

612

SCSL-04-14-T
(18343-18346)

18343

SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

The Trial Chamber 1

Before: Justice Pierre Boutet, Presiding
Justice Bankole Thompson
Justice Benjamin Mutanga Itoe

Registrar: Mr. Lovemore G. Munlo, SC

Date: 8th June, 2006

PROSECUTOR

Against

**Sam Hinga Norman
Moinina Fofana
Allieu Kondewa**

**Case No. SCSL-04-14-T
PUBLIC**

**REPORT ABOUT PROSPECTIVE DEFENCE WITNESS MAJOR GENERAL
ABDU-ONE MOHAMMED OF NIGERIA**

Office of the Prosecutor

Desmond de Silva, QC
James C. Johnson
Joseph Kamara

**Court Appointed Counsel for Sam
Hinga Norman**

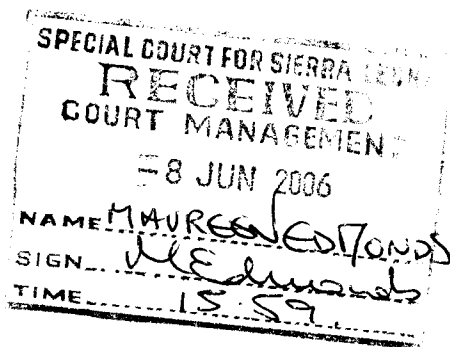
Dr. Bu-Buakei Jabbi
John Wesley Hall Jr.
Alusine Sani Sesay

**Court Appointed Counsel for Moinina
Fofana**

Michiel Pestman
Arrow J. Bokarie
Victor Koppe


**Court Appointed Counsel for Allieu
Kondewa**

Charles Margai
Yada Williams
Ansu Lansana
Susan Wright.



SUBMISSIONS

1. In response to Trial Chamber 1 order requesting the Norman Defence Team to file¹ a written report about witness No. 21 on the Core Witness List, Major General Abdu-One Mohammed, Court Appointed Counsel for the First Accused hereby file the report submitted by the Legal Assistant about the state of affairs concerning the said witness as **ANNEX A**
2. This report is filed for the court to have a full and complete description and the circumstances that have existed that have caused these difficulties to bring the witness to testify for and on behalf of the First Accused.
3. The report as Counsel indicated in Court² has no medical report attached to it notwithstanding counsel's inclination to provide it.


Dr. Bu-Buakei Jabbi
Court Appointed Counsel

¹ Transcripts of 7 June, 2006, page 5

² Transcripts of 7 June, 2006, page 8



18345

SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE
JOMO KENYATTA ROAD • FREETOWN • SIERRA LEONE
PHONE: +39 0831 257000 or +232 22 297000 or +39 083125 (+Ext)
UN Intermission 178 7000 or 178 (+Ext)
FAX: +232 22 297001 or UN Intermission: 178 7001

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

ANNEX A

To: Norman Defence Team

From: Kingsley Etame Belle,
(Legal Assistant, Hinga Norman Defence Team)

Through: Dr. Bu-Buakei Jabbi
(Court Appointed Counsel, Norman Defence Team)

Date: 08 June 2006

Subject: Situation Report About Prospective Defence Witness No. 21, Major Gen. Abdu-One Mohammed As Requested by Trial Chamber 1.

This report is in respect of the trip I made to Nigeria between the 25th of May to the 3rd of June 2006 to meet a prospective witness Major Gen. Abdu-One Mohammed. This trip was a follow up to my previous trip to Nigeria in March 2006 to see the said witness and one General Victor Malu to testify as witnesses on behalf of the First Accused. During the said trip General Malu said the best person to testify will be Major Gen. Abdu-One since he was based in Freetown and was the commander of the Ecomog forces in Sierra Leone.

Major Gen. Abdu-One Mohammed lives in Jos Town in the Plateau State of Nigeria, and before I met him during my previous trip to Nigeria (March 2006), I was informed by Gen. Malu that he had a serious stroke which Major Gen. Abdu-One Mohammed actually confirmed to me when I personally met him in Missau in Bauchi State, where he went to rest after leaving the hospital. During that maiden investigative trip to Nigeria, I had some fruitful discussions with him about the possibility of him testifying when the condition of his health improves. When I returned, I continued to keep in touch to find out about the situation of his health which finally culminated to the trip I made to Nigeria on the 25th of May 2006.

When I met him during my recent trip in Jos Town, he said arrangements are already in place for him to go for further treatment to Germany and that if the paper work is complete, he will definitely travel during the first or second week of June. He further told me that all things being equal, he will return by the end of July 2006. He further said if the Court can accommodate him in September, then he will be very willing to testify for and on behalf of Chief Hinga Norman. During my trip, I was able to unearth some documents from him which are equally very vital to our case.

I wish to equally state that, he did not give me any medical certificate and I did not insist because of the situation of his health, I had to approach him with a lot of caution with concern



18346

SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

JOMO KENYATTA ROAD • FREETOWN • SIERRA LEONE

PHONE: +39 0831 257000 or +232 22 297000 or +39 083125 (+Ext)

UN Intermission 178 7000 or 178 (+Ext)

FAX: +232 22 297001 or UN Intermission: 178 7001

for his own sensitivities in that regard. I did not want to give the impression that the Norman Team is not concerned about his health situation and the pain he is going through but only about him testifying as a witness for and on behalf of the first accused. To have proceeded otherwise might have been counter-productive, leading to our possibly losing him altogether as a witness.


Kingsley Etienne Belle
Legal Assistant, Norman Defence Team