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### **Prosecution Wraps Up Case in Trial of CDF Accused**

“Your Lordships, the Prosecution will at this stage close its case.”

With the words, prosecution attorney Mohamed Bangura today announced the end of the Prosecution’s case in the first of three ongoing trials at the Special Court. The trial of Sam Hinga Norman, Moinina Fofana and Allieu Kondewa, the CDF Accused, began on 3 June 2004.

During five trial sessions which spanned just over a year, 75 prosecution witnesses – three of them expert witnesses – gave testimony in the case. Lawyers will now prepare to present the case for the Defence in proceedings which are expected to last into next year.

The three accused each face an 8-count indictment alleging war crimes, crimes against humanity and other serious violations of international humanitarian law. Specific charges include unlawful killings, looting and burning, terrorizing the civilian population, and the use of child soldiers.

Meanwhile, two other cases are continuing at the Special Court. In the case of the RUF Accused (Issa Sesay, Morris Kallon and Augustine Gbao), 39 witnesses have given evidence. That trial began on 5 July 2004. In the case of the AFRC accused (Alex Tamba Brima, Brima Bazzy Kamara and Santigie Borbor Kanu), which began in March this year, 41 witnesses have testified so far.

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The Special Court is an independent tribunal established jointly by the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone. It is mandated to bring to justice those who bear the greatest responsibility for atrocities committed in Sierra Leone after 30 November 1996. To date, the Prosecutor has indicted eleven persons on various charges of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law. Nine indictees are currently in the custody of the Court.

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