

**SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE
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Sierra Leonean Regimental Bandmaster during World War II, c.1940

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Enclosed are clippings of local and international press on the Special Court and related issues obtained by the Outreach and Public Affairs Office

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As part of support for Sierra Leone's post-conflict recovery efforts, the UK government has provided a further £1 million to the Special Court for Sierra Leone. The grant will help the Court conclude the Charles Taylor trial in The Hague (which moves to closing arguments this week) and to move to residual functions in Sierra Leone quickly and efficiently; leaving a positive judicial legacy in the country. The donation – coming at a crucial time in the business of the Court – underscores UK commitment and support to international criminal justice.

British High Commissioner to Sierra Leone, Ian Hughes said, "The Special Court for Sierra Leone has been a pioneer in international jurisprudence. Its long, arduous task is coming to a close. It is important that its

contribution to bringing elements of justice and closure to Sierra Leone includes leaving behind appropriate and sustainable arrangements for the implementation of its judgments. This grant will help to achieve that end".

With long standing historical links and as a leading partner in Sierra Leone's post-conflict recovery efforts, the UK government is committed to helping the country recover from its turbulent past, which the Special Court for Sierra Leone has played a major role to deliver. In conjunction with the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) findings, the success of the Special Court will help Sierra Leone establish itself as a peaceful, democratic and successful country.

The News

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Handover of SCSL Security

The Special Court's UNMIL Mongolian Guard Force will formally hand over responsibility for the Court's security to the Sierra Leone Police on Thursday morning, at what will be a colourful ceremony in front of the courthouse. The Vice-President will represent the Government of Sierra Leone.

The Mongolian Guard Force took over responsibility for the Court's security from UNAMSIL in January 2006. In all, ten contingents have served at the Special Court, the last being MONBATT 10.

The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m., with guests seated by 9:45. The Media is welcome to attend.

Macleans (Canada)

Tuesday, 15 February 2011

<http://www2.macleans.ca/2011/02/15/you-cant-govern-a-country-140-characters-at-a-time/>

You can't govern a country 140 characters at a time

Once upon a time, governments consulted with those affected, commissioned reports and weighed their options

-SNIP-

It was good to see a story *Macleans*'s broke starting to get more attention this week, even if the reason is distressing. Several media outlets picked up on the plight of Cindor Reeves, once the brother-in-law of the former president of Liberia, Charles Taylor, who is now on trial in The Hague on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Reeves smuggled guns and blood diamonds for Taylor, but secretly turned on him to co-operate with the UN-backed Special Court for Sierra Leone, which eventually brought charges against Taylor. His work, according to those involved in building the case, was crucial. It was also risky. The court once plucked Reeves and his family from West Africa hours before an assassination squad sent by Taylor would have found them. Reeves asked for and received nothing in return. His application for refugee status in Canada has now been rejected. He's appealed the decision, and we trust the Federal Court will do the right thing. There is solid and credible evidence he will be murdered if he is deported to Liberia, and much to take issue with in the Immigration and Refugee Board's decision.

Press Association

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'Night stalker' trial next month

The trial of a man accused of being one of Britain's most notorious sex attackers, who targeted victims in south London, will take place next month.

Former minicab driver Delroy Grant, 53, will face a jury on March 1 for a trial expected to last around three weeks.

Trial Judge Peter Rook remanded Grant in custody after a 45-minute hearing at the Old Bailey.

Grant, who wore a pin-stripe suit, grey tie and white shirt, spoke only to confirm his details and that he understood.

The defendant, with close-cropped greying hair, appeared in court via videolink from Belmarsh Prison.

He is accused of a string of burglaries and sex attacks on elderly victims across south London over 17 years.

The offences took place in Warlingham, Shirley, Beckenham, Bromley, Addiscombe, Orpington and West Dulwich.

Grant, of Brockley Mews, Honor Oak, was arrested after his car was stopped by police in November 2009.

He was interviewed by a team of Scotland Yard detectives hunting a criminal dubbed the Night Stalker.

The inquiry set up to catch the Night Stalker was named Operation Minstead and opened in 1998. The Woolwich Crown Court trial will see Jonathan Laidlaw QC prosecuting and **Courtenay Griffiths QC** defending.