

**SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE
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Flashback to 2003: Two weeks after the groundbreaking, construction begins on the SCSL courthouse

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Swearing-in of RSCSL Judges and Handover of the Special Court Complex to GOSL

The swearing-in of 16 Judges of the Residual Court for Sierra Leone and the hand-over of the Special Court complex to Government, is to take place at the SCSL courthouse on 2 December 2013 beginning at 9:00 a.m. prompt. There will be photo opportunities. The Judges, ten of whom are appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and six by the Government of Sierra Leone, will comprise the RSCSL's Roster of Judges. They will exercise judicial functions in an ad hoc capacity on matters arising from the ongoing legal obligations of the Special Court for Sierra Leone. These could include the review of applications by convicts for early release or judicial review of their convictions. They may also be called to preside over any contempt of court proceedings.

The 16 judges are: (Appointed by the Government of Sierra Leone) Justice George Gelaga King, Justice John Bankole Thompson, Justice Jon Kamanda, Justice Vivian Margarette Solomon, Justice Abdulai Hamid Charm and Justice Eku Roberts, all of Sierra Leone.

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Mansaray will officially hand over the Courthouse and the Special Court complex to Attorney-General Franklyn Bai Kargbo, on behalf of the Government of Sierra Leone. A "soft opening" of the Sierra Leone Peace Museum will follow.

The Government of Sierra Leone will host an official closing ceremony later in the day at State House.

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The New Republic (Liberia)

Tuesday, 26 November 2013

Special Court Hands Over Complex to Gov't. - Swears in 16 RSCSL Judges

The Special Court of Sierra Leone sitting in The Hague that prosecuted former President Charles G. Taylor and found him guilty of "adding and abetting" Sierra Leone rebels in the country's civil war is expected to swear in 16 Judges of the Residual Court for Sierra Leone .

The swearing-in ceremony takes place December 2, 2013 at the courthouse of the Sierra Leone Special Court in Freetown and it coincides with the hand-over of the Special Court complex to the Government of Sierra Leone.

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