

Case No. SCSL-2004-16-T
THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
ALEX TAMBA BRIMA
BRIMA BAZZY KAMARA
SANTIGIE BORBOR KANU

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9.22 A.M.
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

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1 [TB070705A-EKD]

2 Thursday, 7 July 2005

3 [Closed session]

4 [The three accused present]

09:21:28 5 [The witness entered court]

6 [Upon commencing at 9.22 a.m.]

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8 transcript, pages 2 to 27, was extracted and sealed under

9 separate cover, as the session was heard in camera.]

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1 [Open session]

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who is leading the witness? We
3 understand it is Krio, but the witness has not yet been sworn in.
4 Madam Court Attendant, please swear in the witness.

10:36:58 5 WITNESS: TF1-209 [Sworn]

6 [The witness answered through interpretation]

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed.

8 MS ALAGENDRA: Thank you, Your Honour.

9 EXAMINED BY MS ALAGENDRA:

10:37:55 10 Q. Good morning, Madam Witness.

11 A. How is the morning?

12 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, if I can just check if the
13 voice distortion is in place.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Court Attendant, please confirm.

10:38:09 15 MS EDMONDS: Yes, it has been put in place.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

17 MS ALAGENDRA: Thank you, Your Honour.

18 Q. Madam Witness, I have a few questions to ask you this
19 morning.

10:38:17 20 A. Okay.

21 Q. Witness, how old are you?

22 A. I don't know.

23 Q. Do you know where you were born?

24 A. Yes.

10:38:35 25 Q. Where were you born, Witness?

26 A. In xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx.

27 Q. Witness, are you married?

28 A. Yes, we are lovers.

29 Q. Do you have children?

1 MR FOFANAH: Excuse me, Your Honours, just before my
2 learned colleagues goes forward, the witness mentioned **xxxxxx**
3 **barracks**, but we don't know where that is.

4 MS ALAGENDRA: I will clarify that, Your Honour.

10:39:17 5 Q. Witness, can you tell the Court where is **xxxxxxx xxxxxx**?

6 A. In Freetown here, towards **xxxxxxx**.

7 Q. Witness, are you -- do you have children?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. How many children do you have?

10:39:51 10 A. My own child -- I have one child and two wards. That makes
11 it three.

12 Q. Witness, where were you living in August of 1998?

13 A. I was in **xxxxxxx** in Koinadugu.

14 Q. Did anything happen in Koinadugu in August 1998?

10:40:36 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Please could you tell the Court what happened?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Please proceed, Witness.

19 A. We were there. I was pounding at the back of the house.

10:41:02 20 At that time, the rice had dried up and I was pounding. When I
21 came outside, I heard some shooting and I saw rebels carrying
22 guns and they were shooting. I ran away and I went into the
23 farm.

24 Q. Witness, the rebels that you say you saw shooting, can you
10:41:27 25 describe to the Court what they were wearing at that time?

26 A. They were wearing combat -- some were wearing combat
27 fatigue and others were wearing civilian dresses. And some
28 were, -- they were tying red cloth and white cloth .

29 Q. Witness, where was the red cloth and white cloth tied?

1 A. In Koinadugu. In Koinadugu at that time they were going
2 towards Kabala.

3 Q. Witness, you told the Court that the rebels had white cloth
4 and red cloth. Can you explain to the Court how they were
10:42:23 5 wearing this white cloth and red cloth?

6 A. They tied it around their heads, and they said they were
7 going to Kabala.

8 Q. Witness, you told the Court that at this point you ran
9 away. Where did you run away to?

10:42:48 10 A. In my mother-in-law's farm. My first husband's mother's
11 farm, that's where I went.

12 Q. Did you go with anyone when you went to your first
13 husband's mother's farm?

14 A. At that time we were many who ran to that farm. That's
10:43:21 15 where we passed the night.

16 Q. Witness, what about your husband and your children, did
17 they go with you when you went to your husband's mother's farm?

18 A. No. No, we all dispersed and they followed my husband.

19 Q. Witness, how long did you stay in your husband's mother's
10:44:00 20 farm?

21 A. One day.

22 Q. Where did you go to after the one day?

23 A. I went to my own mother.

24 Q. Where was that, Witness?

10:44:28 25 A. In the second farm.

26 Q. Witness, why did you go to the second farm?

27 A. At that time, they said they were going to Kabala and we
28 met them coming. They wrote a letter and left it there.

29 Q. Witness, who said they were going to Kabala?

1 A. I saw them as they passed through.

2 [TB070705B-SGH]

3 Q. Witness, when you say you saw "them", who is "them" that
4 you saw pass through?

10:45:19 5 A. The rebels and the soldiers.

6 Q. Witness, at the second farm, who were you there with?

7 A. We were many. My mother, my sister and some of my
8 neighbours. We were all there. Later my husband joined us. And
9 my child and we were all there.

10:46:04 10 Q. Witness, did anything happen when you were at the second
11 farm?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Please, can you tell the Court what happened?

14 A. We were in that second farm when this junta carrying a gun
10:46:25 15 met us there. They killed some, they raped some, and my husband
16 was killed. My child, too, was killed. When I attempted to get
17 hold of my child and the cutlass hit my hand. And I was raped.
18 They killed some people. My husband was beaten with a stick.
19 And as we were coming to town and we saw some civilians and they
10:47:00 20 were caught. At that time they had raped us. They had used us
21 as their wives.

22 Q. Witness, were you raped?

23 A. Yes. I was raped by two people. They told me to bow down,
24 remove my pants and my lappa and they raped me. They raped me as
10:47:49 25 their wives. At that time they had gone -- the other people had
26 gone to dig up bush yam.

27 Q. Witness, you told the Court that you were raped by two
28 people.

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Do you know if those two people belonged to any group?

2 A. The groups that they were in, yes, I know the group.

3 Q. Can you tell the Court the groups?

4 A. Yes.

10:48:35 5 Q. Please proceed, Witness?

6 A. The person who raped me or their bosses?

7 Q. The persons that raped you, Witness, who were their bosses?

8 A. Their bosses were Superman and SAJ Musa.

9 Q. Witness, how do you know their bosses were Superman and SAJ

10:49:18 10 Musa? How do you know this?

11 A. When we came to town, after they had captured me and they

12 went to town, that is when I knew.

13 Q. And how did you know this, Witness?

14 A. They told me that these were Superman's groups. This is

10:49:55 15 SAJ's group. That's how I knew.

16 Q. Witness, who told you this?

17 A. They told me and my companions told me that this -- that

18 they belonged to this group. I saw -- I saw it, that it was

19 true.

10:50:36 20 Q. Witness, at the time that you were raped, where was your

21 husband?

22 A. My husband was in the farm. We were in the same farm. He

23 was beaten with a mortar pestle. At that time I was pregnant.

24 My pregnancy wasted.

10:51:08 25 Q. Witness, did your husband see you being raped?

26 MR MANLY-SPAIN: May it please Your Honour.

27 THE WITNESS: Yes.

28 MR MANLY-SPAIN: I believe the preceding question --

29 THE WITNESS: He saw me.

1 MR MANLY-SPAIN: -- the husband was in the same farm. I
2 doubt whether this witness can say what her husband saw.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: She can certainly say where he was in
4 relation to herself if she knows that.

10:51:35 5 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Yes, Your Honour. I don't object to that.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Foundation, Ms Alagendra, please.

7 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, Your Honour.

8 Q. Witness, did you see your husband at the farm?

9 A. Yes. He met us there later in that farm to my mother.

10:52:10 10 Q. Witness, at the time that you were being raped, did you see
11 your husband?

12 A. Yes, I saw him. It was in his presence that they raped me.
13 And it was in my presence that they took a mortar pestle and beat
14 him with it.

10:52:43 15 Q. Witness, were you the only person that was raped on the
16 second farm that day?

17 A. No, I was not the only one. There were others who were
18 raped.

19 Q. Witness, are you able to tell the Court about how many
10:53:08 20 others were raped apart from you?

21 A. At that time -- well, it was a long time, but I could
22 recall -- I cannot recall all of them. But they raped some.
23 There are some children who were raped. Some were ten years old.
24 They were raped. Some were nine years old. They were raped as
10:53:39 25 well.

26 Q. Witness, did you see the other women being raped?

27 A. Yes, I saw. I was there when they were being raped.

28 Q. Witness, you told the Court that you were raped by two
29 rebels and they asked you to bend over and they raped you.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Can you tell the Court how the other women were raped that
3 you could see?

4 A. Yes. They ask them to bend over. Some laid down. Some
10:54:43 5 were asked to bend over.

6 Q. Witness, you told the Court that you were raped by two
7 rebels. Did you see how many rebels were raping each of the
8 other women that you saw being raped?

9 A. I was raped by two people.

10:54:58 10 Q. What about the other women, Witness?

11 A. The other women too -- the same people who raped me were
12 the same people who raped them. There were four of them who
13 went, but the others were close by. The other two went across
14 and the other two stayed in our own farm.

10:55:50 15 Q. Witness, at the time that you were raped, the rebels that
16 raped you, were they armed?

17 A. Yes, they had one weapon.

18 Q. Did they say anything to you before or after you were
19 raped?

10:56:20 20 A. After they had raped me and we had gone to town, then they
21 said everything to me.

22 Q. What did they say to you, Witness?

23 A. They told me that -- they said we were lucky here. They
24 said we were lucky because when they came -- because they do slit
10:56:57 25 the belly of women open and sometimes they kill and sometimes
26 they would argue that this is a boy and this is a girl. And they
27 would ask what would prove that this is a girl or a boy. And the
28 other would say what would prove that he is the girl and they
29 would slit the woman's belly open. And they would initiate women

1 into the Bondo. That's what they told me.

2 Q. Witness, who told you this?

3 A. Five-Five told me. American told me. Johnny himself told
4 me. The three of them. The three of them told me that.

10:58:02 5 Q. Witness, did they tell you who was slitting the bellies of
6 the women?

7 A. They just said they were doing it. They said they were
8 doing it. They didn't tell me that the people. I do not know
9 whether it was them who told me. I don't know.

10:58:40 10 Q. Witness, you told the Court that they killed your husband
11 on the second farm.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Can you tell the Court how your husband was killed?

14 A. My husband was beaten with a mortar pestle and my child.

10:59:06 15 Q. Did you see who beat your husband?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Please, can you tell the Court who beat your husband?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Please proceed.

10:59:25 20 A. It was Jabie and -- he was beaten by Jabie and Allusein.

21 Q. Witness, do you know which group Jabie and Allusein belong
22 to?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Can you tell the Court which group?

10:59:50 25 A. Allusein is Superman and Jabie, SAJ Musa.

26 Q. Witness, you told the Court that they killed your child.
27 Can you describe what they did to your child?

28 JUDGE LUSSICK: Did she say killed or beat? She said, "My
29 husband was beaten with a mortar pestle and my child."

1 THE WITNESS: Mortar pestle.

2 MS ALAGENDRA: I will clarify that with the witness, Your
3 Honour.

4 Q. Witness, can you tell the Court what happened to your
11:00:27 5 child?

6 A. My child was shot. They took him away from me and they
7 said they were going to kill him. As I attempted to get to the
8 child, they had a small knife and they gave me the knife and that
9 knife wounded me and they killed him. They took me and carried
11:00:54 10 us to the farm. They took away our rice, our groundnut and they
11 asked us to carry them and we went to town.

12 Q. Witness, how old was your child when he was killed?

13 A. At that time he was six years.

14 Q. Witness, did you see who shot your child?

11:01:36 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Can you tell the Court who?

17 A. He was shot by Jabie.

18 Q. Witness, you told the Court you sustained a cut on your
19 hand. Can you explain how you sustained that cut?

11:02:14 20 A. Yes. They wanted to shoot my child and I shouted and
21 attempted to take the child away from them and the knife wounded
22 me. I still have the mark on my hand.

23 Q. Witness, you told the Court that after that they looted
24 property?

11:02:48 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is not quite what the witness said,
26 Ms Alagendra. She was much more precise than that.

27 MS ALAGENDRA: I was about to proceed to ask her to explain
28 that.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, but putting it that way is leading

1 the witness. It is not permissible.

2 MS ALAGENDRA: I will re-phrase the question.

3 Q. Witness, can you tell the Court what they looted from the
4 second farm?

11:03:20 5 A. In the second farm they just raped me and my child whom I
6 lost together with my husband. I lost them there.

7 Q. Witness, can you tell the Court what they took from your
8 farm before they left?

9 A. They took rice and groundnut and they asked me to carry it
11:03:52 10 and I placed it on my head and took them to town. They asked us
11 to go to town.

12 Q. Did anything happen on the way when you were going to the
13 town?

14 A. Yes. When we were about to enter the town, then we heard
11:04:20 15 shooting and we stood still. They said -- we met one man whom
16 they said was their companion. He, too, was wearing combat
17 uniform and he said they were killing our sheep. He said they
18 were killing a cow and some of our companions who were there,
19 they were captured and they asked them to carry some loads and we
11:04:48 20 went to town. When we went to town our names were written down.

21 Q. Witness, when you entered the town, which place were you
22 taken to?

23 A. We were taken to xxxxxxxx office, that's where we were taken.
24 That is xxxxxxxxxxxxxx house. He built it. It was his house.

11:05:30 25 Q. What happened when you arrived at xxxxxxxx office?

26 A. Our names were written down so that we could join them. So
27 that we wouldn't go missing. If anyone goes missing the book
28 would be consulted and that was why they were written down our
29 names.

1 Q. Witness, do you remember who was writing down your name?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. Can you tell the Court?
4 A. He was called Mongo.
11:06:25 5 Q. Can you describe to the court how Mongo was dressed?
6 A. He wore combat uniform. He was the MP. He was the boss of
7 the MPs.
8 Q. Witness, what happened after they wrote down your names?
9 A. We went -- we went -- the person who caught me took me to
11:06:57 10 the house. I was cooking for him. I was laundering for him. He
11 turned me into his wife.
12 Q. Witness, this person who turned you into his wife, do you
13 know which group he belonged to?
14 A. Yes.
11:07:26 15 Q. Can you tell the Court?
16 A. He belonged to Superman's group.
17 Q. Witness, what do you mean when you say he turned you into
18 his wife?
19 A. Because during the day, in the evening, in the morning, we
11:08:06 20 would lie down. There was no time for that. Whenever he felt
21 like.
22 Q. Whenever he felt like what did he do, Witness? Can you
23 explain?
24 A. He would have sex with me.
11:08:43 25 Q. Witness, how long did you stay with him?
26 A. I was with him for four months. To the other person I was
27 with him for three months. During the fourth month I was with
28 Allusein.
29 Q. Witness, who were you with after you were with Allusein?

1 A. I was with Jabie.

2 Q. Witness, you told the Court the first person you were with
3 belong to Superman's group. Can you tell the Court which group
4 the second person you were with belonged to?

11:10:00 5 A. He belonged to SAJ Musa's group.

6 Q. And how long did you stay with him, Witness?

7 A. To the first people?

8 Q. To the second person.

9 A. It was one month.

11:10:35 10 Q. During the one month, did he do anything to you?

11 A. Yes. We used to cook. He, too, it was the same thing. I
12 used to launder for him. I used to cook for him. I used to
13 launder for him. He, too, had no time. Morning, evening and the
14 night. At any time of the day.

11:11:13 15 Q. What happened at any time of the day, witness?

16 A. He too had sex with me.

17 Q. Witness, what happened after the four months?

18 A. After the four months there was a fight. SAJ Musa and
19 Superman had a fight and they killed one of my brothers in the
11:11:49 20 training school where they were training children to learn how to
21 fight. That was where they fought. Therein Superman went.

22 Superman went away and we remained there. We were there after a
23 long time. Then CDF took him from Kabala. They came and there
24 was a fight. They fought in Koinadugu. They killed CDFs two
11:12:15 25 people. They killed them. They cooked them and ate them.

26 Q. Who killed the two CDF?

27 A. At that time the rebel them -- the rebels that were there;
28 SAJ Musa and his boys. They had gone. Because after the fight
29 with Superman, Superman left that town and went away. The rebels

1 remained there.

2 Q. Witness, you told the Court that the two CDF that were
3 killed they were cut and they were cooked. Who did that,
4 Witness?

11:13:21 5 A. The people who -- the person with whom I was. With whom I
6 was. In fact asked to me and I told him no, I was not going to
7 eat. So they cooked and ate him. The town's -- many, many
8 people ate them because we saw them passing them to them. They
9 said we -- "You have killed your husbands and we are coming to
11:13:46 10 eat them."

11 Q. Who said that, Witness?

12 A. My husband's friends. They said that again.

13 Q. When you say your husband's friends, Witness, who do you
14 mean?

11:14:15 15 A. Because American was there and again they, too, told me.
16 They called him American. He said it. He said that our husband,
17 they have come from Kabala to come and fight them.

18 Q. Witness, this person named American, do you know if he
19 belonged to any group?

11:14:53 20 A. Yes. It was the same. It was the same SAJ Musa's group.
21 They belonged to SAJ Musa's group.

22 Q. Witness, apart from the killing of the two CDF during the
23 fight, did you see anything else happen?

24 A. If anything happened? It's only the Superman and CDF they
11:15:26 25 fight and after SAJ Musa's fight. And again they said when they
26 were in Mongo -- when they were in Mongo, towards Guinea, when
27 they were there they used to slit women's stomachs and they used
28 to join them. There, too, they used to amputate. They had a boy
29 whom they showed me. They called the boy Cuthand. That was the

1 boy who used to cut hands.

2 Q. Witness, when there was a fight with the CDF in Koinadugu
3 where the two CDF were killed, were there any other people who
4 were killed during that fight?

11:16:10 5 MR MANLY-SPAIN: May it please Your Honour, we crave the
6 indulgence of my learned friend. We have had the word Mongo
7 twice, once the name of a person. It was not spelt and now as a
8 place.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Indeed, Mr Manly-Spain. Ms Alagendra,
11:16:31 10 there is a policy in this Court that place names and proper names
11 are spelt for purposes of record. So if you could please have
12 those names spelt.

13 MS ALAGENDRA: I apologise, Your Honour.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, there is a place-name and at least
11:16:44 15 two persons' names.

16 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, the first person's name Mongo
17 is spelt M-O-N-G-O. The town called Mongo is also spelt the same
18 way, Your Honour, M-O-N-G-O. And the witness mentioned a name
19 Allusein which, to the best of my understanding, is spelt
11:17:11 20 A-L-L-U-S-E-I-N. And the witness mentioned another name, Jabie,
21 which I believe is spelled J-A-B-I-E. Your Honour, if I could
22 proceed also to verify the spelling of the other names, Your
23 Honour.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: If you would, please.

11:17:53 25 MS ALAGENDRA: The witness also mentioned American, which I
26 believe is spelled A-M-E-R-I-C-A-N. She named Five-Five, which I
27 believe is F-I-V-E F-I-V-E and she also named Cuthand, which I
28 believe is C-U-T-H-A-N-D.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Manly-Spain, does that deal with your

1 objection?

2 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Yes, thank you.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed.

4 MS ALAGENDRA: Thank you, Your Honour.

11:18:41 5 Q. Witness, apart from the two CDF people who were killed
6 during the fight, do you know if there was anybody else killed
7 during that fight?

8 A. When they were there they were about to move. They used to
9 capture civilians, put them in houses and burn them up.

11:19:09 10 Q. Witness, did you see this happening yourself?

11 A. Yes. I saw it happen and I was there also.

12 Q. Witness, did you know any of the civilians who were put
13 into the houses and burnt to death in this way?

14 A. Yes. My first husband who was killed with the mortar
11:19:43 15 pestle, his mother too, and his sister. And my own sister. And
16 my brother and aunt. They put them in the house. Also in the
17 town, the town was completely burnt and only the mosque was not
18 touched. The mosque, too, they put -- they put -- they set the
19 mosque ablaze, but it didn't burn. The whole of Koinadugu was
11:20:16 20 burnt, including human beings.

21 Q. Witness, what did you do after this?

22 A. There was a village near Koinadugu, Koinadugu. We went to
23 Kalkoya. In the morning the one who captured me, Jabie's friend,
24 I begged him. By then they had also shot my mother. The bullet
11:20:59 25 caught her. I begged him let him take -- accompany me to the
26 farm, so we went to the farm so that his companions will not see
27 me. So early in the morning I begged him and he accompanied me
28 to the farm. He returned. After he returned they left there.
29 Those who were in Koinadugu we met them in Kalkoya. They came up

1 to [indiscernible]. Some were in Morya. They were there for
2 about a month. They were there until they left. They came to
3 Freetown.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated] Ms Alagendra,
11:21:42 5 please.

6 MS ALAGENDRA: Sorry, Your Honour, but I did not get the
7 place that the witness mentioned. I am going to ask her to
8 repeat that.

9 Q. Witness, after you went to the farm where you said your
11:22:00 10 mother had been shot and she was there, where did you go to?

11 A. My mother was in town. By the time when they were burning
12 the town, they were shooting so the bullet caught her.

13 Q. Witness, where did you go to after that?

14 A. After Koinadugu?

11:22:30 15 Q. Yes?

16 A. Kalkoya. Kalkoya, that was where we slept. We left the
17 town because there was no place to sleep. All the houses were
18 burnt down.

19 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, I believe that is spelt
11:22:41 20 K-A-L-K-O-Y-A.

21 MR FOFANAH: Just for clarify, Your Honour, can we also
22 have Koinadugu spelt out? Thank you.

23 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, I believe it is spelt
24 K-O-I-N-A-D-U-G-U. Thank you very much, Witness, I have no more
11:23:18 25 questions for you. Thank you, Your Honours.

26 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR MANLY-SPAIN:

27 Q. Good morning, madam.

28 A. How is the morning?

29 Q. Madam, do you remember when you were allegedly captured?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Can you please tell the Court.

3 A. How I was captured?

4 Q. When you were captured.

11:24:15 5 A. The dates?

6 Q. [Microphone not activated] Madam.

7 A. The dates, I am not sure. I don't know, because I never

8 went to school I couldn't remember that year. I couldn't

9 remember it any more. I don't know the dates.

11:24:47 10 Q. Madam witness, when you started to give evidence this

11 morning you were asked whether you could remember August 1998; is

12 that so?

13 A. Yes, that was in the rainy season.

14 Q. Was that the time you were captured?

11:25:12 15 A. Yes. That was the time I was captured.

16 Q. So, you remember now it was -- do you remember now it was

17 August 1998?

18 A. Yes. I could remember that now.

19 Q. Thank you. Madam Witness, how long did you stay with the

11:25:36 20 rebels?

21 A. Four months.

22 Q. Isn't it really seven months from the evidence you have

23 given this morning?

24 A. Seven months?

11:26:05 25 Q. Yes?

26 A. It was not seven months. I said four months.

27 Q. How long were you with Allusein?

28 A. Jabie, it was three months with Allusein. It was Allusein

29 period that made it four months when we separated.

1 Q. Please, how long were you with Allusein?
2 A. It was one month with Allusein. Including Jabie's time, it
3 was four months.
4 Q. I am putting to it you, Madam, that when you were being
11:27:03 5 asked in examination-in-chief you said you spent four months with
6 Allusein and three months with Jabie.
7 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, I object to that question.
8 THE WITNESS: No, I did not say that.
9 PRESIDING JUDGE: What is your objection, Ms Alagendra?
11:27:25 10 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, during the examination-in-chief
11 the witness testified that she had stayed four months with them,
12 one month with one person and three months with the other peson.
13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Counsel is entitled to put that question.
14 The question is allowed.
11:27:40 15 MR MANLY-SPAIN: I believe she has answered.
16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Unfortunately, I will have to ask her to
17 repeat the answer as I was being talked over. Madam Witness,
18 please repeat your answer.
19 THE WITNESS: I said with Jabie, I spent three months with
11:27:56 20 him. Allusein, it was only one month. That made it up to four
21 months. That is what I said.
22 MR MANLY-SPAIN:
23 Q. Where you said that Jabie belonged to SAJ Musa's group; is
24 that so?
11:28:20 25 A. Yes.
26 Q. Where were you with these rebels? Which place?
27 A. Koinadugu. In the Koinadugu District or Kabala.
28 Q. Were you in Kabala?
29 A. Yes, in my village.

1 Q. When you were there, did you see SAJ Musa?

2 A. I saw him.

3 Q. Did you see SAJ Musa in December 1998?

4 A. The time -- the year, I don't know the year, but I saw him.

11:29:34 5 I saw him personally. I knew the house in which he was. I knew
6 the house in which he resided.

7 Q. Okay. During the entire four months you were with these
8 rebels did you see SAJ Musa all the time?

9 A. No, I have said that they fought. SAJ Musa and Superman
11:30:02 10 they had a fight. Therein SAJ went to Morya. He was there.
11 From there they came to Freetown.

12 Q. That is what I am asking you. Were you with SAJ's people
13 when they were at Morya?

14 A. No, I was not there. I was in Koinadugu.

11:30:26 15 Q. Where is Morya?

16 A. Morya is on the way to Mongo. That is where it is.
17 Towards Guinea.

18 MR MANLY-SPAIN: The spelling, Your Honour. I can't
19 proffer one for Moria.

11:30:47 20 Q. But Morya, is it in the Koinadugu District?

21 A. Morya, it is far from Koinadugu. I don't know now whether
22 it is in the Koinadugu District. If it is in the Koinadugu
23 District or it is not. I don't know about that.

24 Q. Madam Witness, when you say Koinadugu, do you mean the
11:31:22 25 district or a town in Koinadugu District?

26 A. It was a town. The town is also called Koinadugu District.
27 When you talk of Kabala, it is in the Koinadugu District.
28 Kabala. That has the name Koinadugu District. They only say it
29 is Kabala.

1 Q. You see what I am asking you, when you talk about
2 Koinadugu, do you mean Kabala?
3 A. No. The Koinadugu District in Kabala.
4 Q. Is there a separate town, apart from Kabala, called
11:32:05 5 Koinadugu?
6 A. Yes, that is my own village. That is where my father was
7 born.
8 Q. Your village is called Koinadugu?
9 A. Yes.
11:32:34 10 Q. Jabie was the second person that you stayed with; is that
11 not so?
12 A. Jabie? Allusein was the second person. Jabie was the
13 first one. Allusein was the second person.
14 Q. So, at the risk of repeating the question, Your Honour, I
11:32:57 15 am asking your permission.
16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, it is somewhat confusing. Please
17 put it again.
18 MR MANLY-SPAIN:
19 Q. So, you said Jabie was the first person?
11:33:03 20 A. Yes.
21 Q. You spent three months with him?
22 A. Yes.
23 Q. And later on it was Allusein and you spent one month with
24 him?
11:33:14 25 A. Yes.
26 Q. Thank you. Madam witness --
27 A. Yes.
28 Q. -- during the time you were with Jabie, was Jabie with
29 SAJ Musa?

1 A. Jabie? He was with SAJ Musa.

2 Q. Where were they staying? What town?

3 A. They were in Koinadugu after the three months.

4 Q. So, your home town Koinadugu, that was where they were?

11:34:15 5 A. Yes, they were there. They were in three places.

6 Q. Yes, please tell us

7 A. They were Bumbukoro, they were also in Dunduko.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please repeat the names, Madam Witness, I
9 didn't hear them very well.

11:34:37 10 THE WITNESS: I said they were in Koinadugu. They were in
11 Bumbukoro. They were in Dunduko.

12 MR MANLY-SPAIN:

13 Q. Are all of those three places in Koinadugu District?

14 A. Yes.

11:35:22 15 Q. Madam, do you remember you made statements to the
16 Prosecution, the investigators of the Special Court?

17 A. Coming from where?

18 Q. I don't know whether you have interpreted my statement, but
19 I am asking you whether you remember making a statement to the
11:35:51 20 office of the -- to the investigators of the Special Court.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: What was the answer?

22 THE WITNESS: To meet me where?

23 MR MANLY-SPAIN: I am not hearing the interpretation.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: The answer that I heard was, "to meet me
11:36:21 25 where?" It would appear the witness requires clarification of
26 your question, Mr Manly-Spain.

27 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Much obliged, Your Honour.

28 Q. Do you remember making a statement to the investigators of
29 the Special Court?

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is the question she sought
2 clarification of. She has asked you to clarify where.
3 MR MANLY-SPAIN:
4 Q. In Freetown on 16th September 2003.
11:37:33 5 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Can I put the question again?
6 Q. Madam Witness, do you remember making a statement --
7 A. Yes.
8 Q. -- in Freetown to the investigators of the Special Court?
9 A. Yes. Yes.
11:37:50 10 Q. Do you also remember giving additional information to the
11 investigators of the Special Court in Freetown?
12 A. Yes, in Freetown. In xxxxxxxxx.
13 Q. Did you in that state second additional information correct
14 mistakes that you found in the first statement?
11:38:23 15 A. It was from the first one.
16 Q. Did you make corrections to the first statement?
17 A. How?
18 Q. For example, did you correct certain names you found to be
19 wrong in the first statement?
11:39:19 20 A. The ones I made, the first one, is what I have said here.
21 Q. I am putting it to you, Madam Witness, that in certain
22 areas you have said things that are completely different from
23 what you have said in your first statement.
24 A. How?
11:39:46 25 Q. Let me just refer you.
26 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Your Honour, may I just refer to page
27 8192?
28 THE WITNESS: Okay.
29 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Let me just read for you. Your Honour,

1 with your permission.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, proceed, Mr Manly-Spain.

3 MR MANLY-SPAIN: It is from the first paragraph. I begin
4 from about six lines from the bottom. "Witness says that the
11:40:36 5 rebels had wanted to go to Freetown via Makeni but had not been
6 able to reach Freetown and were forced to turn back to Koinadugu
7 Town where they established a base. Witness said that she fled
8 to her husband's brother's farm. Her first-born son --"

9 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, if I could just interrupt. I
11:41:08 10 apologise. Just to request the counsel does not mention the name
11 in the next sentence, Your Honour. The witness's name. Thank
12 you, Your Honour, I apologise.

13 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Much obliged. "Our first-born son, who
14 was about two years old, was with her at first when she fled, but
11:41:32 15 then she lost him." Madam Witness, did you say that to the
16 investigator?

17 A. I did not say two years.

18 Q. Did you say that you lost him?

19 A. My child?

11:42:01 20 Q. Yes.

21 A. My child, I said he was shot. I said he was six years.

22 Q. So you did not tell the person who took your statement
23 that. I will read on, Madam Witness. "She had hoped to meet him
24 at the farm, but he was not there. She has not seen him since."

11:42:54 25 A. In the farm? My child was killed in my presence. He did
26 not get lost. They shot him. They shot him with a gun.

27 Q. Please answer my question. Did you say that what I have
28 read to you that was taken down, did you say that to the
29 investigator?

1 A. To say that my child got lost?

2 Q. Yes, did you say that to the investigator?

3 A. I did not say that my child got lost. I said my child was
4 killed. My husband died. They shot my child in my presence

11:43:55 5 before we moved to the town.

6 Q. Madam Witness, did the person who wrote down your
7 statement, did that person read it over to you?

8 A. Yes, he read it back to me.

9 Q. And did you say that this statement was correct?

11:44:21 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. The person who took down your statement was she a woman?

12 A. He was a man.

13 Q. Was there an interpreter?

14 A. Yes.

11:44:55 15 Q. Was that person a man too?

16 A. No, she was a woman.

17 MR MANLY-SPAIN: I will read on, Your Honour, the next
18 line. "Witness said that the rebels slept in Koinadugu Town for
19 one night."

11:45:25 20 Q. Did you say that to the man that took your statement?

21 A. To say that they slept in Koinadugu?

22 Q. Yes, for one night?

23 A. Yes, I said they slept in the morning when they were going
24 to Kabala. They tied red and white to go to Kabala, but they
11:45:47 25 came back.

26 Q. I am asking you whether you told him that they slept in
27 Koinadugu Town. Koinadugu Town for one night?

28 A. Yes. Yes, they slept there.

29 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Your Honour, we wish to turn to the next

1 page. Before I read, I would like to put a couple of questions.

2 Q. Madam witness --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Throughout the period you were with Jabie, who was the

11:47:01 5 commander of his group?

6 A. Jabie?

7 Q. Jabie's group, who was the commander throughout that

8 period?

9 A. I still do not understand.

11:47:40 10 Q. Who was the boss of Jabie's group?

11 A. In Jabie's group?

12 Q. Yes.

13 A. That was a Sergeant, SAJ Musa. He was their boss.

14 Q. When you stopped living with Jabie, where did you go to

11:48:37 15 live?

16 A. When I left Jabie's I went to Allusein.

17 Q. Yes, where was Allusein living?

18 A. He too was in the same Koinadugu.

19 Q. In Koinadugu Town or any other place?

11:49:03 20 A. Yes. In Koinadugu Town.

21 Q. And did you say that Jabie was with Superman -- sorry,

22 Allusein?

23 A. Jabie was -- Allusein?

24 Q. Yes [microphone not activated]

11:49:38 25 A. Allusein was with Superman.

26 Q. Do you know what group Superman belonged to? What armed

27 group?

28 A. The group to which Superman belonged? No. I do not know

29 the group. I did not know the group.

1 Q. Did you, Madam Witness --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- tell the person who took down your statement that you
4 were captured by RUF?

11:50:53 5 [TB070607C - EKD]

6 A. I just said that because the others were there, they were
7 calling them rebels and soldiers. That's how they were calling
8 them at the time.

9 Q. Did you ever use the word "RUF" when you were making your
11:51:21 10 statement?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Did you ever describe, when you were making your statement,
13 how life was when you were captured by RUF?

14 A. No, I didn't talk about how I was captured.

11:52:07 15 Q. Madam Witness, do you know the calendar months of the year,
16 like January, February, like August, which you remember? Do you
17 know them?

18 A. If I know what?

19 Q. The months of the year.

11:53:11 20 A. I do not know.

21 Q. Madam Witness, during the last month you were with Jabie
22 did you see SAJ Musa in Koinadugu Town?

23 A. I saw him.

24 Q. You said this morning that --

11:53:42 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. -- you were told by certain rebels what they did --

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. -- to women. Is that not so?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. For example, when you spoke about being initiated, women
2 being initiated into the Bondo --
3 A. Yes.
4 Q. -- do you remember giving us three names. Five-Five, you
11:54:15 5 said, told you; is that not so?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. You also told Johnny told you?
8 A. Yes.
9 Q. And you said American told you?
11:54:26 10 A. Yes.
11 Q. This person you have referred to as Five-Five, when did you
12 see him -- first of all, was it in Koinadugu Town that you saw
13 him?
14 A. Yes, I saw him in Koinadugu Town.
11:54:48 15 Q. Do you remember when or how long after you were captured
16 that you saw him?
17 A. After they had captured me, when we were in town, that's
18 when I saw him.
19 Q. Do you remember how long after you were captured that you
11:55:15 20 saw him?
21 A. I did see him frequently. Sometimes when I come out I will
22 see him. If I do not come outside, I won't see him.
23 Q. Okay, Madam Witness. At the time you were -- during the
24 three months that you were with Jabie, was he at the same place
11:55:59 25 with Jabie?
26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who is the "he" we are talking about?
27 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Five-Five.
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Maybe make that a bit clearer.
29 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Much obliged.

1 Q. Was he there in Koinadugu Town all of the time?

2 A. Yes, he was there.

3 Q. At the time you were leaving Koinadugu Town, leaving Jabie
4 to go to Allusein, was he still there?

11:56:42 5 A. At that time they had left.

6 Q. They. Who do you mean when you say "they"?

7 A. That was the time when Superman and SAJ fought and so many
8 of them had gone their separate ways. At that time, even if you
9 were in town -- even if he were in town, I was not seeing him.

11:57:15 10 Q. This fighting you have spoken of between Superman and SAJ
11 Musa, where did it take place? In Koinadugu Town?

12 A. Yes, inside Koinadugu Town.

13 Q. Do you know which group this man Five-Five belonged to; SAJ
14 Musa's group or Superman's group?

11:58:09 15 A. Of those two groups, I do not know which group he belonged
16 to.

17 Q. Madam Witness, you remember I asked you whether you made
18 corrections to statements in your additional information. This
19 was in Freetown when you said yes -- in Freetown?

11:58:56 20 A. Mm-hm.

21 Q. Did you correct the name Fire-Fire to Five-Five?

22 A. No. When I said Fire-Fire, that was the one who was
23 killing. There is a Five-Five and there is a Fire-Fire. They
24 are not the same names.

11:59:25 25 MR MANLY-SPAIN: May it please Your Honour, may I refer to
26 the additional information --

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, do so.

28 MR MANLY-SPAIN: -- at page 13577, and also the original
29 statement, the first statement at page 8196. In the additional

1 information, Your Honour, the seventh paragraph, this is what I
2 have written down. May I read it with your permission?
3 Q. "In the fourth paragraph of page 5 of the original
4 statement, the witness corrected her previous statement dated
12:00:21 5 16th September 2003 stating that one of the rebels who told her
6 about what they did to women civilians in Mongo was called
7 Five-Five, and not Fire-Fire. The witness stated that Five-Five
8 was a junta and not a big man."
9 Madam Witness, did you make this correction, that the name
12:00:50 10 was Five-Five, not Fire-Fire?
11 A. Five-Five -- Fire-Fire didn't say anything to us. They
12 killed people. He's a small boy, a short boy.
13 Q. Madam Witness, I want you to listen to the question and
14 please try to answer the question. My question is: Did you tell
12:01:24 15 the investigators that you were going to correct the name of the
16 person from Fire-Fire to Five-Five?
17 A. If I changed it?
18 Q. Yes.
19 A. No, I didn't change it. They had their names. They
12:01:58 20 wouldn't call their real names. That's what they were saying,
21 Five-Five, Fire-Fire. When they say Fire-Fire, that means to
22 shoot somebody. That's what it means. Five-Five and Fire-Fire.
23 Q. Madam Witness, am I right to say that you did not tell the
24 person you gave this information to -- you did not tell that
12:02:25 25 person to change the name from Fire-Fire to Five-Five?
26 A. To change the names?
27 Q. You did not tell anybody to change the name from Fire-Fire
28 to Five-Five?
29 A. No, what I said was what they wrote.

1 MR MANLY-SPAIN: As Your Honour pleases, may I then refer
2 to 8196, the fourth paragraph.
3 Q. "Witness did not hear rebels using foreign objects to
4 penetrate women. Rebels told her that civilians in Koinadugu
12:03:10 5 Town were lucky as they said that in Mongo they split open
6 bellies of pregnant women, having placed bets on the sex of the
7 fetus. The rebels also told her that they amputated and
8 initiated women. Witness explained" --
9 THE INTERPRETER: Mr Manly-Spain, you are going very fast
12:03:29 10 for the interpreter to interpret accurately.
11 MR MANLY-SPAIN: I'm sorry. I will start again. "Witness
12 did not hear rebels using foreign objects to penetrate women."
13 May I go on?
14 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, please.
12:03:53 15 MR MANLY-SPAIN: "Rebels told her that civilians" -- that
16 is, "civilians in Koinadugu Town were lucky as they said that in
17 Mongo they split open bellies of pregnant women, having placed
18 bets on the sex of the fetus. The rebels also told her that
19 they amputated and initiated women. Witness explained that the
12:04:38 20 rebels said that they genitally cut women like in the Bondo bush.
21 The rebels who told her about this incident were called Scorpion,
22 Chemical, Snake, Fire-Fire."
23 Please ask her, did she say that to the investigator who
24 took down this statement. Is there an answer to the question?
12:05:43 25 THE INTERPRETER: Not yet.
26 THE WITNESS: Who, I?
27 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Yes, please put the question to her,
28 whether she said that the rebels who told her about this incident
29 were called Scorpion, Chemical, Snake, Fire-Fire.

1 THE WITNESS: I didn't call Scorpion. I said Five-Five,
2 American and Johnny. I said they were the ones who told me.
3 That they told me that they were initiating women. Those three
4 people told me that they were initiating women, they were
12:06:36 5 splitting the belly of women. Those three people, they explained
6 that to me.

7 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Okay, let me read on. "They told her this
8 when they were all hiding in the bush, when the Alpha jets were
9 flying over. Witness said that these rebels were Superman's
12:07:01 10 men." Please put to her whether she told the person who took
11 down the statement, the man who took down the statement, whether
12 she told him that these rebels were Superman's men. Have we got
13 an answer, please?

14 THE INTERPRETER: Not yet.

12:08:08 15 THE WITNESS: What I said to the people was what they
16 wrote.

17 MR MANLY-SPAIN:

18 Q. Well, please just confirm, I am reading to you what they
19 wrote. They wrote down that you said that the rebels who told
12:08:22 20 you about the amputation, initiation, et cetera, were rebels
21 of -- were Superman's men."

22 A. Superman's men were there and SAJ Musa's men were there. I
23 was just mixing them up.

24 Q. Okay, let me read again to you what you said after that.
12:09:04 25 That is what the person who was taking down your statement wrote
26 down and you tell me whether that was what you told the person.
27 "She knows this as they stayed behind after SAJ Musa had left
28 after the infighting." So that is how you came to know it. Did
29 you tell the person who wrote down your statement that? You know

1 that they were Superman's men because they stayed behind after
2 SAJ Musa had left after the infighting.

3 A. The time that I was doing it, at that time they were all
4 there. At that time they had not fought yet.

12:10:12 5 Q. Madam Witness, is it the case that after this infighting
6 that you have said took place SAJ Musa left with his men?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Thank you. Madam Witness, the first statement that you
9 made to the investigators, did you tell them that your husband
12:11:05 10 was killed?

11 A. Yes, I told them that they killed my husband.

12 Q. And was it written down, do you know?

13 A. Yes, because at that time I saw them with a pen and a book.
14 They wrote it down.

12:11:36 15 Q. And they read it over to you and you were sure that that
16 was in the statement; is that so?

17 A. Yes they read it out to me.

18 Q. They translated it to you also?

19 A. Yes.

12:11:55 20 Q. Whilst you were with the rebels, did they tell you that
21 they came from Kailahun?

22 A. No, they didn't tell me that. They just said they had --
23 it was from Mongo.

24 Q. Did you come across another group of rebels called Born
12:12:45 25 Naked?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Where did you meet them?

28 A. At Kalkoya. No, not Kalkoya, Dunduko.

29 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Can you help us with the spelling,

1 Mr Interpreter?

2 THE INTERPRETER: Dunduko?

3 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Yes.

4 THE INTERPRETER: D-U-N-D-U-K-O.

12:13:19 5 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Thank you.

6 Q. Is that also in Koinadugu District?

7 A. It's near there.

8 Q. Near where?

9 A. Near Koinadugu. Like we would say Freetown and the

12:13:41 10 surrounding towns and villages. That's how it is.

11 Q. Madam Witness, whilst you were with Jabie during the three

12 months you said you were with him, did you stay in one place in

13 Koinadugu District?

14 A. Yes, we were in the same house.

12:14:14 15 Q. I think you misunderstood the question. Did you stay in

16 one town or one village all the time?

17 A. The time when we were in Koinadugu, if I left for any other

18 place?

19 Q. Did you go with Jabie to stay in different places apart

12:14:44 20 from Koinadugu Town?

21 A. No, unless the farms. We usually went to the bush and then

22 in the evening we'll come to town.

23 Q. Therefore, am I right in saying that the only place you saw

24 this person called Five-Five was in Koinadugu Town? What is the

12:15:54 25 answer, please?

26 A. What type of answer?

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Repeat the question, Mr Manly-Spain.

28 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Yes, Your Honour.

29 Q. Is it the case, Madam Witness, that as you were all the

1 time in Koinadugu Town, that the only place you saw this person
2 called Five-Five was at Koinadugu Town?

3 A. Yes, it was only in Koinadugu Town that I saw him, and that
4 was the way he was called. Children, big men, they called him
12:16:38 5 Five-Five.

6 Q. Finally, Madam Witness, I am putting it to you that you
7 have not spoken the truth about what you said about --

8 A. Who, I?

9 Q. About the killing of Kamajors and their bodies being eaten?

12:17:27 10 A. I said CDF. I did not say anything about Kamajor. They
11 were not Kamajors, but CDF, and I am not telling lies.

12 Q. Okay, CDF. But let me read to you what the first person
13 who took down your statement wrote down.

14 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Your Honours, may I refer to page 8196 and
12:17:51 15 8192 also, but I will start with 8198 -- 98, not 96.

16 Q. 8198, the second paragraph: "Witness said that the
17 Kamajors tried to attack Koinadugu Town. This attack took place
18 during the rainy season. It was after the time that SAJ Musa had
19 gone and only Superman's men were in town. Witness did not see
12:18:34 20 the Kamajors and learnt that the Kamajors had had to flee as they
21 ran out of ammunition. Witness said that she spent the night in
22 Kalkoya. The rebels said that they would kill the civilians and
23 burn Koinadugu because of the attack. The rebels killed two
24 Kamajors and beheaded them. Witness did not see the killing, but
12:19:15 25 she saw one of the heads that a rebel carried on his head. She
26 also saw them preparing the body parts of the Kamajors in a soup.
27 One of her friends, who was pregnant, willingly ate the soup
28 prepared with the body parts."

29 Madam Witness, is it the case that SAJ Musa's men were not

1 there when the Kamajors attacked.

2 A. They were not the Kamajors but the CDF.

3 Q. All right, when the CDF attacked was SAJ Musa and his men
4 there in Koinadugu Town?

12:20:05 5 A. No, SAJ Musa were no longer there. By then they had left,
6 they had gone. Only Superman's group remained there.

7 Q. I am putting it to you that Koinadugu District,
8 Madam Witness, that you say was completely burnt down was never
9 burnt down.

12:20:41 10 MR MANLY-SPAIN: That is all, Your Honour.

11 THE WITNESS: Koinadugu was burned. They burnt the whole
12 town. Only the mosque remained. What I saw is what I am saying
13 here.

14 MS THOMPSON: Your Honour, I have no questions for this
12:21:07 15 witness.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

17 MR FOFANAH: May it please Your Honours, I will be doing
18 the cross-examination for the Kamara Defence team.

19 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR FOFANAH:

12:21:18 20 Q. Good afternoon, Mr Witness.

21 A. How is the afternoon?

22 Q. I am fine, thank you. Madam Witness, do you recall saying
23 that you were at Kabala in August 1998?

24 A. The hour that they came?

12:21:49 25 Q. In August 1998, were you at Kabala?

26 A. The hour they were coming, it was in the rainy season.

27 Q. Were you at Kabala at that time?

28 A. I was in Koinadugu Town.

29 Q. When you were led in-chief, when you were examined

1 in-chief, you told this Court that in August 1998 you were at
2 Kabala in Koinadugu District. I stand guided by the records.
3 You told this Court that you were at Kabala in Koinadugu District
4 in August 1998, and that is the rainy season.

12:23:11 5 MR FOFANAH: Mr Interpreter?

6 THE INTERPRETER: Yes.

7 MR FOFANAH: Is yes the answer?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 MR FOFANAH:

12:23:22 10 Q. So I take it that you were at Kabala and not Koinadugu
11 Town; not so?

12 A. I was in Koinadugu Town, not in Kabala. I was in the
13 village.

14 Q. How far is this Koinadugu Town from Kabala?

12:23:42 15 A. It is far. It is about 30 miles.

16 Q. Do you know any village or nearby towns or villages around
17 this Koinadugu Town, that you can recall?

18 A. Yes, there are many, many towns around there, near there.

19 Q. Can you give us the name of some of them?

12:24:21 20 A. From Kabala to the town.

21 Q. I am talking about Koinadugu Town. You said it is about
22 30 miles away from Kabala, and you said there are villages and
23 towns -- many villages and towns around Koinadugu Town. Can you
24 tell us the names of these villages, some of them, if not all?

12:24:55 25 A. Yamadugu is there. There is a town there. After there you
26 go to Yamadugu. From there you go to Bumbukoro. From there you
27 go to Koinadugu from there you go to Kalkoya.

28 MR FOFANAH: Can you kindly help spell the names of these
29 places, Mr Interpreter?

1 THE INTERPRETER: Yamadugu is Y-A-M-A-D-U-G-U. Bumbukoro
2 is B-U-M-B-U-K-O-R-O. Koinadugu is K-O-N-O-D-U-G-U [sic].
3 Kalkoya is K-A-L-K-A-Y-A -- K-O-Y-A, sorry. K-A-L-K-O-Y-A,
4 Kalkoya.

12:25:53 5 MR FOFANAH: Thank you very much.

6 Q. Madam Witness, I am putting it to you that all the places
7 you have mentioned are in fact towns and villages around Kabala
8 Town.

9 A. Those are the villages which are around Koinadugu.

12:26:21 10 Q. I am putting it to you that these places you have mentioned
11 are in fact the villages and towns around Kabala and not
12 Koinadugu Town, Kabala Town.

13 A. Not Kabala Town but Koinadugu District -- Koinadugu Town.
14 These are villages around Koinadugu.

12:26:45 15 Q. Can you tell roughly, if you know, how many houses are at
16 this place called Koinadugu Town?

17 A. I did not count them, but Koinadugu Town is big. I have
18 never counted them.

19 Q. Thank you very much, we'll move on. Madam Witness, you
12:27:18 20 recall testifying that in August 1998 you were pounding rice when
21 you saw rebels come to Koinadugu Town shooting. Then, according
22 to you, you said you ran to your first husband's mother's farm.
23 Correct?

24 A. Yes, that is correct.

12:27:49 25 Q. And you said when you went to this farm you had already
26 separated from your husband and your child or your children; not
27 so?

28 A. Yes, everything is on paper. The one that was written is
29 what I said.

1 Q. And after that farm you said you went to a second farm.
2 After having spent just one night or one day at the first farm,
3 you went to a second farm; not so?

4 A. Yes.

12:28:37 5 Q. And you said it was at this farm that you joined your
6 husband and your child; not so? The second farm?

7 A. Yes, they met me there.

8 Q. Madam Witness, was your child actually at the second farm?
9 Did you see your child at that second farm at all?

12:29:02 10 A. Yes, the second farm, he was there.

11 Q. Are you absolutely sure about that, Madam Witness?

12 A. Yes. I am not telling lies, I am saying the truth. What
13 happened to me is what I am saying. What did not happen to me, I
14 would not come to lie here that this and that happened to me.

12:29:26 15 Q. In that case, you said you recall that you made a statement
16 to investigators.

17 MR FOFANAH: Your Honours, I am now going to refer to that
18 statement. I will be reading from page 8192. I will be reading
19 from the second paragraph. It is actually the last four lines,
12:29:55 20 but since I have to put everything to her I will be reading the
21 entire paragraph. It says: "Witness saw the rebels when they
22 attacked Koinadugu."

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please pause, Mr Fofanah. Was this not
24 put by Mr Manly-Spain?

12:30:13 25 MR FOFANAH: Yes, I wanted to put just the last four lines.
26 If Your Honours can permit me then I will just put the last four
27 lines.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: But the last four lines, were they not
29 put also.

1 MR FOFANAH: Yes, the line of questioning is different,
2 Your Honour, with respect.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, read the last four lines and ensure
4 that you do not read the names therein.

12:30:35 5 MR FOFANAH: Most grateful, Your Honour.

6 Q. Madam Witness, this is what you said in that statement and
7 tell me if you recall making it or not. "Witness said that she
8 fled to her husband's brother's" --

9 THE INTERPRETER: Mr Fofanah, please go slow so that the
12:30:52 10 interpreter can get you.

11 MR FOFANAH: Grateful.

12 Q. "Witness said that she fled to her husband's brother's
13 farm. Her first born son who was called X and was about two
14 years old was with her at first when she fled, but then she lost
12:31:24 15 him. She had hoped to meet him at the farm, but he was not
16 there. She has not seen him since."

17 Do you recall making that statement to the investigator?

18 A. What I said, I said that my son was shot at the second
19 farm. That the first time I did not see him. When we left the
12:32:07 20 first farm. It was in the second farm that him and the father
21 met me and before he was shot. He was not really missing or he
22 did not get lost.

23 Q. It is just a yes or no. Do you recall making this
24 statement?

12:32:26 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. You made this statement to the investigator; not so?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. So, Madam Witness, was it actually at your husband's
29 brother's farm that you went to or your husband's mother's farm?

1 Let's start it that way.

2 A. We were all there together. My mother-in-law was there, my
3 husband's younger brother was there also.

4 Q. Whose farm was it? Was it your husband's mother's farm or
12:33:03 5 your husband's brother's farm?

6 A. It was my husband's brother's farm.

7 Q. So it is no longer your husband's mother's farm like you
8 told the Court when you were testifying?

9 A. The farm is a joint effort, because that was his last --
12:33:39 10 her last son. The mother and the boy joined together to make the
11 farm. They both owned the farm.

12 Q. Now, Madam Witness, you have just said that you in fact
13 made the statement which I have read out to you as written by the
14 investigator. Now, why did you tell the investigator that you
12:34:04 15 did not see your child since?

16 A. I said it was in the first day I was not able to see him.
17 The first farm, he was not -- we were not in the same place. It
18 was on the second farm that they joined us and they met me there,
19 long.

12:34:33 20 Q. Okay, we'll move to the second farm, Madam Witness.
21 Madam Witness, you said you went to the second farm and you were
22 joined by members of your family and you also said that you were
23 attacked at the farm by some rebels. Now, how many rebels
24 attacked you at the farm?

12:35:00 25 A. Those that I saw, they were four. The four of them.
26 Because the farms are very close to each other there. The one in
27 front of us, some -- two remain there. The one at our back, two
28 went there. Those are the only people I saw.

29 Q. So in fact there were no rebels at your farm, because two

1 were in front, two were at your back; is that what you are
2 saying?

3 A. No. The rebels were there. The farms are close to each
4 other. It was the same farm but it's not really far from. When
12:35:47 5 we were in our hut we could see them. They too could see us from
6 their own hut. Two rebels went there. They all carried guns.

7 Q. I am talking about the farm, the second farm, where you
8 went to and not the other farms. If we can restrict ourselves to
9 your farm where you said members of your family joined you and
12:36:11 10 where you later said you were allegedly raped. Did any rebel
11 come to your farm at all?

12 A. It was not my farm. It was my mother's farm. I went to my
13 mother's farm and that's what I'm saying. Where the rebels met
14 me. There were four and two went ahead. I mean the second farm.
12:36:38 15 It was not the first farm, but the second farm.

16 Q. Yes, I actually mean your mother's farm because you said
17 the second farm was your mother's farm. So I want to know how
18 many rebels went to that farm. Not the other farms, your
19 mother's farm where you were --

12:36:57 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: But, Mr Fofanah, would you please be
21 clear, because you have definitely said her farm. You are
22 confusing everyone.

23 MR FOFANAH: As Your Honour pleases.

24 Q. Madam Witness, I am referring to the second farm which you
12:37:09 25 have described as your mother's farm and as the farm where you
26 were allegedly raped and as the farm where your husband and child
27 joined you. That is the farm I am talking about. Do you
28 understand?

29 A. I understand. I am also saying something about the same

1 farm. It was on the second farm that they met us. They were
2 four, but two of them went ahead. It was not the first farm, I
3 mean the second farm.

4 Q. So will you agree with me if I say from what you are saying
12:37:53 5 that only two rebels came to your farm. Four rebels --

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: There you go again, Mr Fofanah. Which
7 farm are we talking about?

8 MR FOFANAH: I am sorry for the choice of words.

9 Q. Will you agree me if I say that four rebels came to your
12:38:10 10 mother's farm but then two had to leave? Is that the case?

11 A. Yes, they went ahead and went to our neighbour's farm.
12 They went there.

13 Q. And the other two rebels remained on your mother's farm; is
14 that it?

12:38:31 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I am going to read out a statement which you also made to
17 this investigator and you tell me if you recall making?

18 MR FOFANAH: Your Honours, I am reading from page 8193.

19 THE WITNESS: If I made it?

12:39:00 20 MR FOFANAH:

21 Q. No, I am just reading. You have said you made the
22 statement.

23 MR FOFANAH: Your Honours, with your leave I will read the
24 first seven lines.

12:39:13 25 Q. "Witness was a bit confused about the time periods, but
26 said that rebels returned to the area about one month later.
27 Witness next saw the rebels on her extended family's farm where
28 she was hiding with her husband, her son and numerous other
29 relatives. When the rebels met them on the farm, they said to

1 them, 'Why have you not gone back to town?' The rebels wore
2 mixed combat and civilian. They did not wear any head bands.
3 They were" --

4 A. They had pieces.

12:40:24 5 Q. "They were armed with guns and pistols. Witness does not
6 know the exact number of rebels at the farm but said that there
7 were about seven to eight rebels." Do you recall making that
8 statement, Madam Witness?

9 A. Yes. Some had pieces of cloth on their head, they tied
12:41:00 10 them round their heads.

11 Q. Okay, we'll take that. Do you also recall saying there
12 were about seven to eight rebels?

13 A. No, it was not the rebels, but the civilians.

14 Q. You mean seven to eight civilians were at the farm?

12:41:28 15 A. Yes, that is really what I meant.

16 Q. Okay. Madam Witness, you also recall when you were
17 testifying before the Court that you said that your child was
18 shot with a gun by one of these rebels; not so?

19 A. Yes.

12:41:56 20 Q. And you said you were wounded with a knife whilst you were
21 trying to protect her from the rebels?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What part of your body were you wounded, Madam Witness?

24 A. On my arm. My arm.

12:42:33 25 Q. Was that your right or your left arm?

26 A. The left hand.

27 Q. Do you also recall when you first started testifying that
28 you said you were hit with a machete whilst you were trying to
29 protect your husband from being beaten?

1 JUDGE LUSSICK: I think the word was cutlass.

2 MR FOFANAH: Cutlass, as Your Honour pleases.

3 THE WITNESS: It was not a cutlass, but a knife.

4 MR FOFANAH:

12:43:18 5 Q. Was this also whilst you were protecting your husband from
6 the rebels?

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Fofanah, I have recorded, "I tried to
8 get my child. I was cut with the cutlass." Not the husband.

9 MR FOFANAH: As Your Honour pleases. I am merely referring
12:43:35 10 to the early bit of her testimony. I stand guided by the
11 records, but she actually mentioned something about --

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: She then went on to say, "My husband was
13 beaten". But, "I tried to get my child" is what she said.

14 MR FOFANAH: I will take it, Your Honour.

12:44:04 15 Q. Madam Witness, were you wounded whilst you were trying to
16 protect your husband?

17 A. No, it was my child.

18 Q. Were you beaten with a belt by the rebels?

19 A. No, they did not beat me with a belt.

12:44:36 20 MR FOFANAH: In that case, Your Honours, I will refer to
21 the same page, 8193. The first line of that page -- the first
22 line of the second paragraph.

23 Q. "The rebels beat witness with a belt. The rebels stabbed
24 her left hand which has a minor scar." Did you say that to the
12:45:04 25 investigator?

26 A. They did not beat me. I said that I was stabbed with a
27 knife. In fact, there is a mark here. I have it right now here.
28 They did not beat me. They only raped me. When I was trying to
29 rescue my child to -- that was the time that I was stabbed with

1 the knife.

2 Q. Apart from your husband were there any other men at this
3 farmhouse?

4 A. Yes, there were some men there. Some went to harvest bush
12:45:53 5 yams in the forest.

6 Q. Now, did the rebels do anything to these men, to the best
7 of your knowledge?

8 A. Yes, they killed some, they fired some -- they shot at
9 some, and they took some and gave them load to carry to the town.

12:46:17 10 Q. Madam Witness, do you recall using the word "junta" in your
11 statement when you were making it?

12 A. Yes, I said -- I called the name "junta".

13 Q. Can you tell this Court what you mean by "junta"?

14 A. They used to say that they were juntas.

12:47:08 15 Q. I am reading -- I am going to read a statement again from
16 your statement and tell me if you recall making it.

17 MR FOFANAH: Your Honours, I am reading from that same
18 paragraph. This time the last four lines.

19 Q. It says: "Both Allusein and Jabie were low ranking rebels.
12:47:38 20 Witness said that the junta were bad and came from Kailahun."

21 A. I did not say Kailahun. From Mongo.

22 Q. "Witness said that when you were captured by the RUF there
23 was no freedom of movement. There was another group of rebels
24 called Born Naked who only wore briefs." Did you make that
12:48:07 25 statement?

26 A. Yes, about Born Naked.

27 Q. Did you also say you were captured by the RUF?

28 A. No.

29 Q. You did not. And you said you did not say the junta came

1 from Kailahun; not so?

2 A. No, I said Mongo. They came from Mongo.

3 Q. Whilst you were at Koinadugu Town, did you experience any
4 bombing by Alpha jets belonging to ECOMOG?

12:48:57 5 A. I don't know it belonged to ECOMOG, but jets used to go
6 there.

7 Q. Did the jets do anything while you were at Koinadugu Town?

8 A. Yes, it destroyed two houses. It also cut a lady's hand.

9 Q. To the best of your knowledge were people in these houses
12:49:39 10 which were bombed?

11 A. Yes, people were there but people -- some people had none.
12 Koinadugu was completely burned down, completely burnt down.
13 Some of them up to this day, they live on farms. If you go to
14 Koinadugu, only few houses, thatch houses.

12:50:14 15 Q. Okay, I will bring you back to your answer. First, you
16 said some people were in the houses which were bombed; not so?

17 A. Yes, but not all were burnt. Not that people were living
18 in houses which were burnt down. But some -- but they were not
19 just from Koinadugu. Those that were captured, all of them were
12:50:46 20 there. It was not only people from Koinadugu, the civilians.

21 Q. Those who were in the houses that were bombed, did they
22 survive to the best of your knowledge?

23 A. No, they did not die. One suffered from a fragment cut her
24 hand. I don't know if she is dead or not, I can't tell.

12:51:27 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: I was just going to ask, Mr Fofanah, if
26 you have many more questions, as I notice the time.

27 MR FOFANAH: Yes, Your Honour, I will try to round up in
28 the next eight minutes, so that I don't come back to continue
29 this witness.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well.

2 MR FOFANAH: Thank you very much.

3 Q. Okay. Were houses burnt down as a result of this bombing?

4 A. No. The houses that were there, because -- they said there
12:52:09 5 were two houses. After the jet had left, I went there and I saw
6 it. Nobody died. It was only one house, the lady was trying to
7 come out. And after she had seen it, the fragment really met
8 her, cut her by the hand. There was nobody in the house.

9 Q. Now, you recall when you were also led in-chief as well as
12:52:35 10 cross-examined, you said when you left Jabie -- was it Jabie --
11 Jabie was the first rebel whom you said you stayed with; not so?
12 Was it Jabie or Allusein the first rebel?

13 A. He was Jabie.

14 Q. And you said when you left Jabie, you immediately joined
12:53:08 15 Allusein; not so?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Did you not go to someone else and stay with that person
18 before joining Allusein as you claim?

19 A. No.

12:53:25 20 Q. You're absolutely sure about that?

21 A. Yes.

22 MR FOFANAH: Your Honours, I will read from page 8195, the
23 last paragraph.

24 "Witness said that when she was first captured, she had to
12:53:50 25 hide in the bush or in the house from the Alpha jets. Witness
26 was forced to do domestic chores, including laundry and cooking,
27 for Jabie. Jabie held her as his wife. Jabie told her that she
28 should always stay in the house and was angry when she stayed at
29 a girlfriend's house. After Jabie had been killed in Kabala,

1 witness went to live with her sister. Allusein visited her on a
2 daily basis. Allusein wanted her to join him as his wife, but
3 she first refused. Allusein said that it would be better for her
4 to be with him than with a rebel she did not know, but she still
12:55:03 5 refused. She caved in because he told her that she might be
6 killed by another rebel. Witness explained that girls were
7 sometimes killed by the rebels when they were alone by the
8 stream."

9 Q. Do you recall making that statement?

12:55:32 10 A. To say that they killed two children by the water -- by the
11 river, yes, they killed two children by the river.

12 Q. Did you say you went to stay with your sister after Jabie
13 was killed?

14 A. No, it was my stepmother.

12:56:03 15 Q. So how long did you spend with your stepmother?

16 A. It was about a week.

17 Q. But all that time you were not with Allusein; not so?

18 A. I was with him. I don't know whether it was up to one week
19 at that time.

12:56:31 20 Q. Whilst you were staying with your stepmother, were you also
21 staying with Allusein?

22 A. Yes, he said I should stay with her.

23 Q. I put it to you, Madam Witness, that whilst you were
24 staying with your stepmother for this one week, you were not
12:56:59 25 staying with Allusein.

26 A. It was within the one week that we became -- that we made
27 love.

28 Q. So, in fact, yourself and Allusein were lovers; not so?

29 A. That time he was my husband.

1 Q. Are you also aware that Allusein had a wife called Fatmata?
2 A. No. That was my colleague. We were in the same house.
3 MR FOFANAH: In that case, I will read again from page
4 8194, Your Honours, the last paragraph. Just to shorten it, it
12:58:03 5 is just the second to last line of that paragraph, Your Honours.
6 Q. Madam Witness, this is what you told the investigator.
7 "Allusein's wife was called Fatmata Mansaray." Did you say that
8 to the investigator?
9 A. No, that Fatmata was in love with Allusein, I didn't say
12:58:30 10 that. I didn't meet him with any woman. I didn't meet any woman
11 with him.
12 Q. Finally, Madam Witness, I'm going to put one last statement
13 to you and tell me if you recall making it or not.
14 MR FOFANAH: Your Honours, I'm reading from page 8195.
12:58:53 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: What page was the previous quotation,
16 Mr Fofanah?
17 [Overlapping speakers]
18 THE WITNESS: I didn't say that. That he had a wife, no, I
19 didn't say that.
12:59:08 20 MR FOFANAH: Your Honours, I said I am going to read from
21 the second paragraph of page 8195.
22 "Witness explained that there was infighting in Koinadugu
23 between SAJ Musa and Superman. Witness said that her brother" --
24 sorry, "witness said that her brother X, who had also been
12:59:35 25 captured, was shot in his stomach by a high ranking rebel and his
26 intestines split out. Witness did not see the shooting but saw
27 her brother's body at the school where the military training took
28 place.
29 "After this shooting incident, fighting between SAJ Musa

1 and Superman broke out and all the abducted civilians fled into
2 the bush. Witness said that she had been told that the fight
3 happened because SAJ Musa told Superman that when they go to
4 Kabala they should not kill civilians, and that they should go
13:00:29 5 together as one and work towards peace. The day after witness's
6 brother was killed by Superman's men, SAJ Musa men's killed the
7 rebel who killed her brother."

8 Q. Do you recall making that statement to the investigator?

9 A. Yes.

13:01:02 10 Q. Finally, finally, there is no place called Koinadugu Town.
11 I am putting that to you. There is no place called Koinadugu
12 Town.

13 A. There is a Koinadugu Town.

14 Q. And that you have not told this Court the truth.

13:01:33 15 A. I have spoken the truth. I have not told any lies.
16 Because during this war, even those who are abroad heard about
17 the war in Sierra Leone. So I am not telling lies. I am not a
18 child who would tell lies here. I am speaking the truth here.
19 What I saw is what I have stood in front of you all and spoken
13:01:58 20 about. I am not telling lies. It is the truth and it is the
21 truth that lasts. Even if you want to tell lies, there is no way
22 you can do it.

23 MR FOFANAH: Thank you very much for saying the truth.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Any re-examination?

13:02:18 25 MS ALAGENDRA: No re-examination, Your Honour.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, that is the end of your
27 evidence and your story here in the Court. We want to thank you
28 for coming to the Court today to give your evidence and tell your
29 story. You are now free to leave the Court.

1 However, before I go any further, I notice it is almost
2 1.00. We will adjourn to 2.30. I note the presence of
3 Ms Taylor. Ms Taylor, welcome back.

4 MS TAYLOR: Thank you, Your Honour.

13:03:03 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Court Attendant, please adjourn
6 court to 2.30.

7 [Luncheon recess taken at 1.00 p.m.]

8 [TB070705D - EKD]

9 [Upon resuming at 2.33 p.m.]

14:37:40 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Ms Pack.

11 MS PACK: Your Honour, the next witness is TF1-133 who I
12 will be leading. She will be testifying in Karanko.

13 Before she came in, Your Honour, I wanted to make an
14 application for increased protective measures for this witness.

14:37:56 15 Namely, the addition of voice distortion to her protective
16 measures. The reason being is that she has disclosed an
17 allegation of sexual violence and wasn't included in the original
18 list of category A witnesses, those who are the subject of the
19 extended protective measures in the 5th July 2004 order of the
14:38:19 20 Sesay and others chamber. So for the reasons of consistency with
21 the approach to have victims of sexual violence testify with the
22 additional measure of voice distortion, category A witnesses, I
23 make the application in relation to this witness.

24 I have had the opportunity to talk to my learned friends
14:38:41 25 for the Defence prior to Your Honours coming in and they have
26 indicated they would consent to my application. I understand
27 that it won't be too much of a difficulty, technically speaking,
28 for Court Management to make arrangements for that should
29 Your Honours grant my application.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: What category of protection did this
2 witness have as ordered by Trial Chamber I when these witnesses
3 were being considered?

4 MS PACK: The ordinary, just a group one witness. Not the
14:39:29 5 addition of either A, B or C, just a group one witness listed
6 therefore in Annex A to the Prosecution filing of 1st February
7 2005 in this Chamber in which the list of protective measures in
8 the Sesay case was filed with this Chamber.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: And the application you are making now is
14:39:52 10 for voice distortion?

11 MS PACK: Yes, as the addition. She should remain with the
12 other protections of course that group one witnesses have, but
13 with the addition of category A voice distortion as the
14 additional measure.

14:40:25 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Counsel for the Defence, you have heard
16 the application and the indication that there has not been an
17 objection raised. Is that correct?

18 MS THOMPSON: It is, Your Honour, yes.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: And you are speaking for all counsel?

14:40:40 20 MS THOMPSON: I am.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. In the light of the
22 application, and for the reasons given by the Prosecution, and in
23 the light of the non-objection by the Defence, I will order that
24 the protective measures given to witness number TF1-133 be
14:41:00 25 amended to include the additional protection of voice distortion.

26 Madam Court Attendant, if you could get that implemented,
27 please.

28 MS THOMPSON: Your Honour, whilst that is being done, you
29 will notice that Mr Brima is not in court this afternoon.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Sorry, I didn't see because the view is
2 slightly --
3 MS THOMPSON: I ought to bring it to your notice, Your
4 Honour, and that is following from what I told you yesterday.
14:41:30 5 The situation continues.
6 PRESIDING JUDGE: I do recall you explaining that, Ms
7 Thompson, thank you. Ms Pack, I understand the witness will be
8 giving her evidence in the Karanko language.
9 MS PACK: Yes, Your Honour.
14:42:42 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, I will note that.
11 MS EDMONDS: The voice distortion is in place.
12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please swear in the witness, Madam Court
13 Attendant.
14 WITNESS: TF1-133 [Sworn]
14:45:36 15 [The witness answered through interpretation]
16 EXAMINED BY MS PACK:
17 Q. Good afternoon, Witness.
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. Witness, where were you born? Which village in
14:46:41 20 Sierra Leone?
21 A. I was born in Kabala.
22 Q. In which village were you born?
23 A. xxxxx.
24 MS PACK: That's xxxxxxxx, Your Honours.
14:47:00 25 Q. Which town, Witness, is xxxxx near?
26 A. xxxxx.
27 MS PACK: That's xxxxxxxxxx Your Honour.
28 Q. Witness, what is your ethnicity?
29 A. I am a Karanko.

1 Q. What languages do you speak?

2 A. I only speak Karanko.

3 Q. Are you able to read or write?

4 A. I cannot read and write. I didn't go to school.

14:48:01 5 Q. Witness, where were you living in 1998?

6 A. I was at xxxxx.

7 Q. And who were you living there with?

8 A. I was with my husband.

9 Q. Were you living with anyone else apart from your husband?

14:48:26 10 A. Together with my younger siblings.

11 Q. Did you have any children?

12 A. Yes, I do have children.

13 Q. How many children were living with you in 1998?

14 A. I had four children, but one has died. It's three

14:48:56 15 remaining.

16 Q. Apart from your siblings and your children and your

17 husband, were you living with anyone else in xxxxx in 1998?

18 A. Except those with whom we share the same husband.

19 Q. Who was that? Don't give any names, but explain what you

14:49:29 20 mean.

21 A. Those with whom we shared the same husband.

22 Q. Are you talking about another wife of your husband?

23 A. Yes, he had three of us.

24 Q. Witness, did anything happen in xxxxx in 1998?

14:49:56 25 A. Except that xxxxx was burnt down.

26 Q. Do you remember what time of year this was?

27 A. When they burnt down the village, we went to the town.

28 That was when we were getting ready to make our farms.

29 Q. Do you know who burnt down your village?

1 A. We ran away from those who burnt down the houses and we
2 went down -- we went into the bush.

3 Q. Do you know where had been attacked immediately before your
4 village was attacked?

14:51:02 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Where had been attacked immediately before your village was
7 attacked?

8 A. The day they burnt Yifin, the following day they came and
9 burnt our own village.

14:51:31 10 MS PACK: Yifin is spelt Y-I-F-I-N, Your Honours.

11 Q. Witness, did anything happen to you after you went to the
12 bush after this attack on xxxxx?

13 A. We ran away and went into the bush, and we were captured in
14 the bush.

14:52:11 15 Q. Who was captured in the bush, Witness?

16 A. Us.

17 Q. Who was with you, who was captured?

18 A. My younger siblings and my rival to my husband.

19 Q. Just take each of those in turn. The rival to your
14:52:44 20 husband, is that another wife to your husband?

21 A. Yes. The three of us and the one whom I had wedded for my
22 husband, including one of our companions.

23 Q. So she was captured with you?

24 A. Yes, we were captured in the same place and taken along.

14:53:15 25 Q. Now, you said your younger sibling was captured. Was she
26 also taken away?

27 A. They left her there, because she had given birth to twins
28 during the night.

29 Q. Did your husband's other wife have her own children with

1 her when you were captured?

2 A. She had given birth to one child. They took that child and
3 abandoned her -- the child there and they took us along.

4 Q. The men who captured you, how many of them were there?

14:54:16 5 A. Four of them.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Pack, it has not been determined that
7 she was captured by men and there have been other leading
8 questions. So please avoid this.

9 MS PACK: I'm grateful, Your Honour.

14:54:27 10 Q. The people who captured you, who were they?

11 A. There were four of them.

12 Q. Were they men or were they women or were they children?

13 A. They were young men.

14 Q. Do you know who they were?

14:54:55 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Who were they?

17 A. They were rebels.

18 Q. Are you able to remember their names, the four rebels who
19 captured you?

14:55:14 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What are their names?

22 A. The first one was Mohamed The Killer.

23 MS PACK: Pause a moment. Mohamed and then it's just The
24 Killer, Your Honour.

14:55:32 25 Q. The next one was who, Witness?

26 A. Trouble.

27 MS PACK: Just T-R-O-U-B-L-E, Your Honour.

28 Q. The next one was who?

29 A. Arpick [phon].

1 Q. Would you repeat that, please?

2 A. Yes, Trouble.

3 Q. And the one after Trouble was who?

4 A. Arpick.

14:56:16 5 MS PACK: I'm afraid I'm going to have to leave that to a
6 phonetic spelling, Your Honour.

7 Q. And the next one was who, Witness?

8 A. Cyborg.

9 MS PACK: That's C-Y-B-O-R-G.

14:56:38 10 Q. How do you know these young men's names?

11 A. I took a long time with them in their captivity.

12 Q. Are you able to recall what they were wearing when they
13 captured you?

14 A. Yes.

14:56:53 15 Q. What were they wearing?

16 A. Some wore the trousers which was uniform, and some wore a
17 civilian dress -- a civil dress.

18 Q. Witness, when you were captured and your husband's other
19 wife was captured by these four rebels do you know if anyone else
14:57:23 20 was captured by the same men?

21 A. At the time that they were capturing us, they had some
22 other people with them. We went together with those people.

23 Q. Do you know the names of the other people they had with
24 them?

14:57:47 25 A. Yes.

26 Q. What were their names?

27 A. Bamba Jalloh.

28 MS PACK: Just wait a moment. That's B-A-M-B-A
29 J-A-L-L-O-H.

1 Q. Was Bamba Jalloh a man, a woman or a child?
2 A. She is a woman. She had given birth to one child.
3 Q. Do you know roughly how old she was?
4 A. I wouldn't know her age because I didn't give birth to her
14:58:33 5 and I didn't bring her up. But she had given birth to one child.
6 Q. Was anyone else captured along with Bamba Jalloh by these
7 young men?
8 A. Yes.
9 Q. Who else?
14:58:55 10 A. Sialo Kamara.
11 MS PACK: That's S-I-A-L-O K-A-M-A-R-A.
12 Q. Was Sialo Kamara a man, a woman or a child?
13 A. She's a woman, but she's a young girl. She was a ward.
14 Q. Are you able to say about how old she was, this young girl?
14:59:26 15 A. I do not know her age, but she could be about five years
16 old. You know, I'm not very sure, because I didn't give birth to
17 her.
18 Q. Witness, after you were captured by these men, the four
19 rebels, did anything happen to you?
15:00:10 20 A. Yes.
21 Q. What happened to you?
22 A. When they were taking us along, before they could reach
23 with us to town they slept with us.
24 Q. Now, you say, "They slept with us." Who slept with who,
15:00:36 25 Witness?
26 A. Mohamed Killer had sex with me.
27 Q. Did you consent to him having sex with you?
28 A. I consented because he was carrying gun -- a gun. Just had
29 to consent.

1 Q. Did you feel able to refuse to have sexual intercourse with
2 him?

3 A. Yes, I was about to refuse but how could I when he was
4 carrying a gun? I had no way. I had no choice.

15:01:34 5 Q. Now, you said, "They slept with us". Was there anyone else
6 who anything happened to when you had sex with Mohamed The
7 Killer?

8 A. He took us to town.

9 Q. The other women that you were with, did anything happen to
15:02:02 10 them before you got to town?

11 A. The woman whom I wedded for my husband, RPG had sex with
12 her.

13 Q. Witness, you have mentioned a name RPG. Who was he?

14 A. He was a rebel.

15:02:42 15 Q. Was he different from one of the four young men who
16 captured you?

17 A. You want me to call them again?

18 Q. Remind us, Witness, the four who captured you, their names?

19 A. The first one was Mohamed The Killer.

15:03:13 20 Q. Then?

21 A. Trouble.

22 Q. And then?

23 A. Cyborg.

24 Q. And then? And the next one?

15:03:29 25 A. Arpick.

26 Q. Witness, do you know which group Mohamed The Killer was
27 from?

28 A. When they captured us, when they took us to Woronbiai,
29 that's where I knew the group.

1 MS PACK: You mentioned a name as Woronbiai which is
2 spelt -- I have a spelling which is W-O-R-O-N-B-I-A-I.
3 Q. What did you find out at Woronbiai about which group
4 Mohamed The Killer was from?
15:04:32 5 A. He's commander was called Cobra.
6 MS PACK: That's C-O-B-R-A.
7 Q. Witness, who did you go to Woronbiai with?
8 A. I went together with the rebels. They captured us and took
9 us to Woronbiai.
15:05:12 10 Q. Do you remember how long you stayed at Woronbiai for?
11 A. Yes.
12 Q. How long?
13 A. Eight days.
14 Q. Do you remember who was at Woronbiai?
15:05:17 15 A. I knew some.
16 Q. Could you name them, please?
17 A. If you want me to call them, I will call them.
18 Q. Go on.
19 A. The first one was Cobra.
15:05:43 20 Q. Who was he?
21 A. He was their commander.
22 Q. Whose commander was he?
23 A. The rebels.
24 Q. Which rebels?
15:05:55 25 A. The rebels who were killing people. The rebels. The
26 commander for the -- Mohamed Killer's commander was called Cobra,
27 sorry.
28 Q. Do you remember any other commanders in Woronbiai?
29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Who?

2 A. The first one was Colonel Tee.

3 MS PACK: That's T-E-E.

4 Q. And do you know who he was?

15:06:39 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Who was he?

7 A. SLA.

8 Q. Do you remember any other commanders in Woronbiai?

9 A. Yes.

15:06:54 10 Q. Who?

11 A. Pa Mani.

12 MS PACK: That's P-A M-A-N-I.

13 Q. Who was he?

14 A. SLA.

15:07:25 15 Q. Do you remember anyone else in Woronbiai?

16 A. Rambo.

17 Q. Do you know who he was?

18 A. I knew him but he was -- I knew him but I did not know

19 whether he was an SLA or a rebel.

15:07:48 20 Q. Do you know what happened to him later?

21 A. They saved me.

22 Q. Do you know who was the commander overall in Woronbiai?

23 A. It was Rambo and Pa Mani.

24 Q. How do you know this?

15:08:21 25 A. I had taken long with them. I had taken long with them.

26 That's how I knew.

27 Q. When you got to Woronbiai did anything happen to you there?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. What happened?

1 A. They said my husband was -- is Cobra and I said I do not
2 love him and I was damaged.

3 Q. Just take that a little slowly. Who said your husband was
4 Cobra?

15:09:11 5 A. It was Mohamed Killer who betrothed me to Mohamed The
6 Killer -- to Cobra, and I said no.

7 Q. Did anything happen after you said no?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What happened?

15:09:39 10 A. They said they should go and kill me. I should be
11 escorted.

12 Q. Who said who should go and kill you?

13 A. It was Mohamed The Killer.

14 Q. You also said that they harmed you. Who harmed you,

15:10:07 15 Witness?

16 A. It was Mohamed The Killer.

17 Q. What did he do?

18 A. [Inaudible] were wounded and as I'm sitting here the scars
19 are still here.

15:10:36 20 MS PACK: I didn't get the start of that translation.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter we did not get the
22 beginning of --

23 THE INTERPRETER: I have some injury -- I sustained some
24 injuries on my hip, on my hip, and the scars are still there.

15:10:52 25 MS PACK:

26 Q. What did he do so that you received those scars?

27 A. He used a bayonet. He used the bayonet to inflict these
28 injuries on me.

29 Q. And on which part of your body was the injury inflicted?

1 A. On my buttocks.

2 Q. Do you know why you had these injuries inflicted on your
3 buttocks with the bayonet?

4 A. Yes.

15:11:39 5 Q. Why?

6 A. Because I said I wouldn't accept Cobra as a husband.
7 That's why he declared that I should be killed.

8 Q. After this happened and after it was declared that you
9 should be killed, what happened after that?

15:12:03 10 A. When they were taking me along, Rambo asked that, "Where
11 you taking that woman to? Bring her here."

12 Q. What happened after that?

13 A. I was brought and I was observed and they found out that I
14 was -- my body was oozing blood and they caught them and beat
15:12:34 15 them up.

16 Q. Who was beaten up?

17 A. The very Mohamed The Killer. They were beaten. Pa Mani
18 said they should be beaten and they were beaten.

19 Q. Did Cobra do or say anything that you remember?

15:12:59 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What did he do or say?

22 A. He said, "You brought this woman for me. If she says she
23 doesn't love me, leave her alone."

24 Q. What happened to you after this?

15:13:21 25 A. So I was treated until I got well and we departed.

26 Q. The women who were captured at the same time as you, did
27 anything happen to them at Woronbiai?

28 A. All of them were given to men.

29 Q. When you say "given to men", what do you mean?

1 A. They took them as their wives. They were given to them as
2 wives.
3 Q. You have mentioned two women who were captured with you.
4 The first one was your husband's other wife. Who was she given
15:14:26 5 to as a wife?
6 A. Komba.
7 MS PACK: K-O-M-B-A, Your Honour.
8 Q. Do you know who Komba was?
9 A. Yes.
15:14:48 10 Q. Who was he?
11 A. He was a rebel.
12 Q. Do you know who Bamba Jalloh was given to as a wife?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. Who to?
15:15:08 15 A. Yubao.
16 MS PACK: The spelling I have is Y-U-B-A-O, Your Honour.
17 Q. Do you know who Yubao was?
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. Who was he?
15:15:27 20 A. He was a rebel. He was a Mende man.
21 Q. Do you know what it meant that these two women were given
22 to these two men as their wives?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. What did it mean?
15:15:54 25 A. To have sex with her.
26 Q. Did they do anything else, these women who were given as
27 wives?
28 THE INTERPRETER: Please repeat the question for the
29 interpreter.

1 MS PACK:
2 Q. Did they do anything else, these women who were given as
3 wives?
4 A. They always slept with them. There was nothing -- there is
15:16:35 5 nothing else. They slept with them.
6 Q. The girl you have described, Sialo Kamara who was also
7 captured, did anything happen to her in Woronbiai?
8 A. Nothing else happened to her except that she was working
9 for them.
15:17:00 10 Q. Who was she working for?
11 A. The wives of the rebels. He laundered clothes and washed
12 the dishes. She, sorry.
13 Q. Who were you living with in Woronbiai?
14 A. In Cobra's house.
15:17:34 15 Q. You have said that you stayed in Woronbiai for eight days.
16 Where did you go after that?
17 A. We went to Krubola but when -- before we left Woronbiai it
18 was not very easy for us.
19 Q. Tell us why.
15:18:14 20 A. Kamajors came from Sunbaria and they attacked Woronbiai.
21 MS PACK: Pause a moment. S-U-N-B-A-R-I-A.
22 Q. Did anything happen to the village of Woronbiai before you
23 left it?
24 A. Yes.
15:18:37 25 Q. What happened to the village?
26 A. They attacked us. They came with a head that has been
27 severed from the body and they were carrying it as they went
28 along.
29 Q. Who was carrying a severed head?

1 A. Mohamed The Killer.

2 Q. Witness, you have said that you went to Krubola after

3 Woronbiai.

4 MS PACK: The phonetic spelling I have for that,

15:19:19 5 Your Honours, is K-R-U-B-O-L-A.

6 Q. Do you know which district Krubola is in in Sierra Leone?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Which district?

9 A. Koinadugu.

15:19:45 10 Q. How long did it take you to get to Krubola from Woronbiai?

11 A. When we left Woronbiai, we slept at Sawaya.

12 MS PACK: The spelling I have is S-A-W-A-Y-A.

13 Q. How long did you sleep at Sawaya for?

14 A. We spent two nights there.

15:20:25 15 Q. After you got to Krubola, how long did you spend there?

16 A. We stayed long at Krubola.

17 Q. Do you remember how long?

18 A. The one that I could recall, yes.

19 Q. How long then, about, did you stay at Krubola?

15:20:51 20 A. We spent seven months there. By the eighth month we left.

21 Q. Who did you go from Woronbiai to Krubola with? Who was

22 with you?

23 A. Cobra, Brigadier Mani.

24 Q. Who was Brigadier Mani?

15:21:35 25 A. Pa Mani. He was one of the bosses.

26 Q. What happened to the women who you'd also been captured

27 with?

28 A. We went together to Krubola.

29 Q. When you got to Krubola do you remember if you met anyone

1 there?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Who did you meet there?

4 A. We met another group of theirs.

15:22:24 5 Q. Do you remember the names of anyone who was in this other

6 group?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Could you please give us the names that you remember?

9 A. If you allow me to call the names, then I'll call them.

15:22:47 10 Q. Please go ahead.

11 A. The first one was Savage.

12 Q. Do you know who Savage was?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Who was he?

15:23:04 15 A. He was a fighter.

16 Q. Who else did you meet in Krubola?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Who else?

19 A. Komba Gbundema.

15:23:30 20 MS PACK: Spelling K-O-M-B-A, new word G-B-U-N-D-E-M-A.

21 Q. Anyone else apart from Savage and Komba Gbundema?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Name them, please.

24 A. Superman.

15:23:56 25 Q. Anyone else?

26 A. Those who we met there and whom I can recall, those are the

27 ones.

28 Q. The men that you've mentioned, Komba Gbundema, first of

29 all, do you know who he was?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Who was he?

3 A. He was a rebel.

4 Q. And Superman, do you know who he was?

15:24:38 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Who was he?

7 A. A rebel.

8 Q. Were there other men in Krubola apart from the ones that

9 you've named?

15:24:55 10 A. There were other men, but I wouldn't know all of their

11 names.

12 Q. Do you know which groups these other men in Krubola were

13 from?

14 A. Yes.

15:25:17 15 Q. Which groups?

16 A. They were under Komba Gbundema.

17 Q. Were all the men at Krubola under Komba Gbundema, as far as

18 you know?

19 A. All of them had their own groups. Those of us who came had

15:25:59 20 our own groups. Those whom we met, had their own groups.

21 Everybody had his own group.

22 Q. In Krubola who were you living with?

23 A. I was in Cobra's house.

24 Q. Did you remain at Cobra's house all the time you were in

15:26:25 25 Krubola?

26 A. No. Pa Mani took me from their hands because they were

27 threatening me.

28 Q. And where did Pa Mani take you?

29 A. Because they were threatening me, they were maltreating me.

1 Q. Where did he take you then?

2 A. To his home.

3 Q. Was anyone with you with Pa Mani in his home?

4 A. Yes, there are some children there, his bodyguards.

15:27:21 5 Q. What happened to the women that you'd been captured with
6 and the girl?

7 A. I cried that my child was with them, so they went and took
8 them and brought them to me.

9 Q. Which child are you talking about?

15:27:57 10 A. Sialo, my husband's wife and Bamba Jalloh. So they took
11 them and brought them to Pa Mani's house. That's where we were.

12 Q. Do you know which house in Krubola Pa Mani was living in?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Which house?

15:28:23 15 A. The chief's house.

16 Q. Apart from you and the women and the child that was with
17 you were there any other civilians in Krubola?

18 A. Except they captured people who were with them. We didn't
19 meet other civilians there except those who were captured.

15:29:07 20 Q. The chief whose house you were living in with Pa Mani, do
21 you know which chief he was?

22 A. I did not know him, because we didn't meet him there.

23 Q. You said that there were captured civilians with you in
24 Krubola. What were these captured civilians? Were they men,

15:29:43 25 were they women, were they children?

26 A. Women and children.

27 Q. Who had they been captured by?

28 A. The rebels.

29 Q. In Krubola what did you do?

1 A. I was kind of a mediator. When they were beating anybody I
2 would go and beg for that person. That is all I was doing. At
3 all times that is what I was doing.

4 Q. When they were beating who?

15:30:54 5 A. When they are beating the captives, when I hear the person
6 crying, I'll always go there to beg for the person.

7 Q. And when who was beating the captives?

8 A. The rebels.

9 Q. Did you do anything else in Krubola?

15:31:23 10 A. Except that in the morning we'd run into the bush to hide
11 away from the jets.

12 Q. Who would hide away into the bush?

13 A. All of us. All of us. When the jet is going around, no,
14 we wouldn't stand to look at it. We would hide.

15:31:54 15 Q. Did that include the rebels?

16 A. Very, very well.

17 Q. Witness, do you know -- you have spoken about women who
18 were captured by the rebels. Do you know what happened to these
19 women before they got to Krubola?

15:32:43 20 MR FOFANAH: May it please Your Honours, with every
21 respect, that is clearly leading. Do you know what happened to
22 them?

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: There is no foundation for that question,
24 Ms Pack. You are leading the witness.

15:32:55 25 MR FOFANAH: Thank you.

26 MS PACK:

27 Q. The women you have spoken about, the captured women, did
28 anything happen to them in Krubola?

29 A. After we had finished cooking, all that happened was to

1 have sex.

2 Q. Who did these women have sex with?

3 A. The rebels who captured them, who brought them along. They
4 had sex with them.

15:33:59 5 Q. Do you know if anything happened to the women before they
6 got to Krubola?

7 A. When we reached Krubola, it was only when they went and
8 attacked Mongo, they came and took us along. But they were
9 always sleeping with them.

15:34:26 10 MS PACK: There is a name there mentioned which is Mongo,
11 M-O-N-G-O.

12 Q. I am not going to ask you about Mongo. I'm just asking
13 about Krubola for the time being. Do you know if anything
14 happened to the women who were captured before they got to

15:34:41 15 Krubola?

16 A. When we reached Krubola, when we finished cooking, they
17 will just have sex with us.

18 Q. Was there anything else that the women were doing in
19 Krubola?

15:35:09 20 A. To cook, to go to the bush -- into the bush and to have sex
21 with them. Because there wasn't anything else to do. There was
22 nothing else to do, pardon me.

23 Q. You have said they had sex with the rebels. Did all the
24 rebels have sex with the women who were captured as you have
15:35:53 25 described?

26 A. Whoever was captured, when that woman is betrothed to a
27 man, that becomes his wife. Whoever you were with would have sex
28 with you.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Manly-Spain, you on your feet.

1 MR MANLY-SPAIN: Yes, Your Honour. I just want to apply
2 for the accused Kamara to be excused so he can visit the loo.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes. I didn't quite hear the last answer
4 correctly. Could the witness please repeat the last answer?

15:36:48 5 THE WITNESS: Yes, I can explain.

6 MS PACK:

7 Q. Witness, you said in the last answer, and if I can just
8 remind you of a portion of it -- you said that when the women
9 were betrothed as wives they had sex. Is that what you said?

15:37:13 10 A. Yes, they had sex with you. Even before they take you to
11 town they've had sex with you. So when they bring you to town,
12 the person they betrothed you to, he will take you as his wife
13 and he will be having sex with you.

14 Q. Now you said even before coming to town they would have sex
15:37:49 15 with you. What are you meaning by that? Would you explain that,
16 please?

17 A. Yes, I can explain.

18 Q. Go on.

19 A. When they capture you they would have sex with you before
15:38:12 20 they take you to town. And when they take you to town, the
21 person that you'd be handed over to will be having sex with you
22 persistently.

23 Q. And by "the town", what town are you talking about here?

24 THE INTERPRETER: Can you repeat the question, please?

15:38:44 25 MS PACK:

26 Q. You are talking about a town. Which town are you talking
27 about?

28 A. When they capture you, where they were based, where they
29 will take you to, that's where we call town.

1 Q. You have talked about the women being betrothed as wives.
2 Did all the rebels at the camp, the base you are talking about,
3 did they all have wives who were captured?
4 A. Well, the bosses and the stronger guys, they had the women.
15:39:40 5 But the subordinates were not allowed to have wives.
6 Q. How do you know that subordinates were not allowed to have
7 wives?
8 A. It happened in my presence.
9 Q. Do you know why they weren't allowed to have wives?
15:40:02 10 A. Yes.
11 Q. Why?
12 A. Because they were the people who were sent to the war
13 front.
14 Q. Do you know anything about what these subordinates were
15:40:24 15 doing at the war front?
16 A. Well, they would just -- we would always stay behind. They
17 would leave us at the base and they would go to the war front,
18 and when they are coming back they would always bring other
19 people.
15:40:46 20 Q. By "other people", what do you mean?
21 A. That was the reason why civilians were many in that place.
22 Because when they go out they would always bring women.
23 Q. Do you know if after a woman was handed over as a wife,
24 whether she would have sexual intercourse with anyone else after
15:41:29 25 that?
26 MR FOFANAH: May it please Your Honours, it seems my
27 learned colleague has been going along this line for quite a
28 while. I am objecting on the basis that there is no foundation.
29 The witness has not told this Court how she comes by the

1 knowledge that the women in fact had sex with the rebels in
2 question and my learned colleague has been consistently going
3 down that line without laying the necessary foundation. Thank
4 you.

15:42:00 5 MS PACK: I will ask the witness, Your Honour.

6 Q. Witness, you have given evidence that women who were handed
7 over as wives to men to have sex with persistently -- you have
8 given evidence about that. How do you know that; that this is
9 what happened to these women after they were handed over as
10 wives?

11 A. It was happening in my presence.

12 Q. Do you know if they had sexual intercourse - the women who
13 were handed over to a husband - with anyone else after they were
14 handed over?

15:43:00 15 A. No. The man to whom she would be handed over would be the
16 sole owner of her.

17 Q. How do you know this?

18 A. They did it in my presence. They made the law in my
19 presence.

15:43:39 20 Q. Who made the law?

21 A. The elders, their bosses.

22 Q. What was the law?

23 A. The law said that you cannot covet your colleague's wife.
24 If you are caught, you will be killed.

15:44:27 25 Q. You said the elders, the bosses, made this law. Are you
26 able to name anyone, and please say if you are not?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Go on then, if you're able to name anyone.

29 A. Rambo.

1 Q. Anyone else?
2 A. Colonel Tee.
3 Q. Anyone else?
4 A. Pa Mani.
15:45:12 5 Q. Anyone else?
6 A. No.
7 Q. Witness, you also described earlier that children were
8 captured by the rebels. Do you know if children did anything in
9 Krubola?
15:45:47 10 A. Their only work was to fetch wood, wash the dishes and to
11 work for their wives.
12 Q. Work for whose wives?
13 A. The rebels who had captured them, their wives.
14 Q. Witness, you've said that you left -- you stayed in Krubola
15:46:14 15 for seven months. Do you remember which time of year it was when
16 you left Krubola? Are you able to remember?
17 A. It was the time that -- it was when it was about time to
18 harvest the groundnuts, that is when we left. I cannot remember
19 the year, but that's the time we left.
15:46:50 20 Q. Where did you go after Krubola?
21 A. We went to Serekolia.
22 MS PACK: The spelling I have is S-E-R-E-K-O-L-I-A.
23 Q. Do you know where --
24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause, Ms Pack. Are you moving in
15:47:07 25 to a new part of the evidence, as I notice it is about the time
26 we would normally have a short break?
27 MS PACK: Yes, Your Honour.
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Perhaps it is appropriate to break at
29 this time. Madam Court Attendant, please adjourn court for 15

1 minutes.

2 [Break taken at 3.43 p.m.]

3 [Upon resuming at 4.00 p.m.]

4 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour.

16:03:24 5 Q. Witness, just before we had a break I asked you where you
6 went to after Krubola. Just remind us where did you go after
7 Krubola?

8 A. Serekolia.

9 MS PACK: S-E-R-E-K-O-L-I-A.

16:03:53 10 Q. On the way to Serekolia, did you pass through anywhere?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Where did you pass through?

13 A. Mongo.

14 MS PACK: M-O-N-G-O, Your Honour.

16:04:15 15 Q. Did anything happen in Mongo?

16 A. They captured Mongo, but we went through Mongo and went to
17 Serekolia.

18 Q. Were you at Mongo when it was captured? Were you there at
19 the time it was captured?

16:04:41 20 A. They left us at Krubola and they came and captured Mongo.

21 Q. Who went and captured Mongo?

22 A. Komba Gbundema's group. All of them. All the groups went
23 and captured Mongo.

24 Q. Apart from Komba Gbundema's group, whose group went and
16:05:11 25 captured Mongo?

26 A. Superman.

27 Q. Anyone else?

28 A. Savage.

29 Q. Anyone else you remember?

1 A. Colonel Tee. Their groups.
2 Q. Anyone else you remember?
3 A. Those are the ones I could recall.
4 Q. Who did you go to Serekolia with?
16:05:52 5 A. I went together with Pa Mani.
6 Q. You said earlier that Pa Mani was an SLA. Were there any
7 other SLA commanders who were with you in Krubola, that you
8 remember?
9 A. Yes.
16:06:46 10 Q. Who else?
11 A. Colonel Tee.
12 Q. Anyone apart from Colonel Tee?
13 A. Savage.
14 Q. And anyone apart from them?
16:07:12 15 A. The SLAs whom I knew are the ones I have named.
16 Q. How long were you at Serekolia for? When you got to
17 Serekolia, how long were you there for?
18 A. We spent three days -- three months there.
19 Q. Do you know which district in Sierra Leone is Serekolia?
16:07:38 20 A. Yes.
21 Q. Which district?
22 A. Koinadugu.
23 Q. Do you know where Serekolia is near?
24 A. Mongo.
16:08:09 25 Q. When you were in Serekolia who were you with?
26 A. We were with Pa Mani.
27 Q. And do you remember who else was in Serekolia apart from Pa
28 Mani? Any other commanders?
29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Who else? If you would name them, please.

2 A. There was Colonel Tee.

3 Q. Who else?

4 A. And Komba Gbundema and Savage.

16:08:59 5 Q. Anyone else that you remember?

6 A. Those are the ones I could recall.

7 Q. Who were the men at Serekolia? Do you know which group

8 they were from?

9 A. In Serekolia, they were in Pa Mani's group. There were

16:09:36 10 many.

11 Q. Earlier, Witness, you spoke about captured civilians who

12 were with you in Krubola. What happened, when you moved from

13 Krubola to Serekolia, to these captured civilians?

14 A. What happened to them? The bosses said they should find

16:10:15 15 somebody who would mediate for the civilians.

16 Q. What happened?

17 A. So I was selected to be their leader.

18 Q. Who were you elected by?

19 A. The bosses selected me to be their leader, but the women

16:10:48 20 disagreed.

21 Q. By "the bosses", who do you mean?

22 A. Their leaders, Pa Mani and Colonel Tee. They appointed me

23 to be their leader.

24 Q. As the leader of the civilians did you have a name that you

16:11:17 25 were known by?

26 A. I was called Mamie Queen.

27 Q. How were you selected to be Mamie Queen?

28 A. They said I have feelings for the civilians, I always

29 mediate on behalf of the civilians.

1 Q. Apart from the bosses Pa Mani and Colonel Tee, did anyone
2 else select you to be the leader for the civilians, the Mamie
3 Queen?
4 A. Their clerk Alhaji. He was an adjutant.
16:12:37 5 MS PACK: I'll just spell that. A-L-H-A-J-I.
6 Q. What happened?
7 A. They pronounced my name.
8 Q. Go on.
9 A. Four of us stood and I won and I was appointed. And for
16:13:05 10 all those who were captured, they said I was the person talking
11 on their behalf. So I became their leader.
12 Q. How did you win? What happened so that you became the
13 Mamie Queen?
14 A. I had a lot of following.
16:13:35 15 Q. Following from whom?
16 A. All the people whom they had captured, among them I had the
17 majority. They were the ones that voted for me.
18 Q. As Mamie Queen what was it your job to do?
19 A. Anybody who was maltreated and that report was made to me,
16:14:22 20 I would make investigations to the person who was given the
21 maltreatment.
22 Q. When you say anyone who was maltreated, who are you talking
23 about?
24 A. The captives. Those who were captured by the rebels. If
16:14:54 25 that person was maltreated and he or she comes to me, I would
26 follow that person to the rebel who had captured them to make
27 inquiries.
28 Q. Did you receive any complaints of maltreatment?
29 A. Yes.

1 Q. What sort of complaints did you receive?

2 A. Somebody who was not your wife and you have sex with that

3 person, if that one is found out and they make the report to me.

4 Q. Just clarify. Who would make the report in this example

16:15:47 5 that you are giving?

6 A. The woman would report their husbands to me.

7 Q. If they did what?

8 A. If she was maltreated by her husband.

9 Q. What sort of maltreatment did you have reported to you?

16:16:11 10 A. If you have sex with somebody else's husband. If I make

11 investigations and I find out that you are guilty then that would

12 not be good for you.

13 Q. Were there any other complaints that you investigated?

14 A. Yes.

16:16:47 15 Q. Tell us, please.

16 A. If you have sex with somebody else's husband and I find out

17 that you are guilty, you would be beaten. You would be given 200

18 lashes.

19 Q. Apart from this complaint were there any other complaints

16:17:16 20 you received from anyone else, any other civilians?

21 A. There was no other complaint. There were laws. If you

22 covet somebody else's wife, the elders made the laws. And if you

23 went foul of those laws, then you would be killed.

24 Q. Just explain what the law was to covet somebody else's

16:18:02 25 wife. What did that mean?

26 A. If you rape somebody else's wife -- someone else's wife and

27 if I receive that complaint, and if it is investigated and you

28 are found guilty, there was a law that you be killed.

29 Q. Talking about a law that if you rape someone else's wife.

1 At this point were wives allowed to refuse to have sexual
2 intercourse with their husbands?

3 MR FOFANAH: Objection, Your Honours. I am objecting on
4 the grounds that the answer will not lie within the purview of
16:19:05 5 this witness. Any answer to that would be clearly speculative
6 except if the foundation is laid.

7 MS PACK: Your Honour, I don't agree, with respect to my
8 learned friend, because this witness has given evidence that she
9 is a Mamie Queen whose role was, amongst other things, to
16:19:24 10 investigate complaints and she has spoken about a law that she,
11 amongst other things, would investigate and allegations of
12 disobedience of that law. She is therefore amply equipped --
13 ably equipped to answer the question that I have posed.

14 [Trial Chamber confers]

16:22:20 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: The only evidence we have about a law is
16 a law relating to having sex with someone else's husband. There
17 is no evidence of any law about allowing or refusing to have sex
18 with your own husband. There is no foundation for this question
19 and it is not allowed at this point.

16:22:37 20 MS PACK: Thank you, Your Honour.

21 Q. Witness, do you recall how many civilians there were in
22 Serekolia when you were there?

23 A. We didn't meet civilians there. It was only we, the
24 captured people, who went there.

16:23:01 25 Q. Do you know how many captured people there were?

26 A. It was a large crowd. I wouldn't know the number, those of
27 us who were in Serekolia.

28 Q. Witness, you said you were in Serekolia for three months.
29 Where did you go after you left Serekolia?

1 A. We went to Gbenikoro.

2 MS PACK: The spelling I have is G-B-E-N-I-K-O-R-O,

3 Your Honour.

4 Q. Do you know which district in Sierra Leone is Gbenikoro?

16:24:10 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Which district?

7 A. Koinadugu.

8 Q. When you went to Gbenikoro who were you with at that time?

9 A. I was still with Pa Mani, together with my people.

16:24:32 10 Q. At this point had you ceased to be the Mamie Queen?

11 A. At that time I was still Mamie Queen until we came to

12 Makeni.

13 Q. And at this time when you were the Mamie Queen still in

14 Gbenikoro, who were you responsible for at this time?

16:25:11 15 A. The captives.

16 Q. How long did you stay in Gbenikoro for?

17 A. Two months.

18 Q. And after Gbenikoro where did you go?

19 A. We came to Makeni.

16:25:44 20 Q. On the way to Makeni did you pass through anywhere?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Where did you pass through?

23 A. When we left Gbenikoro, we went to Morya.

24 MS PACK: Pause a moment. M-O-R-Y-A.

16:26:06 25 Q. And after Morya did you go anywhere?

26 A. Yiraia.

27 MS PACK: That's Y-I-R-A-I-A.

28 Q. And after Yiraia did you go anywhere?

29 A. We attempted to go to Kabala but there was no way, so we

1 by-passed and reached Makeni.

2 Q. How long did you spend in Makeni?

3 A. We were there for long.

4 Q. Are you able to estimate how long?

16:26:52 5 A. I couldn't remember the months, but it's like it was up to
6 a year, but I cannot remember the exact months. But we stayed
7 there for long.

8 Q. Do you remember what was happening or what happened around
9 the time that you left Makeni?

16:27:14 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What happened?

12 A. Makeni was attacked.

13 Q. By whom?

14 A. Issa attacked Superman at Lunsar, and he too attacked us in
16:27:43 15 Makeni.

16 Q. By Issa, who do you mean?

17 A. It was their boss man.

18 Q. Do you know what his full name is?

19 A. His name is Issa.

16:28:04 20 MS PACK: That's I-S-S-A, Your Honour.

21 Q. Did you leave Makeni before or after this occurred?

22 A. After the attack, the man that we were staying with, the
23 chopper had taken him and brought him to Freetown. That's when
24 we left for our home.

16:28:32 25 Q. Who were you staying with in Makeni?

26 A. Pa Mani.

27 Q. Do you know what was going on in Freetown at the time that
28 you left?

29 THE INTERPRETER: Can you please repeat the question.

1 MS PACK:

2 Q. Do you know what was going on in Freetown at the time that
3 you left Makeni and the time that Mani went to Freetown?

4 A. Just fighting.

16:29:10 5 Q. Witness, when you got to Makeni, you've told us about the
6 captured civilians that you were with, the women and the
7 children. Are you able to estimate how many children were with
8 you when you got to Makeni, captured children?

9 A. Yes.

16:29:43 10 Q. How many?

11 THE INTERPRETER: Learned counsel, can she please take the
12 number quite slowly.

13 MS PACK:

14 Q. Could you just repeat, please, Witness, the number that you
16:29:59 15 are able to estimate of children - captured children - who came
16 with you to Makeni?

17 A. Those who were under my care, yes, I can talk about that.

18 Q. How many?

19 A. 131. 131. And even as I'm speaking some are still with
16:30:27 20 me.

21 Q. How do you know that there were 131 captured children with
22 you when you came to Makeni?

23 A. How I knew? Whoever -- when they captured them and brought
24 them to me, everybody was praying that there should be peace and
16:30:54 25 each time they captured them they would bring them and hand them
26 over to me and I would beat the chance to find their parents.

27 Q. When were you trying to find their parents?

28 A. I started it when we were in Makeni. Those who were in
29 Kabala, they were the first ones that I sent.

1 Q. Why did you start looking for their parents when you were
2 in Makeni, these children?

3 A. There was starvation and fighting was going on.

4 Q. Did you start looking for their parents before or after
16:31:48 5 Brigadier Mani went to Freetown?

6 A. It was in his presence that I started sending some. I sent
7 the others in Kabala and after that I started sending the others.
8 I started sending them when he was there.

9 Q. You have given a number, 131 children. It's a precise
16:32:23 10 number. Why do you give such a precise number of the children
11 that were with you when you came to Makeni?

12 A. Everybody's name, whoever they brought to me, I'll write
13 that person's name. Whoever was brought to me, I'll write that
14 person's name. And they are my children from Koinadugu.

16:32:55 15 Karanko, Temne, they were all mixed up there.

16 Q. Why did you leave Makeni?

17 A. Those with whom we stayed had come to Freetown. And at
18 that time he had started assisting me to send the children. So
19 after the children had gone, I too went away and I hid and went
16:33:22 20 to Bumbuna [phon] and from there I went to my village.

21 MS PACK: Witness, those were all the questions I had to
22 ask you. If you just wait there, there will be some questions
23 for you. Those are my questions, Your Honour.

24 THE WITNESS: Okay. That's fine.

16:33:56 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Counsel.

26 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR MANLY-SPAIN:

27 Q. Good afternoon, Madam Witness.

28 A. Good afternoon.

29 Q. Madam Witness, do you remember the time you allege you were

1 captured in 1998? Was it during the rainy season?

2 A. That was the end of the dry season. It was time for
3 ploughing.

4 Q. Thank you. Do you remember, Madam Witness, how long you
16:34:53 5 spent with the rebels in Koinadugu District?

6 A. Yes, I know, those are the months I have recounted to you.

7 Q. Just how long, please?

8 A. Well, at Woronbiai eight days.

9 Q. Would I be right to say, Madam Witness, that you spent
16:35:44 10 about nine months with the rebels in the Koinadugu District
11 before you went to Makeni?

12 A. Well, if the months that I have recounted are up to that,
13 then that's true.

14 Q. During this period you were with the rebels, what language
16:36:13 15 were they communicating with you?

16 A. We would speak the same language.

17 Q. What language is that - Koranko?

18 A. We will speak Krio. They will speak Krio to me and that's
19 -- I can understand Krio.

16:36:46 20 Q. Can you speak Krio?

21 A. I do speak Krio, but I can't argue in Krio.

22 Q. Madam Witness, did you have a husband whilst you were with
23 the rebels?

24 MS PACK: Your Honour, it is not clear precisely what my
16:37:20 25 learned friend means, whether it was the husband to which she has
26 referred who she had in her village prior to being captured, or
27 whether it is her husband amongst the rebels. If my learned
28 friend could just clarify that.

29 MR MANLY-SPAIN: As Your Honour pleases.

1 Q. After you had been captured and you were with the rebels,
2 did you have a rebel husband?
3 A. The one who captured me was Mohamed The Killer. He had sex
4 with me and he didn't give me to any other man.
16:38:07 5 Q. Was he your rebel husband in that period?
6 THE INTERPRETER: Can you please repeat your question?
7 MR MANLY-SPAIN:
8 Q. My question is: Was Mohamed The Killer her rebel husband
9 during the period she was with the rebels?
16:38:35 10 A. When he captured me in the bush, he had sex with me there.
11 When we reached town, he handed me over to Cobra, but I rejected
12 Cobra.
13 Q. Okay, I understand that, Madam Witness. After that were
14 you married to anybody else, to any rebel in the group that you
16:39:00 15 were with?
16 A. No.
17 Q. Madam Witness, do you recall whilst you were giving
18 evidence-in-chief, saying something like, "In Krubola, when we
19 finished cooking, they will just have sex with us"?
16:39:32 20 A. No, they didn't have sex with me. It was the others that
21 they had with them. When I said I do not want any other husband,
22 they avoided me.
23 Q. Okay, that is what I wanted to clear up. Thank you.
24 Madam Witness, you have said that the commanders were -- the
16:40:17 25 overall commanders were Rambo and Pa Mani. Did you know of any
26 other commander amongst the rebels in Koinadugu?
27 A. When we were at Woronbiai, those whom I knew were Rambo, Pa
28 Mani, Cobra, and the others whom I knew were in Krubola.
29 MR MANLY-SPAIN: No more questions.

1 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MS THOMPSON:

2 MS THOMPSON:

3 Q. Madam Witness, before today do you recall having made a
4 statement to an investigator from the Special Court?

16:41:23 5 A. Those who came from this Court?

6 Q. Yes.

7 A. Nobody had come from this Court to go and talk to me.
8 Those who had spoken here already?

9 Q. No, I think -- I will ask the question again. Do you
16:41:56 10 recall making a statement to an investigator from the Special
11 Court, someone who took down what -- who asked you about your
12 experiences and wrote it down on a paper?

13 A. Those who met us, those who went to find us in Kabala,
14 they're the ones that wrote that on a piece of paper.

16:42:28 15 Q. Okay, do you remember that you spoke to somebody and they
16 wrote something down on a piece of paper -- they wrote what you
17 said on a piece of paper? Do you remember that?

18 A. They questioned us and whatever we spoke, they wrote on a
19 piece of paper. And whatever I said, that was written on a piece
16:42:54 20 of paper, is what I have said in this Court.

21 Q. Yes, I know that. We haven't got to that stage yet. And
22 what they wrote down, they read it back to you?

23 A. That's what I'm explaining.

24 Q. All right. Now you have mentioned that there were lots of
16:43:45 25 young children with you. Were those children always abducted by
26 the rebels?

27 A. All of them were captured.

28 Q. Were they ever captured because the older women in your
29 group asked for some young children?

1 A. Yeah, that is what happened because they wanted these
2 children to launder their clothes and wash their dishes for them.
3 Q. That is the older women?
4 A. The younger children. The elderly ones they would give to
16:44:55 5 men.
6 Q. Can you count?
7 A. In Koranko?
8 Q. In any language.
9 A. Yes, I can count in Koranko, my Koranko.
16:45:34 10 Q. That is how you know that there was 131 children with you
11 in Makeni?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. Do you remember when you spoke to these investigators from
14 the Special Court, did you tell them this --
16:45:57 15 MS THOMPSON: Your Honours, I'm looking at page 9539 in the
16 second paragraph of the handwritten statement and I will read
17 slowly. "In Brigadier Mani's group there were many women, more
18 than could fit in two rooms. But I do not know how to count."
19 Q. Did you tell the investigator that?
16:46:38 20 A. You mean the children who were with me or his own people?
21 Q. Let me read it to you again. Did you tell the
22 investigators what I am about to read to you? "In Brigadier
23 Mani's group" --
24 A. If I told who?
16:47:12 25 Q. If you told the investigators this from the Special Court,
26 the people who went to take your statement, did you tell them
27 this?
28 A. I said it.
29 Q. Okay. So do you know how to count or do you not know how

1 to count?

2 A. I could count in my Koranko, one, two.

3 Q. You said when you were in Makeni you had 131 children with
4 you. Where did you all stay?

16:48:00 5 A. The big house where Pa Mani was, it had five rooms.

6 Wherever we went, he will find one house for me.

7 Q. The final question. You said that when Pa Mani took you
8 from Cobra's house, you cried for your child and so they brought
9 them with you, and you named your children as Sialo, Bamba and

16:48:47 10 your husband's wife. That is what you just told us?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. Were they your children because Cobra made you their
13 mother?

14 A. They were not my children, but we were in the same place.

16:49:31 15 You know, like we are sitting here, and you are captured and they
16 put you in the same place. So that is how we were with them. We
17 were from the same place.

18 Q. I know they were not your own children. I will put my
19 question again. Did you see them as your children? Did you

16:49:51 20 think of them as your children because Cobra made you their
21 mother?

22 A. Yes, because all of us were captured on the same day.

23 MS THOMPSON: Thank you. I have no further questions.

24 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR FOFANAH:

16:50:25 25 Q. Good day, Madam Witness.

26 A. Mm-hm.

27 Q. I just want to go through a few questions with you. Do you
28 know the months of the year?

29 A. If it is in my Karanko, yes.

1 Q. Do you know the month of April in Karanko?

2 A. Well, you have said it in Krio -- you have said it in
3 English, April. I don't know it. If you say it in Karanko maybe
4 I will know it.

16:51:20 5 MR FOFANAH: Can you kindly translate April in Karanko for
6 her, please? It is the fourth month of the year.

7 THE WITNESS: That's what we call the big month, when we
8 are approaching the rainy season.

9 MR FOFANAH:

16:51:48 10 Q. Exactly. So when you said that you were captured at about
11 plough time, the end of the dry season, was that in the month of
12 April?

13 A. Yes, yes. I was captured in that big month, yes.

14 Q. How long did you take at your village Kumala before you
16:52:26 15 went to Woronbiai, after you were captured?

16 A. It is not a question of days. The day I was captured was
17 the day we entered Woronbiai, because at that time the village
18 had been burnt down.

19 Q. And you recall testifying that you spent eight days at
16:52:55 20 Woronbiai; not so?

21 A. Yes, we spent eight days there.

22 Q. And you said from Woronbiai you eventually went to Krubola?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you recall how long you took at Krubola?

16:53:22 25 A. If I could recall how long we stayed in Krubola, yes.

26 Q. Can you tell us, please?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. How long was it?

29 A. The seven months. By the eighth month we went to

1 Serekolia.

2 Q. Okay. So will I be right if I say some time between
3 November and December you were at Serekolia, of your month in
4 Karanko?

16:54:28 5 A. I do not know the number of months. I do not know the
6 name. That was the time they were harvesting groundnuts, that's
7 all I know.

8 Q. And you said you spent three months at Serekolia; am I
9 right?

16:54:44 10 A. We spent three months in Serekolia.

11 Q. I am putting it to you that when you finally left Serekolia
12 that was in the new year, the other year, 1999?

13 A. If that's it, well, you know how to count the months.

14 Q. And when you subsequently went to Gbenikoro, you said you
16:55:26 15 spent two months at Gbenikoro; correct?

16 A. That's true.

17 Q. Can you tell us again how long you said you spent at Makeni
18 when you finally arrived there?

19 A. We stayed there for long. We were there for up to eight
16:56:07 20 months. We stayed there for long, if I could recall.

21 Q. Was it about the third or fourth month in the year 1999
22 that you entered Makeni; March or April?

23 A. We entered during the Ramadan month in Makeni. It was
24 during the Ramadan month. What you are saying in English, I do
16:56:45 25 not understand.

26 Q. Okay, but that was in 1999; not so?

27 A. We entered there during the Ramadan month. What you are
28 talking about I do not understand.

29 Q. I will move on. It is just one point. Do you recall

1 giving statements to the statement-takers of the Special Court
2 some time in March 2003?

3 A. I do not know -- I do not know the name of the month. At
4 that time I was in training to dye gara. I cannot recall that,
16:57:54 5 that it was at this time of the month.

6 Q. But you certainly gave an interview - not so - with someone
7 from the Special Court in 2003?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. I'm going to put a statement to you and just tell me
16:58:17 10 if you recall making that statement to the investigator.

11 MR FOFANAH: Your Honours, I am reading from page 9537.

12 THE WITNESS: I'm listening.

13 MR FOFANAH: It is handwriting and I think it is just about
14 the fifth line down which starts: "There were many young girls
16:58:48 15 used for domestic chores." I don't know if Your Honours have
16 seen it.

17 Q. I'm going to read what you told the interviewer. You said,
18 "There were many young girls used for domestic chores. Sometimes
19 the older women will ask the rebels to bring back children for
16:59:14 20 them."

21 MS PACK: Your Honour, the witness has been asked about
22 this already, as I understand it, by my learned friend for the
23 first accused.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: I was waiting to see where Mr Fofanah's
16:59:27 25 line of questioning was developing before I intervened, but since
26 you have intervened I will ask him.

27 MR FOFANAH: Your Honour, I don't recall that, but if that
28 is the case then I would move on to another line. I don't recall
29 if she was asked about women asking rebels to bring back children

1 for them.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: The question was, "They were captured
3 because older women in the group asked for children?" "Yes, that
4 is what happened. It was because they wanted these children to
17:00:00 5 wash dishes and launder clothes." That is the answer.

6 MR FOFANAH: Thank you very much, Your Honour.

7 Q. Madam Witness, did you feel happy when you were serving as
8 Mamie Queen?

9 A. Yes, I was happy because I was mediating on behalf of my
17:00:29 10 country's children. Yes, I was.

11 Q. Do you recall that you said you were congratulated by
12 Brigadier Mani when you emerged as the successful candidate in
13 the elections; not so?

14 A. Yes, that's true. Because he said it, "For the sake of
17:01:04 15 your people, please be patient."

16 MR FOFANAH: Thank you very much, no further questions.

17 THE WITNESS: Okay.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes. Ms Pack, any re-examination?

19 MS PACK: No, Your Honour.

17:01:40 20 QUESTIONED BY THE COURT:

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, I have one question I want
22 to ask you. When you describe going from one place to another -
23 Krubola, Mongo, these places - how did you travel?

24 A. We walked on foot.

17:02:14 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. That is my question. We have
26 no other questions for you, Madam Witness, and we thank you for
27 coming to give your evidence in court today. That is the end of
28 your evidence and now you are free to leave the Court.

29 I also note that it is just about 5.00, so we will adjourn

1 for the day. Madam Court Attendant, please adjourn court to
2 tomorrow morning 9.15.

3 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.59 p.m.,
4 to be reconvened on Friday, the 7th day of July
17:03:16 5 2005, at 9.15 a.m.]

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