberian community in the United States, numbering more than 20,000. Other exiles are expected to come from Atlanta, Philadelphia, New York City and Providence, Rhode Island.

**Radio Summary**

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**Government Vows To Deal Drastically With Perpetrators of Margibi Violence**

*(Also reported on Truth F.M. and ELBC)*

### **China-Aided Project of School Buildings Launched at Fendell Campus**

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- Mr. Junius said the accused established several “fictitious” companies and paid huge amounts for goods and services that were never delivered to government.

*(Also reported on Truth F.M. and ELBC)*

#### **Liberian Civil War Fuelled By Greed For Power says Former Vice President Warner**

- Appearing before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), public hearings in the United States, a former Vice President, Bishop Bennie Warner said the Liberian civil war was accentuated by greed for economic wealth and power by the organizers who wanted power at the detriment of the entire citizenry.
- Testifying on the “Roots of the Conflict, 1979-1980: Rice Riots and Military Coup Against President Tolbert”, Bishop Warner recommended the enactment into law of a “National Remembrance Day” for the recognition of the over 200,000 Liberians that died during the civil conflict.
- The U.S. hearings will hear testimonies from Liberians who fled to the United States, focusing on their experiences during the civil war, in flight, in refugee camps, and as they established new lives here. The Advocates for Human Rights, based in Minneapolis, is assisting with coordination and implementation of the hearings.

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