

THE SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

CASE NO. SCSL-2004-14-T  
TRIAL CHAMBER I

THE PROSECUTOR  
OF THE SPECIAL COURT  
V.  
SAM HINGA NORMAN  
MOININA FOFANA  
ALLIEU KONDEWA

THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2004  
9.43 a.m.  
TRIAL

Before the Judges:

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1 Thursday, 25 November 2004  
2 [The three accused not present]  
3 [Open session]  
4 [The witness entered Court]  
09:34:16 5 [Upon commencing at 9.43 a.m.]  
6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning, learned counsel. We are  
7 resuming the session and we will be asking the  
8 Prosecution to call the next witness, please.  
9 MS WIAFE: The Prosecution calls TF2-030. I think she is the  
09:43:59 10 31st witness, Your Honour.  
11 WITNESS: TF2-030, sworn:  
12 [Witness answered through interpretation]  
13 EXAMINED BY MS WIAFE:  
14 Q. Good morning, Madam witness.  
09:46:07 15 A. Good morning.  
16 Q. Madam witness, how old are you?  
17 A. I'm 36 years.  
18 Q. Are you married?  
19 A. No.  
09:46:22 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is she testifying in English?  
21 MS WIAFE: She's testifying in Krio.  
22 Q. Madam witness, are you currently married?  
23 A. No, I'm not married.  
24 Q. Have you ever been married?  
09:46:52 25 A. Yes, I was married.  
26 Q. Where is your husband now?  
27 A. My husband is dead.  
28 Q. Do you have any children?  
29 A. Yes.

1 Q. How many children do you have?  
2 A. I have three children.  
3 Q. Have you had any form of formal education?  
4 A. Yes.  
09:47:24 5 Q. And how far did you go?  
6 A. Form 3.  
7 Q. What languages do you speak, Madam Witness?  
8 A. Krio, Temne, and a small amount of English.  
9 Q. What work are you currently engaged in?  
09:47:53 10 A. Now I am not working.  
11 Q. Where do you reside, Madam Witness?  
12 A. I'm residing at xxxxx.  
13 Q. xxx xx?  
14 A. xxx xx, yes.  
09:48:20 15 Q. How long have you lived in xxx xxx?  
16 A. I was born in xxx.  
17 Q. So have you lived there all your life?  
18 A. Yes.  
19 Q. Madam Witness, I would like you to cast your mind back to  
09:48:55 20 the beginning of 1998. Where were you at this time?  
21 A. I was in xxx xx.  
22 Q. And at this time who was in charge of security in xxx xx  
23 at the beginning of 1998?  
24 A. It was the soldiers.  
09:49:32 25 Q. Who do you refer to as "the soldiers"?  
26 A. The Sierra Leone soldiers.  
27 Q. How long had the Sierra Leone soldiers been in xxx xx as  
28 of the beginning of 1998?  
29 A. They were there -- they were staying there.

- 1 Q. Did there ever come a time in 1998 that they left xxxx?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Do you remember the time when they left xxx, the SLA?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 09:50:35 5 Q. When did they leave xxx xxx?
- 6 A. That was the time the Kamajors entered in Bo.
- 7 Q. Do you remember the month when this happened?
- 8 A. Yes, it was in February.
- 9 Q. It was in February 1998?
- 09:51:00 10 A. Mmm-hmm.
- 11 Q. Now, how long after the soldiers had left xxxx did the
- 12 Kamajors enter?
- 13 A. It was about two days. When the soldiers heard that the
- 14 Kamajors were coming, they left.
- 09:51:40 15 Q. Where were you at this time?
- 16 A. I was in xxxx.
- 17 Q. Do you remember the time of day when the Kamajors entered
- 18 xxxx xxx?
- 19 A. I would not remember that day, but it was early morning,
- 09:52:16 20 around 5.00 o'clock. That was the time they entered xxxx.
- 21 Q. How did you know the Kamajors had entered Bo on that day?
- 22 A. Because when they came, they passed by CKC, they went
- 23 down and then entered xxxx.
- 24 Q. What do you refer to as CKC?
- 09:52:52 25 A. It is the Christ the King College. It is one secondary
- 26 school.
- 27 Q. Did you see the Kamajors coming that morning?
- 28 A. Yes, I saw them.
- 29 Q. How were they dressed?

- 1 A. They had the ronko; they had their rice bag on their  
2 backs.
- 3 Q. Did they do anything as they entered xxxx?
- 4 A. No; at first they did nothing. They were glad, they were  
09:53:41 5 dancing, they said they had come for peace.
- 6 Q. Did you hear any gunfire that morning?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Could you tell us whether the Kamajors came with any  
9 other fighting force that day when they entered xxxx?
- 09:54:24 10 A. No, it was the Kamajors alone.
- 11 Q. Were there any soldiers in town that morning?
- 12 A. No, they had left.
- 13 Q. Madam Witness, can you tell us what the general situation  
14 was in xxxx when the Kamajors entered?
- 09:55:20 15 A. Yes, the situation at first, everybody was happy, they  
16 were glad -- they never did anything bad when they first  
17 entered.
- 18 Q. Madam Witness, you said "at first everybody was happy"  
19 and that the Kamajors "never did anything bad". Did the  
09:55:56 20 situation change at any time?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. How did this situation change?
- 23 A. About two days when they had entered, they started  
24 looting, they went into people's houses, stealing  
09:56:20 25 people's property and started killing people.
- 26 Q. How do you know that the Kamajors were looting and  
27 killing?
- 28 A. They were looting, because our landlady's shop was broken  
29 by the Kamajors and they took away all her properties.

1 Q. Madam Witness --  
2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Excuse me, is she at ease? Madam, are you  
3 all right?  
4 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.  
09:57:25 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you sure you're all right?  
6 THE WITNESS: I'm all right, sir.  
7 PRESIDING JUDGE: You don't look easy at all. She looks very  
8 disturbed and that is why I thought I should say  
9 something. Can we continue?  
09:57:47 10 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
11 MS WIAFE:  
12 Q. Madam Witness, if at any time you feel uneasy, you can  
13 let the Court know.  
14 A. Yes.  
09:58:06 15 Q. Madam Witness, after the Kamajors had entered xxxx, did any  
16 other fighting group enter xxxx?  
17 A. At the time they were there no other fighting group  
18 entered there.  
19 Q. Madam Witness, I would like to take you to  
09:58:53 20 22 February 1998. Do you remember that day?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. Where were you on that day?  
23 A. I was in xxxx xxxx.  
24 Q. Which part of xxxx xxxx?  
09:59:12 25 A. By CKC.  
26 Q. Who were you with at that time?  
27 A. I was with my husband at home.  
28 Q. Apart from your husband, was anybody else in the house?  
29 A. Yes, my children were there and some other people -- the

1 owners of the house.

2 Q. Did anything happen to you on that day?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Can you tell this Court what happened?

10:00:14 5 A. Yes. On 22 February I and my husband were in the house  
6 when he told me he was going to the town to buy food for  
7 the child, as I was a young suckling mother.

8 Q. Did he come back?

9 A. Yes, he came back to the house. He brought the child's  
10:00:38 10 food.

11 Q. What happened after this?

12 A. After bringing the child's food, he told me, "Oh, my  
13 wife, a lot of Kamajors have entered. The Kamajors have  
14 filled all xxx xxxx."

10:01:03 15 Q. Did you do anything as a result of this?

16 A. Mmm-hmm. I told him, "Let us pack and let us leave this  
17 place."

18 Q. And did you pack and leave?

19 A. No, we packed our important items and we kept them and he  
10:01:45 20 said, "Let us don't go anywhere," because the child was  
21 too young -- the child was not even two months yet. If  
22 the child had been four months or three months, we could  
23 have travelled, but he said, "The child is too young, so  
24 let us sit down."

10:02:03 25 Q. Did anything happen whilst you were at home?

26 A. Yes. When we sat down, he complained of hunger, so  
27 I dished some food for him and he ate.

28 Q. Did anybody come to the house that day?

29 A. Yes. After eating, he went out -- he said he was going

1 to light a cigarette in the kitchen. He lit the  
2 cigarette, he took his stool and sat near the kitchen and  
3 was smoking.  
4 Q. Where were you before your husband went to the kitchen?  
10:03:03 5 A. I was in the parlour.  
6 Q. And how far is the parlour from the kitchen?  
7 A. It's about five to ten yards.  
8 Q. Did anything happen to your husband when you went to the  
9 kitchen?  
10:03:30 10 A. Yes. After lighting his cigarette, he was sitting in the  
11 kitchen and smoking when Kamajors surrounded him.  
12 Q. How many Kamajors surrounded him?  
13 A. There were many -- there were more than 15.  
14 Q. How were they dressed?  
10:03:56 15 A. They had their ronkos and they all had some machetes.  
16 Q. Apart from the cutlasses, were they holding anything?  
17 A. They had cutlasses and they had sharp irons, only they  
18 didn't have guns.  
19 Q. What happened at that point?  
10:04:51 20 A. My husband had to run away and went to the swamp, but he  
21 was struck by the -- at the swamp and there they chopped  
22 him.  
23 Q. How far is this swamp from the kitchen?  
24 A. It was about 10 to 15 yards.  
10:05:19 25 Q. Where were you at this point?  
26 A. I was in the parlour.  
27 PRESIDING JUDGE: What happened? You say they followed him at  
28 the swamp or they arrested him at the swamp. What  
29 happened?



1 MS WIAFE:  
2 Q. Madam Witness, what happened to him at the swamp?  
3 A. That was the area where he was chopped by the Kamajors in  
4 the swamp.  
10:05:53 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: When you say "chopped", I want to have a  
6 really clear meaning of this chopping, chopping.  
7 MS WIAFE:  
8 Q. Madam Witness, what do you mean by "chopping"?  
9 A. They used a machete and they started striking him with  
10:06:12 10 the machete -- all parts of the body was with the  
11 machete.  
12 Q. Where were you when this was happening?  
13 A. I was in the parlour.  
14 Q. Were you with anybody else at the parlour?  
10:06:53 15 A. Yes, the owners of the house were there.  
16 Q. How far is the parlour from the swamp?  
17 A. About 10 to 15 yards.  
18 Q. Madam Witness, you said the Kamajors hacked your husband.  
19 How many Kamajors were involved in this?  
10:07:40 20 A. There were many -- there were more than 15.  
21 Q. Did you hear them saying anything as they were hacking  
22 him?  
23 A. Yes. Before they hacked him, I heard one voice say  
24 "Amaa" and that means in Mende, although I don't speak  
10:08:11 25 Mende, "You killed him," and I knew that that word -- it  
26 was their commander that uttered that word saying "Amaa"  
27 -- "Kill him."  
28 Q. Was anything else said by the Kamajors?  
29 A. Yes, when they were hacking him they were saying, "Allah

1 Akbar, Allah Akbar."

2 Q. what happened to your husband after he was chopped?

3 A. when they had hacked him, he lay there, he was not able

4 to move. After 10 to 15 minutes when they had hacked him

10:09:01 5 when they had run away, I went there. I met him lying

6 down. He wasn't able to move any parts of the body.

7 There was blood all over his body, and he said, "Oh, my

8 wife, they have killed me."

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let her relax a bit before you continue.

10:09:38 10 MS WIAFE: Okay. Is there any Witness Protection Unit here,

11 please? Can you go and sooth her, please?

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: How is she? She's okay; she's ready to

13 continue?

14 WITNESS PROTECTION OFFICER: Yes.

10:12:08 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Give her water, she wants water -- okay, the

16 earphones. Activate the microphone for her, please.

17 MS WIAFE:

18 Q. Madam Witness, we do understand that this is a very

19 difficult time for you. If you do need any assistance,

10:12:41 20 do let us know. Are you okay now?

21 A. Okay, yes, yes.

22 Q. was anything done to your husband at that time?

23 A. Yes, when he had been hacked, I waited and saw him and he

24 told me that I should take care of the children.

10:13:19 25 Q. Did you seek assistance at that point from anybody?

26 A. There was nobody. when he had been hacked, everybody had

27 gone away, everybody had run away. It was only I that

28 was there.

29 Q. So what did you do?

1 A. I drew him and put him on top of the heap and I went back  
2 to the house. I sat there and held my child.  
3 PRESIDING JUDGE: You say you drew him and did what?  
4 MS WIAFE:  
10:14:08 5 Q. what did you just say, Madam witness? Could you just  
6 repeat what you said?  
7 A. He said I should go to the house and take the child.  
8 when he was lying down in the mud, I raised him up and  
9 put him on a heap, because by then I was just a new  
10:14:25 10 suckling mother. I wasn't able to take him to the house,  
11 so I just managed, I drew him and put him on top of a  
12 heap.  
13 Q. Madam Witness, can you tell us what eventually happened  
14 to your husband?  
10:14:41 15 A. My husband, for the whole of the night he was calling  
16 me -- he was calling my name. Around 3.00 o'clock I did  
17 not hear him call any more. I looked at my watch; it was  
18 3.00 o'clock. I did not hear him any more.  
19 Q. You mean 3.00 a.m. in the morning?  
10:15:06 20 A. Yes, in the morning -- yes, in the morning.  
21 Q. Madam Witness, what happened to your husband's body?  
22 A. My husband, he died. 6.00 o'clock in the morning I went  
23 and met him, he was dead.  
24 Q. Did you do anything?  
10:15:49 25 A. Yes, I went to the house. I took my child and a few  
26 things which I put into the bag and went to sister.  
27 Q. was the body buried?  
28 A. Mmm-hmm, yes, I met his sister, who cried, called her  
29 husband, the husband had to call the brothers and

1 friends. They went and buried him in the same place --  
2 that is in the swamp where he was hurt.  
3 Q. Madam Witness, what day was he buried?  
4 A. It was on the 23rd. That was the very day when ECOMOG  
10:16:54 5 entered.  
6 Q. Madam Witness, did you ever come to know why your husband  
7 was killed?  
8 A. Well, just because he was a Temne and he was a trader,  
9 and he was a popular trader. That is why they killed  
10:17:23 10 him.  
11 Q. How do you know he was killed because he was Temne?  
12 A. It was something that they had been saying. They said  
13 they would weed all the Temnes from xxx xxx. They said  
14 they did not want to see any Temne in xxx xxx. They said  
10:17:48 15 because we had been in xxx xxx, we had left our own towns  
16 and went to xxx xxx, we had been doing business and been  
17 getting a lot of money and we were proud to them.  
18 Q. Who was saying this?  
19 A. It was the Kamajors.  
10:18:07 20 Q. Madam Witness, on the day that your husband was chopped,  
21 did you observe anything at the swamp -- anything else at  
22 the swamp?  
23 A. Yes. I see other people who were hacked in the same  
24 swamp.  
10:18:55 25 Q. Who was hacking them?  
26 A. It was the same Kamajors.  
27 Q. How many people did you see being hacked?  
28 A. About six of them -- including my husband, that was up to  
29 seven. These were the ones that they hacked in the

1 swamp.

2 Q. And did you know these people who were being hacked?

3 A. I wouldn't know them, because all my attention was

4 focused on my husband, so I did not put much attention to

10:19:59 5 that.

6 Q. Madam Witness, do you know what happened to these other

7 men eventually after they had been hacked?

8 A. No, I don't know. I don't know what happened to them.

9 Q. Madam Witness, you also said that on 23 February ECOMOG

10:20:41 10 entered **xxxx**.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Who was ECOMOG?

13 A. These were the soldiers from Nigeria.

14 Q. How long after the kamajors entered **xxx** did ECOMOG arrive?

10:21:13 15 A. The kamajors had already left. They had already run away

16 and, when they went, the ECOMOG entered, because the very

17 day, when they buried my husband, that was 23 February,

18 and that was the very morning that ECOMOG entered. By

19 then the kamajors had run away and they had gone into the

10:21:43 20 villages.

21 Q. And how did ECOMOG dress?

22 A. They had military fatigue.

23 Q. Madam Witness, after your husband was killed, did you

24 stay in **xxx xxx**?

10:22:26 25 A. Yes, I was in **xxxx** for one month, and my husband's family

26 came and took me to **xxxx xxxx** and I went and stayed with

27 them.

28 Q. Madam Witness, did you report the killing of your husband

29 to anybody at all?

1 A. Yes, I went to his sister and told her that they had  
2 killed my husband.  
3 Q. Did you report to any Kamajor?  
4 A. No, I did not know any Kamajor -- I did not know them.  
10:24:28 5 MS WIAFE: Your Honours, I have no further questions for the  
6 witness.  
7 MR YILLAH: May it please Your Honours --  
8 JUDGE BOUTET: Yes, you were about to say something?  
9 MR YILLAH: Yes, My Lord. We realised this morning that  
10:27:32 10 Dr Jabbi is not available. The Defence Office contacted  
11 him through his phone, and up to the time of my  
12 addressing Your Lordships, we have had no response from  
13 him. In accordance with the directive on the assignment  
14 of counsel, in particular Article 25(E), I'm here as  
10:27:58 15 counsel of the Defence Office, in the Office of the  
16 Principal Defender attached to CDF Case 2 to continue  
17 with the said case as Your Lordships may deem fit, or as  
18 Your Lordships may otherwise rule.  
19 JUDGE BOUTET: What text are you citing?  
10:28:17 20 MR YILLAH: The directive on the assignment of counsel,  
21 Article 25(E) in particular, and it entered into force on  
22 3 October 2003.  
23 JUDGE BOUTET: I do know that you're from the Defence Office  
24 and that you have been assigned to the CDF case, and it's  
10:28:40 25 my recollection that you were also part of the stand-by  
26 team for Mr Norman, if I'm not mistaken, but I stand to  
27 be corrected on that.  
28 MR YILLAH: Very well, My Lord.  
29 PRESIDING JUDGE: That was the case, was it not?

1 MR YILLAH: It was, My Lord.  
2 JUDGE BOUTET: Are you able and capable of carrying on the  
3 cross-examination of the witness at this particular time  
4 on behalf of the first accused?  
10:29:04 5 MR YILLAH: We are prepared to do so, My Lord.  
6 JUDGE BOUTET: You are prepared to do so?  
7 MR YILLAH: Absolutely, My Lord.  
8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Yillah, you are prepared to move on with  
9 the cross-examination of this witness?  
10:29:15 10 MR YILLAH: Very well, My Lord.  
11 PRESIDING JUDGE: You must have noticed that she was under  
12 some emotional stress during her testimony, particularly  
13 when she got to the stage where they were hacking the  
14 husband when he was talking to her. I would like to give  
10:29:39 15 her about 10 minutes for her to properly recover and put  
16 herself together before we can continue with the  
17 cross-examination. I don't see that she is still all  
18 right. The Court will rise for 10 minutes, please.  
19 [Break taken at 10.30 a.m.]  
10:47:40 20 [On resuming at 10.48 a.m.]  
21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam witness, are you feeling better now?  
22 THE WITNESS: I feel better now.  
23 PRESIDING JUDGE: I hope that we shall soon be finished. So  
24 hold yourself together and we shall be through soon.  
10:48:37 25 THE WITNESS: Okay.  
26 JUDGE BOUTET: Is counsel from the Principal Defender's Office  
27 ready to proceed?  
28 MR YILLAH: Very well, My Lord.  
29 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR YILLAH:

1 Q. Madam Witness, was the situation in xxxx chaotic at the  
2 time of the alleged incident -- the incident that you've  
3 just narrated?  
4 A. Yes, the Kamajors had been killing people.  
10:49:25 5 Q. No, you have not got my question right. Did it appear  
6 that there was law and order in xxxx at the time? was the  
7 situation disorganised, in other words, in xxxx?  
8 JUDGE THOMPSON: If you are suggesting there was a breakdown  
9 in law and order, why not have that put to her directly,  
10:49:52 10 rather than "disorganised" with all its nuances.  
11 THE WITNESS: There was no law and order in xxxx; there was no  
12 law and order in xxxx.  
13 MR YILLAH:  
14 Q. Do you also recall telling the Prosecutors that you did  
10:50:40 15 not know who the Kamajor commanders were in xxxx at the  
16 time?  
17 A. I don't know them.  
18 MR YILLAH: That will be all for this witness, My Lord.  
19 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you. Is counsel for the second accused  
10:51:05 20 ready to proceed with the cross-examination?  
21 MR BOCKARIE: Yes.  
22 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR BOCKARIE:  
23 Q. Madam Witness, would I be correct to say that the  
24 Kamajors were warmly received by the people of Bo when  
10:51:25 25 they entered?  
26 A. Yes, they were initially happy, because they said they  
27 went for peace.  
28 Q. Madam Witness, you said the Kamajors arrived in xxxx two  
29 days after the junta had left; that's correct, isn't it?



1 A. Yes, the junta had already gone before the Kamajors came.  
2 Q. And for two days the town was very peaceful; it was all  
3 jubilation by the Kamajors and the civilians in xxx,  
4 wasn't it?  
10:53:01 5 A. Initially that is how it happened.  
6 Q. The first two days?  
7 A. Yes, the first two days, so everybody was happy. Later  
8 on they started taking people's property and killing.  
9 Q. Madam Witness, when the Kamajors were in xxxx, were they  
10:53:54 10 ever driven out of xxx by the juntas?  
11 A. I did not get the question properly. I don't understand  
12 the question.  
13 Q. Madam Witness, when the Kamajors entered xxx, were they  
14 ever driven out of xxxx by the juntas, do you know?  
10:54:25 15 A. It was not the junta that drove the Kamajors; it was the  
16 ECOMOG.  
17 THE INTERPRETER: would the witness please repeat what she  
18 said, Your Honours.  
19 JUDGE THOMPSON: Learned counsel [microphone not activated]  
10:54:51 20 context, because are you speaking of a larger time frame?  
21 According to her evidence, the Kamajors came two days  
22 after the junta left, so your question relates to what  
23 particular territory --  
24 MR BOCKARIE: [Overlapping speakers] in xxx before the arrival  
10:55:12 25 of ECOMOG.  
26 JUDGE THOMPSON: You need to get that in context. Otherwise,  
27 I can understand her perplexity in response to your  
28 question.  
29 MR BOCKARIE:

- 1 Q. Madam Witness, before the arrival of ECOMOG in xxx, were  
2 the Kamajors ever driven out of xxx by the juntas?
- 3 A. I did not know. I did not know. I was in the house.  
4 what I knew of is what I'm saying. By then I was a new  
10:55:39 5 suckling mother. I used not to go out. I only went out  
6 the time they killed my husband and on 23 February that  
7 was the very first time -- that was the very day that  
8 ECOMOG entered xxxx, the day they killed my husband.
- 9 Q. Madam Witness, I am putting it to you that before the  
10:56:26 10 arrival of ECOMOG the Kamajors were driven out of xxx by  
11 the juntas on 17 February 1998.
- 12 A. I do not know about that. What I knew is what I've just  
13 explained, the 23rd, that is the one that I knew of.  
14 23 February, they killed my husband and that was the time  
10:56:55 15 that my husband died and that was the very day that  
16 ECOMOG entered. That is all I know. That 26th that  
17 you're talking about I don't know. Because they had  
18 killed my husband, I did not know anything.
- 19 JUDGE BOUTET: That was her evidence. She doesn't know. She  
10:57:11 20 was never out of her house before.
- 21 MR BOCKARIE: That's why I'm just putting it to her. I think  
22 it's been reflected on the record, Your Honour.
- 23 JUDGE BOUTET: I think the record will clearly show that she  
24 didn't know.
- 10:57:23 25 MR BOCKARIE: Yes, Your Honour, fine.
- 26 Q. Madam Witness --
- 27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Bockarie, mark you, her baby was just  
28 about two months old and you know what the tradition is  
29 about nursing mothers.

1 MR BOCKARIE: Yes, Your Honour.  
2 Q. Madam Witness, I am putting it to you that it was not the  
3 Kamajors who killed your husband but the juntas.  
4 A. It was the Kamajors that killed my husband. It was the  
10:58:10 5 Kamajors that killed my husband.  
6 Q. Madam Witness, I am putting it to you that at the time of  
7 your husband's death not a single Kamajor was in xxxx xxxx.  
8 A. The Kamajors were in xxxx xxxx. Kamajors were in xxxx xxxx.  
9 They were the ones that took over xxxx xxx all over. They  
10:59:07 10 were there -- it was all of them that were there.  
11 MR BOCKARIE: Thank you very much, Madam Witness. And that  
12 will be all the cross-examination.  
13 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you, Mr Bockarie. Counsel for the third  
14 accused, Mr Margai?  
10:59:29 15 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR MARGAI:  
16 Q. Madam Witness, where precisely were you residing in xxxx  
17 when the Kamajors, according to you, entered?  
18 MS WIAFE: Your Honour, I'll object to that on the basis that  
19 it might reveal the identity of the witness.  
10:59:58 20 JUDGE BOUTET: I agree with that.  
21 MR MARGAI: I shall reformulate the question.  
22 Q. I'm not asking for the address, but which section of xxxx?  
23 A. xxxxxx Town section.  
24 Q. xxxxxx Town.  
11:00:26 25 JUDGE BOUTET: Can you spell that out?  
26 MR MARGAI: x-x-x-x-x.  
27 Q. And xxxx Town is quite some distance from the centre  
28 of xxxx xxxx; not so -- roughly about three miles?  
29 A. It's not up to three miles.

1 Q. Is it up to two miles?  
2 A. No.  
3 Q. What mileage would you place on it?  
4 A. Let me say about one mile.  
11:00:58 5 Q. From CKC to xxx xxxx, xxxx xxxx is three miles; would  
6 you accept that?  
7 A. I don't know the miles.  
8 Q. All right. It's some distance, anyway.  
9 A. Okay, we can leave it like that.  
11:01:21 10 Q. And would you say from xxxxx Town to xxxxx Street,  
11 xx-x-x-x, is like from here where the Court is located  
12 to Cotton Tree?  
13 A. You said what? Repeat the question.  
14 Q. I'm saying that the distance from xxxxxx to  
11:01:58 15 xxxxxx Street, which is the centre of xxxx xxxx, is almost  
16 the same distance as from here to Cotton Tree.  
17 A. About that.  
18 Q. About that distance, thank you.  
19 PRESIDING JUDGE: You said Cotton Tree?  
11:02:23 20 MR MARGAI: Cotton Tree, yes, My Lord, the centre of town, by  
21 the Law Courts Building.  
22 PRESIDING JUDGE: There are so many of them.  
23 MR MARGAI: The Law Courts Building.  
24 PRESIDING JUDGE: I know there are many beautiful cotton trees  
11:02:36 25 here.  
26 MR MARGAI: Yes, but when they talk of Cotton Tree in  
27 Freetown --  
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's the only one.  
29 JUDGE BOUTET: This is The Cotton Tree.

- 1 MR MARGAI: The Cotton Tree, thank you.
- 2 Q. And CKC to xxxx xxxxx would be the same distance from  
3 here to SLBS?
- 4 A. CKC to xxxxx xxxx, about that.
- 11:03:05 5 Q. Now, you were in xxxx xxxx when the Kamajors entered?
- 6 A. Yes, I was in xxxx xxxx when they entered, when they  
7 used that route, because they used many routes to enter  
8 xxx. It was not from xxxx xxxx to the centre of xxxx  
9 Town. They used many routes to enter xxx, so the area  
11:03:55 10 where I knew, this is what I'm talking about.
- 11 Q. That is the area I'm also talking about.
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 Q. Where you saw them enter xxxx xxxx from CKC end?
- 14 A. From CKC, yes.
- 11:04:07 15 Q. That's the northern part of xxx xx; not so?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. The northern part of xxx xxx. Now, from the moment the  
18 Kamajors, according to you, entered xxx xxxx up to the  
19 time when your husband was allegedly killed, you did not  
11:04:27 20 leave xxxxxx Town for the centre of xxx xxxx?
- 21 A. Let me get the question again.
- 22 Q. From the moment the Kamajors, according to you, entered  
23 xxxx xxxx, up to the time your husband was killed, you did  
24 not leave your house for the centre of xxx xxxx?
- 11:04:58 25 A. Yes.
- 26 [HN251104B 11.05 a.m.]
- 27 Q. And, of course, you'll agree with me that xxxx xxx is a  
28 very big place?
- 29 A. Yes, a very big town, xxxx xxxx is a very big town. Not a

1 village.

2 Q. You cannot be in xxxxxxxx Town and know what is happening  
3 in New London, for example?

4 A. But I knew exactly that it was the Kamajors that killed  
11:02:53 5 my husband.

6 Q. We are coming to that. Let's go stage by stage. You  
7 cannot be in xxxxxx Town and know what is happening in  
8 xxxxx xxxx or xxx Town, except somebody tells you; isn't  
9 that correct, Madam witness?

11:03:33 10 A. I'm listening to you, yes. I did not get your question.

11 Q. My question is you cannot be at xxxxxx Town and know  
12 what is happening in xxxx xxxxx - xxxx xxxxx is part of  
13 xxxx; not so?

14 A. Yes, it's part of xxx. Yes, it's part of xxxx.

11:03:49 15 Q. You cannot be in xxxxxxxx Town and know what is happening  
16 in xxxx xxxxx except somebody tells you what is happening  
17 there?

18 A. Yes, by then, you see, I was a nursing mother and I used  
19 not to work like that.

11:04:05 20 Q. I appreciate that, but we're here to assist the Court as  
21 to the facts. As I am standing here now, I would not  
22 know what is happening at the law court building, except  
23 somebody comes and tells me or telephones me. That's all  
24 I'm saying. I sympathise with your situation. Please  
11:04:25 25 accept my sympathies.

26 JUDGE THOMPSON: She has accepted that.

27 MR MARGAI: Thank you.

28 JUDGE THOMPSON: She agrees with that.

29 MR MARGAI: She has accepted that?

1 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, it's just that she added that at the  
2 time, of course, she was a nursing mother.  
3 MR MARGAI: Yeah, she accepts that.  
4 Q. So when you told the Court that at the time the Kamajors  
11:04:40 5 entered ~~xxxx xxxx~~ the soldiers had left, that was what was  
6 said to you by somebody, I take it?  
7 A. Somebody told me that the soldiers had left? No single  
8 soldier was in ~~xxx~~ during that day.  
9 Q. I'm saying that you acquired that knowledge through  
11:05:13 10 somebody giving you that information, because you were in  
11 ~~xxxxxxx~~ Town?  
12 A. I was in ~~xxxxxx~~ Town. If soldiers were in ~~xxxx~~ during  
13 that time when Kamajors entered, I would have seen them.  
14 And, in fact, Kamajors were many -- in fact, they  
11:05:31 15 outnumbered the soldiers. Kamajors outnumbered the  
16 soldiers. In fact, soldiers were afraid of Kamajors.  
17 Q. That is not an issue. Now, the soldiers had their  
18 brigade at the reservation; not so?  
19 A. Mm-hm.  
11:05:59 20 Q. That is between ~~xxxx xxxx~~ and ~~xxxxx~~ Town of ~~xxx~~?  
21 A. Mm-hm.  
22 Q. And Madam witness, the soldiers were located in various  
23 locations in ~~xxxxxxx~~ Town?  
24 A. what I knew, during that time Kamajors outnumbered the  
11:06:37 25 soldiers. The soldiers when they heard that Kamajors  
26 were coming, they went out.  
27 Q. That is not my concern at this moment. I may come to  
28 that, if necessary. I'm putting it to you that when you  
29 told this Court that when the Kamajors entered there were

1 no soldiers in xxxxx Town, that cannot be correct?  
2 A. I did not see them. The ones that I saw, were the ones  
3 that I'm talking about.  
4 Q. I now accept this. You did not see them, that is  
11:07:25 5 accepted, but that is not to say that there were no  
6 soldiers. I accept that, thank you. xxxxx Town was  
7 liberated in February from the juntas; would you agree  
8 with me?  
9 A. Let me get the question again.  
11:07:56 10 Q. xxxxx Town was captured from the juntas in February of 1998?  
11 A. February?  
12 Q. Finally captured in February 1998?  
13 A. The junta?  
14 Q. Yes.  
11:08:19 15 A. What was the date? I don't know.  
16 Q. You don't know that?  
17 A. I don't know. What I know, the Kamajors entered and they  
18 killed my husband. That's all I know about.  
19 Q. Madam, please try and assist this Court. We have a job  
11:08:46 20 to do. Now, I am putting it to you that xxxxx Town was  
21 finally captured from the junta in mid-February 1998?  
22 A. February?  
23 Q. Yes.  
24 A. The date?  
11:09:15 25 Q. Sorry, on the 24th of February 1998?  
26 A. You see, at that time they had already killed my husband  
27 on the 23rd of February, that was the time that ECOMOG  
28 entered.  
29 Q. What is your answer? Do you know or don't you know or



1 that is not the case? I'm saying that **xxxx** Town was  
2 finally captured from the junta on the 24th of February  
3 1998.  
4 A. I don't know about that.  
11:09:50 5 Q. And I'm putting it to you that ECOMOG entered **xxxx** Town  
6 together with the Kamajors on the 24th of February 1998?  
7 A. Kamajors left before ECOMOG entered.  
8 Q. I'm putting it to you that both ECOMOG and the Kamajors  
9 entered -- in fact, the CDF and ECOMOG entered **xxxx** Town on  
11:10:44 10 the 24th of February 1998?  
11 A. No, no. The Kamajors and the ECOMOG did not enter the  
12 same day. The Kamajors entered, and when they heard that  
13 ECOMOG was coming, they pulled out. That was the time  
14 they killed my husband on the 23rd. The very 23rd, when  
11:11:10 15 ECOMOG entered, that was the time that they killed my  
16 husband -- they hacked him.  
17 Q. Madam, I'm putting it to you that the Kamajors had no  
18 reason to pull out of **xxx** because ECOMOG was coming?  
19 A. They had a reason, they had a reason. They had a reason  
11:11:33 20 why they left.  
21 Q. What was the reason?  
22 A. It was because they had been killing people and taking  
23 peoples' properties. That is why they ran away, they  
24 pulled out, yes.  
11:11:44 25 Q. And I'm putting it to you --  
26 JUDGE THOMPSON: Learned counsel, we're taking that down.  
27 MR MARGAI: Sorry, sorry.  
28 JUDGE THOMPSON: They had a reason to leave **xxxx xxxx** before  
29 ECOMOG entered because they were killing people.

1 MR MARGAI: And looting, she said.  
2 JUDGE THOMPSON: And looting property.  
3 MR MARGAI:  
4 Q. And I further put it to you that both the CDF and ECOMOG  
11:12:22 5 fought side by side against the junta and the rebels?  
6 A. I don't know anything about it. What I know was that the  
7 Kamajors ran from the ECOMOG soldiers. That's all I  
8 know.  
9 Q. Thank you. Madam, are you Temne?  
11:12:53 10 A. Yes, I am a Temne.  
11 Q. And you've told this Court that your husband was Temne?  
12 A. Yes, my husband was a Temne.  
13 Q. Were you the only Temnes in xxxx xxx at that time?  
14 A. It was not only I. They are there, but.  
11:13:17 15 Q. Now, there were thousands and thousands of Temnes in xxxxx  
16 Town at that time?  
17 JUDGE BOUTET: Are you asking her the question or you are  
18 arguing with her?  
19 MR MARGAI: My Lord, I cannot argue with her, obviously not.  
11:13:32 20 JUDGE BOUTET: Well, ask the question.  
21 MR MARGAI:  
22 Q. Would you agree that there were thousands and thousands  
23 of Temnes in xxx xxx at that time?  
24 A. No, a lot of Temnes were not there. A lot of them had  
11:13:44 25 run away. In fact, I myself would have run away. It was  
26 simply because -- I did not run simply because I was a  
27 nursing mother. I should have gone away.  
28 Q. And I'm putting it to you that the Temnes dominated the  
29 trade in xxxx xxx --

1 JUDGE THOMPSON: Learned counsel, you don't seem to want us to  
2 record the evidence. You had put to her that thousands  
3 and thousands of Temnes were in xxxxxx xxxx at the time. She  
4 has denied that.

11:14:17 5 MR MARGAI: Yes, she has.

6 JUDGE THOMPSON: You also put to her that the Temnes had run  
7 away and then you put another question. We're trying to  
8 get this.

9 MR MARGAI: No, I'm sorry, I thought you had taken that down.  
11:14:31 10 I didn't know you were taking her verbatim. I thought  
11 you were just noting serious points.

12 JUDGE THOMPSON: No, but you were putting your questions in a  
13 very poignant way, to elicit poignant responses, and I  
14 just wanted to follow that trend.

11:14:48 15 MR MARGAI: Very well. Sorry, My Lord.

16 JUDGE THOMPSON: She said she wanted to run away, but she  
17 didn't because she was a suckling mother.

18 MR MARGAI: That was what she said.

19 JUDGE THOMPSON: Carry on, counsel.

11:15:23 20 MR MARGAI:  
21 Q. I'm putting it to you, Madam witness, that at that time  
22 the Temnes were the dominant traders in xxx xxxx?  
23 A. During that time? It's because when they're taking all  
24 that we had in our hands, so they went. In fact, I would  
11:15:43 25 have gone, but we had nothing. Before that we who are  
26 the business people in xxx xxx -- the business people in  
27 xxxx down. But after that now, there was nothing more for  
28 us.  
29 JUDGE THOMPSON: She agrees with you.

- 1 MR MARGAI: Thank you, My Lord.
- 2 Q. And I'm putting it to you that even as we stand here  
3 today, the Temnes are the dominant traders in xxxx xxxx?  
4 A. Yes, we are traders; I don't deny that. Now that I am  
11:16:27 5 sitting here, I'm a trader; I will not deny it. We are  
6 traders. And it's because of this trade that they said  
7 they were going to rid us of xxxx, 'cause we had gone to xxxx  
8 Town, would have -- we get a lot of money and became very  
9 proud.
- 11:16:48 10 Q. Now, Madam witness, you said after the killing of your  
11 husband you stayed in xxx for one month and then went to  
12 stay with your in-laws?  
13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Where did you go to?  
11:17:56 15 A. I went to xxxx xxxxx.
- 16 Q. Did you return to xxxx xxxx to take up residence from xxxxx  
17 xxxxx at any time?  
18 A. Yes, I went there. Yes, because that's my place of  
19 birth, yes. You see, I'm used to xxxx. They say I cannot  
11:18:23 20 stay forever with my people, so I had to go back to xxxx,  
21 because that is where -- the place that I was born.
- 22 Q. Are you living happily in xxxx Town?  
23 A. Now?  
24 Q. Now, yes.
- 11:18:51 25 A. I'm managing, because I don't have any husband, and all  
26 that we had is finished. Now we are trying to manage  
27 life. I'm trying to manage with my children. So I  
28 cannot live happily now.
- 29 Q. So Madam witness, in spite of the resentment against the

1 Temnes, you still went back to live in xxxx Town?  
2 A. So what should I do? That's my place of birth. If they  
3 hate me or did not hate me, I have to stay there.  
4 Q. Finally, Madam Witness, I'm putting it to you that your  
11:20:01 5 husband was not killed by the Kamajors as you want this  
6 Court to believe?  
7 A. It was the Kamajors that killed him. It was the Kamajors  
8 that killed my husband. They killed him.  
9 Q. I said finally; I'm sorry My Lords. Madam Witness, just  
11:20:36 10 two more questions. Now, Madam Witness, you've heard of  
11 the CDF, Civil Defence Forces?  
12 A. The question again?  
13 Q. You've heard of the CDF, meaning Civil Defence Forces?  
14 A. Yes, yes, so they said, but they did not defend us, the  
11:21:04 15 civilians.  
16 Q. Madam Witness, I would appreciate if you would confine  
17 yourself to questions put, please. Now, do you know that  
18 the CDF comprises of people from the northern province,  
19 meaning the Kapras and the Gbethis?  
11:21:30 20 A. All round xxxx? I don't think that all of them were in xxxx.  
21 what I know of are the Kamajors. In fact, in the  
22 Kamajors there are no Temnes. They had all Mendes.  
23 Q. I have not asked you whether they were in xxx at that  
24 time. I said the CDF comprises of fighters from the  
11:21:50 25 north, Kapras and Gbethis -- Temnes to be precise. Do  
26 you know or don't you know?  
27 A. I know nothing about that. In fact, I have not been  
28 hearing about all these things you're talking about. I  
29 only heard about the Kamajors.

1 JUDGE BOUTET: So you don't know about that, Madam Witness?  
2 MR MARGAI: That's what she's saying, My Lord.  
3 Q. Now, finally, when the CDF entered xxx xxx alongside  
4 ECOMOG on the 24th of February 1998, the CDF comprised of  
11:22:37 5 Gbethis and Kapras?  
6 A. They said when the ECOMOG entered? I don't know.  
7 JUDGE BOUTET: I don't know how she can really answer that  
8 question, Mr Margai, because she has denied knowing that  
9 ECOMOG and Kamajor entered together on the 24th.  
11:22:59 10 MR MARGAI: I'm putting it to her for the record. She can say  
11 she doesn't know, My Lord; I'll accept it.  
12 JUDGE BOUTET: It's because now you're putting together many  
13 factors. She may say yes to one and no to the other. It  
14 is very difficult to follow your questions in that sense.  
11:23:18 15 MR MARGAI: No, she has answered the question of ECOMOG and  
16 the CDF entering together.  
17 JUDGE BOUTET: That's right.  
18 MR MARGAI: So this is no longer a factor. The only factor  
19 now is that the CDF comprised Gbethis and Kapras.  
11:23:31 20 JUDGE BOUTET: Because now you've lumped that together, that  
21 ECOMOG entered with the Kamajors and --  
22 MR MARGAI: She has denied that.  
23 JUDGE BOUTET: But if you put that to her she will deny that  
24 again and maybe she can answer yes to the latter part of  
11:23:47 25 the question. How is she answer it?  
26 MR MARGAI: I believe she will deny it.  
27 JUDGE BOUTET: It is only because the way your question --  
28 MR MARGAI: I am prepared to place a bet on it that she will  
29 deny it.

1 JUDGE BOUTET: But split your question, otherwise we may not  
2 get anywhere.

3 MR MARGAI: As Your Honour please.

4 Q. Now, Madam, when the CDF entered ~~xxxx xxxx~~ on the 24th of  
11:24:11 5 February 1998, it comprised of Kapras and Gbethis as  
6 well?

7 A. There are no Gbethis.

8 JUDGE BOUTET: That's fine. You expected the answer, you have  
9 the answer.

11:24:31 10 MR MARGAI: No, I expected her to say that I don't know, but  
11 be that as it may, that's her answer, thank you very  
12 much. Thank you very much, Madam Witness.

13 JUDGE BOUTET: Madam Prosecutor, do you have any questions in  
14 re-examination?

11:24:50 15 MS WIAFE: No, Your Honour.

16 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you very much. Is the Prosecution ready  
17 to proceed with their next witness at this particular  
18 time?

19 MS WIAFE: Yes, Your Honour.

11:26:00 20 JUDGE BOUTET: Is the next witness the one I have on the list,  
21 being witness TF2-156?

22 MS WIAFE: Yes, Your Honour.

23 JUDGE BOUTET: So you are ready to proceed when we have dealt  
24 with this witness now?

11:26:14 25 MS WIAFE: Yes, Your Honour.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Witness, we are finished with you.  
27 Thank you very much for coming -- for mustering the  
28 courage to come. I want to let you know that your  
29 testimony will contribute to the making of the decision

1 in this matter, and once again we thank you for coming.  
2 we wish you a safe journey as you go back to xxxx where you  
3 say you reside. Although you are going, don't exclude  
4 the fact that we may still ask you to come back here.  
11:27:09 5 You never know. If we do, we hope that they'll get in  
6 touch with you through the normal channels, but for now  
7 you can go back home. Again, we thank you very much for  
8 coming.

9 The Court will rise to allow the witness to retire  
11:27:31 10 and to have the next one installed for a continuation of  
11 the proceedings. The Court will rise, please.

12 [Break taken at 11.30 a.m.]

13 [The witness withdrew]

14 [The witness entered court]

11:41:39 15 [Upon resuming at 11.45 a.m.]

16 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Prosecutor, you're ready to proceed with  
17 witness TF2-156?

18 MR KAMARA: Yes, Your Honour.

19 JUDGE BOUTET: And the witness will testify in --

11:43:05 20 MR KAMARA: Krio.

21 JUDGE BOUTET: Krio.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is the 32nd witness?

23 MR KAMARA: Yes, Your Honour, it is. We wish to notify the  
24 panel that the next witness, 007, has been moved further  
11:43:22 25 down in the witness list.

26 JUDGE BOUTET: So who will be the next one?

27 MR KAMARA: 088.

28 JUDGE BOUTET: 088.

29 MR KAMARA: Yes, and I've discussed it with my learned friends



1 on the other side.

2 JUDGE BOUTET: And after 088 will it be 007?

3 MR KAMARA: It will be 057 and 067, and thereafter 007.

4 JUDGE BOUTET: So 007 will come just before 062?

11:43:57 5 MR KAMARA: Yes, Your Honour, thank you.

6 JUDGE BOUTET: So I take it on the Defence, first accused,  
7 second accused and third accused, that you have been  
8 consulted on this and you have no problem? Thank you.

9 WITNESS: TF2-156 SWORN

11:45:10 10 JUDGE BOUTET: Please proceed, Mr Prosecutor.

11 EXAMINED BY MR KAMARA:

12 MR KAMARA:

13 Q. Good day, Mr Witness.

14 A. Yes, how are you?

11:45:26 15 Q. Take your time, their Lordships are writing down your  
16 answers; okay?

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. Mr witness, how old are you?

19 A. I am 24 years.

11:45:42 20 Q. where were you born?

21 A. '77 in xxx. I was born in 1978.

22 Q. where?

23 A. In xxxx.

24 Q. what do you do for a living?

11:46:10 25 A. I'm a businessman.

26 Q. what kind of business?

27 A. I sell articles.

28 Q. when you say articles, are you referring to provisions?

29 A. Provisions, yes, because I have done both before.

1 Q. When you say both, what do you mean?  
2 A. I didn't have a shop, I had a table.  
3 Q. Mr witness, you said you were selling articles,  
4 provisions. Were you selling any other thing else?  
11:47:08 5 A. No.  
6 Q. Are you married?  
7 A. Yes.  
8 Q. Do you have children?  
9 A. Yes.  
11:47:26 10 Q. How many?  
11 A. One.  
12 Q. Do you have brothers?  
13 A. I had brothers, but now they are no longer living.  
14 Q. How many brothers did you have?  
11:47:58 15 A. Well, I had two brothers.  
16 Q. Do you know how they died?  
17 A. Yes.  
18 Q. Will you like to tell this Court the circumstances  
19 leading to their death?  
11:48:24 20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. Mr witness, do you know the year that they died?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. What year was that?  
24 A. In 1998.  
11:48:44 25 Q. Where were you when this incident happened?  
26 A. We are all staying together inside xxxx.  
27 Q. While you were staying together at xxxx, did anything  
28 happen?  
29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Go ahead and tell this Court?  
2 A. When we are in xxxx -- during the time we are in xxx --  
3 [Interpretation incomplete]  
4 Q. Hold on, hold on. You said you were in xxx when they  
11:49:35 5 overthrew the Pa?  
6 A. Pa Tejan Kabbah. Should I continue?  
7 Q. Yes.  
8 A. When Tejan Kabbah was overthrown, we were in town,  
9 soldiers were in town. When soldiers were in town --  
11:49:56 10 Q. Their Lordships are writing down what you're saying.  
11 A. Okay, okay.  
12 Q. You were saying the soldiers were in town?  
13 A. Yes, sir.  
14 Q. Yes, carry on.  
11:50:19 15 A. When soldiers were in the town, they looted. Shall I go  
16 on?  
17 Q. Yes.  
18 A. When the soldiers looted -- [Interpretation incomplete]  
19 Q. And then pulled out, what do you mean by pull out?  
11:50:34 20 A. And they left xxxx.  
21 Q. So when they left xxxx?  
22 A. I don't know the date when they left xxx.  
23 Q. Did anything happen after they left?  
24 A. Yes, when they left, the youths -- they tried to clear  
11:51:07 25 the balance that was left. They went out.  
26 Q. When you say clear the balance, what are you referring  
27 to?  
28 A. That was the small soldiers that remain there, they were  
29 passing from one stall to another. I continue? When

1           they were removed, the youths then went, the Kamajors,  
2           along CKC.

3   Q.   wait. After the soldiers have left the youths and  
4           Kamajors, what happened?

11:51:41 5   JUDGE BOUTET: I am just trying to follow now. The witness  
6           says when they left, meaning the soldiers, then he said  
7           the youths tried to clear up and the small soldiers went  
8           from one stall to the other. When he's talking of  
9           youths, he's talking of young soldiers or small soldiers?

11:52:03 10  MR KAMARA: No, he was referring to the youths in the town --  
11           the youths.

12  JUDGE BOUTET: Can you ask him to clarify that, please?

13  MR KAMARA:

14  Q.   Mr witness, you mention that the youths were trying to  
11:52:12 15           clear the balance, to use your words. Who were you  
16           referring to when you said "youths"?

17  A.   These are human beings.

18  Q.   Did they belong to any faction?

19  A.   Yes, these were communities that were made in town.

11:52:31 20  Q.   You say these youths belonged to the community?

21  A.   Yes.

22  MR MARGAI: My Lords, I'm confused here because when the  
23           witness said -- after he had said that the soldiers  
24           looted and then left the town, and he went on to say that  
11:52:47 25           the youths continued to clear the balance, that is what  
26           he submits.

27  JUDGE BOUTET: That's what I was trying to --

28  MR MARGAI: I thought that was what you wanted clarified.

29  JUDGE BOUTET: I thought I heard the witness to say words like

1 small soldiers there. I may have misunderstood, but I  
2 was trying to clear my understanding on this.

3 MR KAMARA: You're right, Your Honour. That's what I'm trying  
4 to get through with the witness. Firstly, establishing  
11:53:17 5 who were these youths, and, then, what they were doing.

6 JUDGE BOUTET: Fine.

7 MR KAMARA:

8 Q. Now, Mr witness, having identified the youths, what did  
9 these youths do?

11:53:26 10 A. The youths were trying to defend their own land.

11 Q. How did they defend this land?

12 A. During the time they have us -- their work was taking  
13 place, the youths came down to the street. They organise  
14 themselves to say this bad thing that is happening, it  
11:53:57 15 has to stop, and want to stop those who are doing it.

16 Q. Now you refer to bad things. what sort of bad things?

17 A. well, the havoc they were causing was stealing, because  
18 they were not -- things that do not belong to them, they  
19 will take them away.

11:54:27 20 Q. who was doing these things?

21 A. It was the soldiers.

22 Q. Now, Mr witness, you did mention that the Kamajors came  
23 into town. I want you to -- [Overlapping speakers]

24 A. Okay.

11:54:49 25 Q. From what end of town did they come?

26 A. The Kamajors came by CKC end. Should I continue?

27 Q. wait. where were you when you saw this?

28 A. where I was when I saw them?

29 Q. Yes.

1 A. I was in the area.  
2 Q. CKC area?  
3 A. Yes. We are all with them when we went.  
4 Q. When you say, "We are all with them," who are the "them"?  
11:55:37 5 A. The youths.  
6 Q. And where did you go?  
7 A. I went to the CKC area.  
8 Q. To do what?  
9 A. To go and meet the Kamajors, so that they can come to  
11:56:07 10 town and secure the town.  
11 Q. At the time of this entry of the Kamajors, where were the  
12 soldiers?  
13 A. The soldiers were not in town again.  
14 Q. So now, Mr witness, tell this Court what happened to your  
11:57:05 15 brothers?  
16 A. well, when the Kamajors came, they looted my things. My  
17 brother -- the things of my brother were removed from the  
18 house. We went and stayed in the next house.  
19 Q. You said the Kamajors came and looted. What are the  
11:57:54 20 things they took away?  
21 A. well, the clothes and the business, the shoes and the  
22 kitchen things, and some other properties that were in  
23 the house.  
24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Did he say and business things?  
11:58:21 25 MR KAMARA: Yes.  
26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Business things like what?  
27 MR KAMARA:  
28 Q. What sort of business things are you referring to?  
29 A. A business.

- 1 Q. Your business, what was it?
- 2 A. The market I was selling. These are articles,  
3 provisions.
- 4 Q. [Overlapping speakers] were taken, is that it?
- 11:58:41 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Do you know the worth of that market that you had?
- 7 A. I started it with 800,000.
- 8 Q. Are you referring to leones?
- 9 A. Leones, yes, leones. That was what I started with.
- 11:59:10 10 Q. You said to this Court that the Kamajors came to your  
11 house and looted. How do you know they were Kamajors?
- 12 A. Even from themselves, they were saying it. After that I  
13 know them, I know that they are Kamajors.
- 14 Q. You said you sought refuge in the neighbouring house; is  
12:00:07 15 that so?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Did you have cause to come back to your house again?
- 18 A. Yes, after they have taken all they wanted I came back.
- 19 Q. So when you came back, did you decide to do anything?
- 12:00:49 20 A. what would I do? I only cried.
- 21 Q. How many of you were living in that house, do you know?
- 22 A. well, my mother, my sister and my two brothers.
- 23 Q. So for how long did you stay in that house after you  
24 discovered these things have been removed?
- 12:01:29 25 A. I don't understand that, repeat it.
- 26 Q. You said you came back to the house, right. For how long  
27 were you there?
- 28 A. well, I was born there.
- 29 Q. All right, Mr witness. You came back to the house and

1 you discovered these items missing or you said they were  
2 looted. Did you decide to do anything as a result?  
3 A. I did not decide anything, because when the people we  
4 thought were coming to hold the town, they have turned  
12:02:16 5 against us.  
6 Q. And Mr witness, did you have cause to leave your house  
7 for any other place else?  
8 A. Yes. During the time we are in town for about two or  
9 maybe three, the hunters hit the soldiers.  
12:02:40 10 Q. wait, wait. You say after two to three days?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. And what happened?  
13 A. The soldiers hit the town -- they attacked.  
14 Q. Can you describe the attack for us?  
12:03:10 15 A. They came with guns -- they had some machine guns, they  
16 fired. kamajors also were exchanging fire.  
17 Q. After this attack what did you do?  
18 A. well, we saw that the town was not calm, so we all ran to  
19 the bush. we hid in one village called xxxxxxx. That's  
12:03:42 20 the place we went and hid ourselves.  
21 MR KAMARA: Your Honours, the spelling for that village is  
22 x-x-x-x-x-x-x-x.  
23 Q. And do you know how far was this xxxxxxx to the xxxx xxxx?  
24 A. Yes.  
12:04:09 25 Q. How far was it?  
26 A. It is about 8 to 10 miles or about.  
27 Q. How long were you at xxxxxxx?  
28 A. when I talk of xxxxxxx, it was not in xxxxxxx Town. It  
29 was right inside the bush.



1 Q. Okay. It was the bush close to the town of xxxxxxxx?  
2 A. Yes.  
3 Q. How long were you there in the bush?  
4 A. well, the bush is about -- well, I don't know really the  
12:05:01 5 distance. The distance was long.  
6 Q. Mr Interpreter, the question is how long did you stay in  
7 xxxxxx, not the distance?  
8 A. Okay, well, I was there for one week.  
9 Q. And after that period what did you decide to do?  
12:05:34 10 A. After that we heard that the ECOMOG had arrived in xxxx.  
11 Q. Did you have cause to come to xxxx?  
12 A. Yes.  
13 Q. Did anyone travel with you to xxxx?  
14 A. Yes, because I left my mother and my sister and my two  
12:06:00 15 brothers, because there was nothing in the bush again.  
16 we are only finding bush yams to eat. we had nothing  
17 else. So I took my two brothers, so we join to come to  
18 town. We came to xxxx. We came and we didn't see ECOMOG  
19 in town.  
12:06:20 20 Q. So you came to xxxx with your two brothers?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. You mentioned that you did not see ECOMOG?  
23 A. Yes.  
24 PRESIDING JUDGE: You mentioned that he did not see what?  
12:06:37 25 MR KAMARA: ECOMOG. He didn't see ECOMOG.  
26 Q. And when you came back to xxxx, where did you go?  
27 A. I went to our house. I continue?  
28 Q. Yes.  
29 A. When I came to the house, I didn't go to the town hall, I

1 was in my house. So in the evening we went to our aunt  
2 and told her --  
3 Q. Okay, wait. Where was your aunt's house?  
4 A. Well, we are all in the same area.  
12:07:28 5 Q. How far was it from your house?  
6 A. Well, let me see. From there to my aunt's house is about  
7 hundred feet.  
8 Q. So you went to this aunt's house. Did anything happen  
9 there?  
12:07:47 10 A. Yes, we told her the next morning we had to return  
11 because the town was not secured, so we'll go back. So  
12 in the evening we're washing --  
13 Q. Please take your time. In the evening what were you  
14 doing?  
12:08:08 15 A. We are washing.  
16 Q. You were taking showers?  
17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Kamara, did I hear you say shower?  
18 MR KAMARA: The interpreter was saying that they were washing.  
19 PRESIDING JUDGE: I hope you saw the shower.  
12:08:36 20 MR KAMARA:  
21 Q. So Mr Witness, you're having a bath?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. What happened at that point?  
24 A. From there we saw Kamajors running after him with cutlass  
12:08:57 25 and gun, but when --  
26 Q. You saw someone running, being chased by Kamajors?  
27 A. Yes.  
28 Q. Who's Sorie?  
29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Sorie?

1 MR KAMARA: Sorie, S-O-R-I-E, Your Honour. He saw one Sorie  
2 being chased by Kamajors.  
3 Q. Who is this Sorie?  
4 A. This Sorie was a local.  
12:09:46 5 Q. What happened to him?  
6 A. When they came, they passed us at first.  
7 Q. Yes, carry on.  
8 A. When they pass us, they held him -- the Kamajors held  
9 him. When the Kamajors held him, we did not run, we are  
12:10:14 10 still washing. So the Kamajors came and held us all.  
11 Q. Now, Mr witness, how many Kamajors are we talking about  
12 here, that captured you and your brothers?  
13 A. There were many. There were many. I cannot tell you  
14 their count.  
12:11:09 15 Q. Were they carrying anything on them?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. What were they carrying with them?  
18 A. They took us to a place near the street.  
19 Q. Mr Interpreter, but the question is were the Kamajors  
12:11:31 20 carrying anything with them at the time they were  
21 captured?  
22 A. Yes, they had cutlass, they had knives, they had guns.  
23 Q. And you say they took you to the street?  
24 A. Yes.  
12:11:55 25 Q. Did anything happen there?  
26 A. Yes.  
27 Q. Take your time, Mr witness. Yes, tell this Court.  
28 [HN251104C 12.15 p.m.]  
29 A. We were removed from the streets. They started asking us

1 in Mende, even though it was not my language, I was asked  
2 in -- I talked Mende. So they told us --  
3 Q. Wait, Mr witness. You said they asked you questions.  
4 what questions were asked?  
12:12:35 5 A. well, they asked us -- they told me that when they met us  
6 here we have nothing, only to kill us.  
7 Q. Was any question put to you by the Kamajors?  
8 A. Yes, they asked me which nation I belonged to.  
9 Q. When you say "nation", what do you mean?  
12:13:19 10 A. I am of what tribe, tribe?  
11 Q. Did you respond to that question?  
12 A. Yes, I told them I'm a Loko.  
13 Q. Yes, so what happened?  
14 A. From then he told us that anybody who is found in xxxx xxx  
12:13:54 15 should be killed. They started chopping me. They  
16 chopped me in my --  
17 Q. Now, you said they started chopping. What do you mean by  
18 that?  
19 A. They used machete.  
12:14:39 20 Q. And how many of you were captured were at that scene?  
21 A. We were five.  
22 Q. If I get it, you, your two brothers, Sorie and who else?  
23 A. The next person I didn't know him.  
24 Q. Now, tell this court how were you chopped? How were you  
12:15:20 25 chopped?  
26 A. I was chopped on my foot. Should I remove this so that  
27 you can see?  
28 MR KAMARA: Your Honours, there are physical indications of  
29 the chopping that the witness is referring to and

1 I wonder whether with the direction of the panel.  
2 PRESIDING JUDGE: You're referring to the scars?  
3 MR KAMARA: Yes, scars, yes, the huge scars that the witness  
4 has not only on the foot, but in some other areas.  
12:15:51 5 JUDGE BOUTET: well, maybe we can have a description first of  
6 all and then we can come back to that.  
7 MR KAMARA: Certainly, Your Honour.  
8 Q. So you said you were chopped on the foot. which foot?  
9 A. On my right foot.  
12:16:08 10 Q. And where particularly on the foot?  
11 A. It is why I said let me remove it so that you can see.  
12 JUDGE BOUTET: Let him do that, then, if it is easier that  
13 way.  
14 MR KAMARA:  
12:16:26 15 Q. Okay. Take off your tennis shoes and show the court?  
16 MR KAMARA: I wonder whether the camera can focus on the  
17 witness so he does not have to get up. Your Honours.  
18 I wonder whether you were able to see.  
19 JUDGE BOUTET: From where I sit it is difficult, because of  
12:17:17 20 the table, but I wonder if he could not be helped by the  
21 witness protection unit here. Maybe you can put the  
22 table aside so we can see a bit more clearly to the  
23 witness. All right, yes, okay. I think the witness is  
24 not very tall. He could stand up, I think. Yes, okay.  
12:18:21 25 This is your right foot.  
26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is the defence -- you can move there.  
27 MR KAMARA: You can move across to the other end so the  
28 defence could see.  
29 JUDGE BOUTET: Yes.

1 MR KAMARA: Your Honours, while we're at this stage, I wonder  
2 whether we could go ahead and show the different parts  
3 where --  
4 JUDGE BOUTET: May as well, yes. Ask him to describe it as he  
12:19:12 5 is showing.  
6 MR KAMARA:  
7 Q. Mr witness, as you're showing us where else were you  
8 stabbed. Show us please.  
9 JUDGE BOUTET: On your stomach, yes.  
12:19:23 10 MR KAMARA: The stomach, the chest all the way down to the  
11 stomach.  
12 JUDGE BOUTET: And you were also pointing to something on your  
13 neck.  
14 MR KAMARA: And your neck?  
12:19:36 15 JUDGE BOUTET: It's on the right-hand side of your face and  
16 neck.  
17 MR KAMARA:  
18 Q. And what about your face?  
19 A. My face and my nose. The nose is split and my lips. My  
12:19:53 20 lip was cut three sides, three parts. Two teeth were  
21 removed and one broken.  
22 JUDGE BOUTET: So on your body -- [microphone not activated].  
23 MR KAMARA:  
24 Q. Is there any other scar on your body relating to those  
12:20:14 25 wounds? Is that all?  
26 THE INTERPRETER: My Lord, the witness does not have his mic.  
27 THE WITNESS: No, there is no other site except the ones I  
28 have shown you.  
29 MR KAMARA: Thank you, Mr witness.

1 THE WITNESS: It is only the pain that is in my body now.  
2 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you, Mr Witness.  
3 THE WITNESS: Okay.  
4 PRESIDING JUDGE: He said he lost two teeth.  
12:20:51 5 MR KAMARA: Yes, Your Honour.  
6 JUDGE BOUTET: Two or three?  
7 MR KAMARA:  
8 Q. Witness --  
9 A. I lost two teeth and the one broken. And the one that is  
12:21:02 10 broken is disturbing me. Yes.  
11 PRESIDING JUDGE: The Witness Protection Unit should take care  
12 of that.  
13 MR KAMARA: Yes, Your Honour.  
14 Q. Mr witness, what about your brothers?  
12:21:36 15 A. well, my brothers I've lost them. They are dead.  
16 Q. were they at the scene where you've been chopped. I'm  
17 asking what happened to your brothers at that time?  
18 A. My brothers, they were also -- they are killed. They  
19 have been axed with cutlass. They have been killed.  
12:22:03 20 Q. Did you see that happen?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. Now, after you've been chopped what happened to you?  
23 A. well, I dragged -- went to my aunt. I called my aunt.  
24 She came out and saw me and cried for me.  
12:22:51 25 Q. wait. And where were the Kamajors at this time?  
26 A. Repeat that. I don't understand that.  
27 Q. where were the Kamajors that caused this havoc; where  
28 were they?  
29 A. They were in the village. They came from the village to

1 the town.

2 Q. So you crawled to the house and then your aunt was  
3 crying. So what happened then?

4 A. From that time my aunts cried and they were afraid. They  
12:23:53 5 left the house. I don't know where they went.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Kamara, he said they chopped his  
7 brothers. I am not very sure that we know what happened  
8 after them after they were chopped. He said they are  
9 dead.

12:24:17 10 MR KAMARA: Yes.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: I mean, did they die on the spot or what  
12 happened?

13 MR KAMARA: We're coming to that, Your Honour. Slowly, Your  
14 Honour. Thank you, Your Honour.

12:24:27 15 Q. So your aunt and the rest left you there?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What did you do?

18 A. So I was lying near my brothers who were dead.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: He went to the aunt.

12:25:04 20 MR KAMARA:

21 Q. You crawled to the house where your aunt was and then you  
22 told this court that your aunt cried because she was  
23 scared. What did you do? You're telling us that you  
24 went to your brothers where they were dead. Please fill  
12:25:21 25 in the gaps, because now you are at the aunt's house.  
26 Did you have cause to come back to the scene?

27 A. Yes, I returned there. I went there for water. There  
28 was no water, so I went and drank the dirty water, the  
29 water with which we were washing. I drank the soap



1 water, then I crawled back to near my brothers where they  
2 had been killed.

3 Q. So for how long were you lying beside your dead brothers?  
4 A. I slept there 'til the other day.

12:26:45 5 Q. Now, Mr witness, you did mentioned another person which  
6 is this Temne man. what happened to that Temne man?  
7 A. well, that Temne man he was also crying at that time. He  
8 didn't die that same moment, but when the Kamajors left  
9 he was crying. I was hearing his voice. He was crying,  
12:27:11 10 but I didn't know where he was.

11 Q. So you said you were there 'til the next day. what  
12 happened on that next day?  
13 A. well, the next day the ECOMOG came -- ECOMOG came the  
14 next morning. They found me lying there. One ECOMOG  
12:27:39 15 came down. He had a camera with him.

16 Q. Yes, now this ECOMOG officer came and you said he had a  
17 camera, what did he do?  
18 A. He snapped us.

19 Q. Were you taken to the hospital?  
12:28:41 20 A. Yes, well, they took me to the hospital during that time.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, us? Who and who?  
22 MR KAMARA: Yes, camera.

23 Q. whose photograph was taken?  
24 A. well, they snapped the corpse.

12:29:14 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: That was the corpses of the brothers.

26 MR KAMARA: Of the brothers, yes.

27 THE WITNESS: He was taking a photograph of all of us, because  
28 he thought that I was also dead.

29 JUDGE BOUTET: How many of you are there at that moment?

1 THE WITNESS: We are five.  
2 MR KAMARA:  
3 Q. So when you say five, I take it yourself, your two  
4 brothers, Sorie and this unknown Temne man?  
12:30:07 5 A. Yes.  
6 Q. You said you were taken to the hospital. Do you know who  
7 took you to the hospital?  
8 PRESIDING JUDGE: What was that question, again? There were  
9 five.  
12:30:39 10 MR KAMARA: Yes.  
11 PRESIDING JUDGE: You said there were five. We know that the  
12 two brothers had died. He was alive. What about the  
13 others?  
14 MR KAMARA:  
12:30:53 15 Q. Now, Mr Witness, you mentioned that the five of you were  
16 lying there. You confirmed the death of your two  
17 brothers and you being alive. What about the other two,  
18 what was their state?  
19 A. The other two were dead. Four of them died.  
12:31:14 20 Q. So you were the only survivor?  
21 A. Yes, I was the only one that lived.  
22 Q. So who took you to the hospital; do you know?  
23 A. Well, when the ECOMOG had been taking the photograph of  
24 us, I had to call the ECOMOG and he scared and he asked  
12:31:51 25 who called him and I said it was I that was calling him.  
26 So he came closer to me and he asked if I was a soldier,  
27 or a Kamajor or a devil.  
28 Q. The ECOMOG asked you questions?  
29 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. whether you were what?
- 2 A. If I was a Kamajor, if I was a soldier --
- 3 Q. If you were?
- 4 A. If I was a Kamajor, a rebel or a soldier.
- 12:32:34 5 Q. were you able to answer to any of those questions?
- 6 A. Yes, I was able to answer and I told him that I was a  
7 civilian.
- 8 Q. So, Mr witness, did you yourself during this conflict  
9 belong to any fighting group?
- 12:33:00 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. So back to the issue of the hospital, who took you to the  
12 hospital?
- 13 A. well, it was my friend that took me to the hospital.
- 14 Q. And which hospital was it?
- 12:33:48 15 A. ~~xxxx~~ Government Hospital.
- 16 Q. Do you know for how long you were in that hospital?
- 17 A. Yes. I don't know the real date that I was taken to the  
18 hospital, because by then I had lost my consciousness.
- 19 Q. So you don't know how long you spent at the hospital.  
12:34:29 20 when you regained consciousness, for how long were you  
21 there?
- 22 A. well, I was there for about two months and some days.
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE: He was in the hospital for two months?
- 24 MR KAMARA: Two months and some days, Your Honour.
- 12:35:05 25 Q. Now, Mr witness, while you were at this hospital, did  
26 anything happen there?
- 27 A. Yes.
- 28 Q. Tell this Court.
- 29 A. well, where I was admitted was where policemen were

1 found. They admitted me where policemen were found.  
2 Q. when you say "where policemen" -- what do you mean by the  
3 place where policemen were found. who were these  
4 policemen?  
12:35:33 5 A. well, these policemen were fellow human beings.  
6 Q. what were they doing there?  
7 A. I met them with some wounds.  
8 Q. Okay. They were patients in the hospital?  
9 A. Yes, they were patients.  
12:35:51 10 Q. Yes, tell us.  
11 A. well, so I was put there. I was among them. I saw a  
12 Kamajor that was -- that was -- they said the fragment  
13 entered his leg and all of us were admitted. Should I go  
14 on?  
12:36:12 15 Q. Yes.  
16 A. So after all of us had been admitted, I saw some  
17 Kamajors. They came and took their brother and went with  
18 him. Later the Kamajors said that the policemen that  
19 were in the hospital were all junta and they should be  
12:36:30 20 killed, so they opened fire in the hospital. So patients  
21 started moving from the beds and they started falling on  
22 the floor.  
23 JUDGE BOUTET: I would like to have some clarification on  
24 this. I understand there was a Kamajor that came at the  
12:36:49 25 same time.  
26 MR KAMARA: Yes.  
27 JUDGE BOUTET: That Kamajor was injured and some fellow  
28 Kamajors came to take him outside of the hospital.  
29 MR KAMARA: That's right.

1 JUDGE BOUTET: And after that they decided, because they were  
2 police, to open fire.  
3 MR KAMARA: Yes, Your Honour.  
4 JUDGE BOUTET: These are the same Kamajors.  
12:37:13 5 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, this witness is too fast.  
6 will he please slow down so we can do our work.  
7 MR KAMARA: Mr witness, take your time in telling your story.  
8 There is an interpreter that has to interpret what you  
9 are saying to Their Honours. And, also, they have to  
12:37:29 10 write down everything you're saying, okay. Slowly tell  
11 your story and we'll get to the end of it.  
12 JUDGE BOUTET: Can you take the witness back through, please.  
13 MR KAMARA: Yes, Your Honour.  
14 Q. Mr witness, you did mention that a Kamajor was removed  
12:37:41 15 back again out of the hospital by his fellow Kamajors,  
16 right? And then after that Kamajors came again. Are  
17 they the same Kamajors that removed this Kamajor away  
18 from the hospital or was it another set of Kamajors?  
19 A. This was the same Kamajors.  
12:38:01 20 Q. So when these Kamajors came again the second time, you  
21 were saying something that they said to you in the  
22 hospital. What was it?  
23 A. Well, they had guns and cutlasses, because they had been  
24 shooting.  
12:38:31 25 MR KAMARA: Your Lordship, if I may be guided by your records,  
26 if you have the statement that the Kamajors made, then I  
27 wouldn't cover that ground again any more.  
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: We don't have that statement. We don't have  
29 that statement. That is what I was expecting. I know he

1           talked of policemen or so --

2   MR KAMARA: Yes.

3   Q.   Mr witness, the question I'm asking is when these

4        Kamajors came again, they said something about policemen.

12:38:58 5        what is it that they said before they opened fire?

6   A.   They said that all the policemen were junta and they

7        should be killed.

8   Q.   So were you still at that hospital after that attack?

9   A.   Yes.

12:39:33 10   PRESIDING JUDGE: Should be killed. Did they kill them?

11   JUDGE THOMPSON: Did they kill him?

12   MR KAMARA: Yes, Your Honour.

13   Q.   was anyone killed during that attack?

14   A.   No, they did not kill anybody. Nobody died, because we

12:39:51 15        were outside while firing. So the ECOMOG came and

16        repelled them.

17   Q.   No one died in that attack?

18   A.   where I was lying I did not see anybody die, because the

19        ward was so big.

12:40:30 20   Q.   And did you say that ECOMOG came?

21   A.   ECOMOG came and they tried and pushed them out.

22   Q.   Did the firing stop after that?

23   A.   Yes, the firing stopped.

24   Q.   So after the two-month period you were there, you were

12:41:04 25        eventually discharged, I suppose?

26   A.   Yes. I was discharged and I went to the house.

27   Q.   So what was life like after your discharge?

28   A.   well, when I left the hospital, I was in the house.

29        I would go to town. I would go to the hospital to

1 continue with my medication. The Kamajors they attacked  
2 us, because by then there was a checkpoint in town. They  
3 said they will always attack me violently and when  
4 I dressed to go to church, I was always arrested by the  
12:42:04 5 Kamajors. They will disturb me.

6 Q. wait. wait. You mentioned checkpoint. what happened in  
7 this checkpoint?

8 A. well, those checkpoints, when you reached these  
9 checkpoints, you would be intercepted and they would ask  
12:42:24 10 you for your ID card they would ask you for these things,  
11 and from there -- and if they --

12 Q. wait, wait. You're going too fast. You were telling  
13 this Court about your movement and that if you were going  
14 to the hospital, Kamajors harass you. what are you  
12:42:48 15 trying to say here?

16 A. I don't understand what you said.

17 Q. That when you dressed to go to church and the Kamajors  
18 will harass, what do you mean? what do you mean by being  
19 harassed?

12:43:08 20 A. well, they will capture me and they would put me  
21 somewhere where I feel that I was not supposed to be  
22 there, because that would disturb my life. They would  
23 say that I was a soldier so they could accuse me of being  
24 a junta. The next time they captured me and they said  
12:43:28 25 they were going to eat me.

26 Q. Now, Mr witness, let me take your mind to your brothers.  
27 were they buried?

28 A. Yes, my brothers were buried. I was in the hospital when  
29 I was told that they had buried my brothers, so I had to

1 say thanks to them.

2 Q. Were you ever shown their graves?

3 A. Yes, after I was discharged I went to the house. I did  
4 not reach the house. I went there and from there  
12:44:34 5 I marched and I went to my house.

6 Q. Mr witness, did you ever see the bodies of your brothers  
7 after you were discharged?

8 A. Yes, I saw them at the time when I was in the village.  
9 In this village I was living my life and I had all of my  
12:45:13 10 uncles.

11 Q. Wait, Mr witness. You said you saw their bodies. When  
12 did you see their bodies?

13 A. During the time when they said they were to be exhumed  
14 from the graves.

12:45:34 15 Q. Who sent for the exhumation; do you know?

16 A. Well, they said it was Special Court people.

17 Q. Were you there when these bodies were exhumed?

18 A. Well, I was there when they started exhuming them, but I  
19 was not there when they finally did the observation.

12:46:10 20 Q. Did you identify any of those bodies to the Special Court  
21 people?

22 A. I don't understand what you mean.

23 Q. Were you asked if you know them, the bodies that were  
24 removed?

12:46:25 25 A. If I would know them?

26 Q. If you knew them?

27 A. Yes, I told them that they are my brothers, but the next  
28 man I did not know him.

29 Q. Thank you.



1 MR YILLAH: May it please My Lords, I'm a bit confused with  
2 the sequence of the evidence. The witness in answer to  
3 the penultimate question said he was not there when --  
4 until the end of the exhumation and now learned counsel  
12:46:57 5 is asking whether he identified the body. I don't see  
6 the nexus between the two pieces of evidence. I don't  
7 know. I don't know.  
8 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Prosecutor.  
9 MR KAMARA: Yes, Your Honour.  
12:47:10 10 JUDGE BOUTET: There is a bit of confusion.  
11 THE WITNESS: Sir?  
12 MR KAMARA: Indeed the witness did state that he was not there  
13 for the entirety of the exhumation.  
14 JUDGE BOUTET: Yes, but the question was did he identify the  
12:47:24 15 body.  
16 MR KAMARA: But I pointed -- that's what he's saying now,  
17 "That at the end of day I was able to show", yes.  
18 Q. So, Mr witness, did you show these bodies to the Special  
19 Court people?  
12:47:39 20 A. Yes.  
21 JUDGE BOUTET: Ask him --  
22 JUDGE THOMPSON: Perhaps to be more precise, at what stage did  
23 he do that?  
24 MR KAMARA: Thank you, Your Honour.  
12:47:54 25 JUDGE BOUTET: And as well, what exactly did he do?  
26 MR KAMARA:  
27 Q. Mr witness, at what time did you -- or what exactly did  
28 you do at that time with the special court people?  
29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Tell him this. Tell him this: He has said

1           when they started the exhumation process, they didn't  
2           finish, he left. He was not there.

3   MR KAMARA: Yes.

4   PRESIDING JUDGE: And what happened? How does he identify --

12:48:24 5   THE WITNESS: wait. When they were digging the graves of my  
6           brother I was there

7   JUDGE BOUTET: slowly, slowly, please.

8   MR KAMARA:

9   Q. Take your time.

12:48:41 10  JUDGE BOUTET: Okay.

11  MR KAMARA:

12  Q. Yes.

13  A. During the time I was not there. They sent for me and  
14       they came with me. And I came and went and saw where my  
12:48:50 15  brothers were being exhumed. I stood by the grave and  
16       cried. Because I --

17  Q. Take your time.

18  THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, this witness is too fast.

19  MR KAMARA: [Overlapping speakers] -- feel about this, but

12:49:03 20       take your time, please.

21  PRESIDING JUDGE: Let the translation be patient with him.  
22       I'm sure that is the way he speaks. All you need to do  
23       is to put some brakes, you know, on the way he proceeds.

24       Mr witness, you'll go softly, okay. You will go  
12:49:23 25       gently, because we want to know clearly what happened.

26       Yes, Mr Kamara.

27  MR KAMARA: Yes, Your Honour.

28  Q. Mr witness, you were telling us. Take your time and  
29       explain to the Court. You came to the scene where the

1           exhumations were being done.  
2    A.    When I saw how they were exhumed, my brothers, I cried.  
3           From that one white man was there. He had been asking me  
4           questions, you know, how I managed to know that these are  
12:49:56 5           my brothers, and I told him we had the same mother and  
6           same father. And it was from there that they had to tell  
7           me that I should go to Kenema to one of their people who  
8           was also a worker of the special court. I went there. I  
9           was not there. So I left them exhuming the bodies. When  
12:50:14 10          I came from Kenema I made statements in Kenema. I did  
11          not meet them any more. The people that I met there --  
12          the language that you're talking. I did not understand.  
13          I did not understand my own language so I decided that  
14          I should go to the house.  
12:50:33 15    Q.    That's okay.  
16    MR KAMARA: Your Honours, he was not there when the exhumation  
17          was completed, the exercise.  
18    JUDGE BOUTET: Yes, but he has stated somehow, somewhere in  
19          his evidence that he did identify, other than standing by  
12:50:51 20          the grave and that's the portion -- he came back to the  
21          house. Did he see the bodies later on or -- I mean --  
22    JUDGE THOMPSON: For me the evidence seems to suggest that he  
23          did some identification. It may not have been formal at  
24          the time that he was there, because they asked him  
12:51:10 25          questions about who the corpses were. And he mentioned  
26          that, so it is the stage at which -- I mean, it would  
27          seem to me reasonable to infer that he identified before  
28          he left.  
29    MR KAMARA: Before he left for Kenema.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: But he should tell us.  
2 JUDGE THOMPSON: But if it is not clear, then you need to  
3 clear this up.  
4 MR KAMARA: Certainly, Your Honour.  
12:51:36 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: I mean, up to what point did they dig, you  
6 know, before he left? Mr Kamara, please, let him clarify  
7 us on this.  
8 MR KAMARA:  
9 Q. Mr witness, now tell us, at what point did you leave?  
12:51:52 10 was any body removed from the grave before you left?  
11 A. No. The bodies after they were exhumed there was water  
12 in the grave, because they buried them in the swampy  
13 area. So when I had gone I had seen and tried to bathe  
14 water. I was suffering from my wounds to that is why the  
12:52:18 15 white people -- they started asking me questions and I  
16 had been answering these questions. From there, they  
17 told me that I should go to Kenema.  
18 Q. Slowly. So the time they asked you these questions, no  
19 body was removed from the grave?  
12:52:30 20 A. They did not finish exhuming the bodies.  
21 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness.  
22 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Prosecutor.  
23 MR MARGAI: May I be guided as to the answer.  
24 JUDGE BOUTET: I'm trying to clarify that. I was going to ask  
12:53:03 25 one question to see if -- maybe it will help you as well.  
26 In his evidence he did say to one of your -- in answer to  
27 one of your questions, that did he see - I use the word  
28 "see" - the bodies of his brothers after he had been  
29 discharged from the hospital.

1 MR KAMARA: Yes.

2 JUDGE BOUTET: This is the evidence I heard and then you move  
3 into this exhumation. So he did use the word "see".

4 MR KAMARA: Yes, what he meant there was the graves, not the  
12:53:32 5 physical.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: He left the hospital straightaway and went,  
7 because the brothers were buried before --

8 MR KAMARA: Yes.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: -- you know, whilst he was still  
12:53:44 10 hospitalised. Before going to the house after discharge  
11 he went to the graves. It was after that the exhumation  
12 process took place; is that correct?

13 MR KAMARA: That is correct, Your Honour.

14 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr witness, did you at the grave, when they  
12:53:59 15 were exhuming the bodies, did you see the bodies of your  
16 brothers at any time?

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, I saw them when they were taking them off.  
18 They took them to one of the local chiefs in a veranda.  
19 They put the bodies there and they gave them a snapshot  
12:54:25 20 and they gave us the pictures. They decided what we  
21 should do. Do we take the bodies home or are we going to  
22 bury them in xxxx? And we said there was no way. The  
23 family asked me, they said, yes, these are our brothers.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: This happening was earlier on? This  
12:54:44 25 snapping?

26 THE WITNESS: It was not before me. The family asked me  
27 whether they should take the bodies or we should bury  
28 them in xxxx, and I said that they should be buried in xxxx.

29 MR KAMARA:

1 Q. Was this after you came from Kenema?  
2 A. Yes, after coming from Kenema.  
3 Q. So when you came from Kenema. I'm not asking what  
4 happened in Kenema. Now we're back in xxxx. Okay, you  
12:55:09 5 came back to xxxx. What happened when you came back?  
6 A. When I came, I found out that they had already finished  
7 exhuming my brothers, so I heard that they went to the  
8 local chiefs and I went there.  
9 Q. Now, these bodies were exhumed. You met the bodies when  
12:55:29 10 you came back from Kenema?  
11 A. Yes, I met the bodies.  
12 Q. Did you point out these bodies or identify them to the  
13 team that was there?  
14 A. The team that went, no.  
12:55:42 15 Q. Did they ask you your relationship to these bodies?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 MR MARGAI: My Lords, there has been a finality to that  
18 question. He said "no".  
19 THE WITNESS: Sir?  
12:55:54 20 JUDGE BOUTET: Well, he didn't say no. Maybe you heard he has  
21 said no, and he said yes. He is still trying to clarify  
22 what it is. He may have said no to the Special Court  
23 people, but he said yes to others. That's what we're  
24 trying to clarify.  
12:56:09 25 MR MARGAI: No, he said no to the question after he had come  
26 from Kenema back to xxxx whether he saw the body. He said  
27 yes and the question that followed was did you show --  
28 identify these bodies? He said no.  
29 JUDGE BOUTET: Well, that is not --

1 MR MARGAI: To the Special Court people.  
2 JUDGE BOUTET: To the Special Court people, but he did  
3 identify the bodies. That's what we're trying to  
4 understand. I hear what you are saying, Mr Margai. I do  
12:56:39 5 not dispute what you're saying, but what I'm suggesting  
6 to you is it is far from being clear to whom he has said  
7 or made the identification to.  
8 MR MARGAI: I don't know whether that was what your brothers  
9 heard, but I clearly heard him say no.  
12:56:57 10 THE WITNESS: Wait.  
11 PRESIDING JUDGE: I have a reply here. They did not finish  
12 pulling the bodies from the grave before he left.  
13 JUDGE BOUTET: Yes, but he came back from Kenema.  
14 MR KAMARA: Yeah, he came back from Kenema and met the bodies  
12:57:14 15 out of the graves and that is where we are now. We are  
16 trying to get him to narrow down to the facts. Now he  
17 said that -- I was asking him what was -- did anyone ask  
18 him the relationship.  
19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, Mr Kamara, it is 1.00. I'm afraid we  
12:57:31 20 have to rise.  
21 MR MARGAI: My Lords, I really was going to ask and, indeed,  
22 I'm asking, if we could lay this particular question to  
23 rest before the break. It is very crucial.  
24 JUDGE BOUTET: It is not to be laid to rest, because it is not  
12:58:06 25 clear. We were trying to clarify your understanding.  
26 We've been asking these questions.  
27 PRESIDING JUDGE: You never know how long it will take us to  
28 rest it -- to lay it to rest, rather. So we would rise  
29 and resume at 2.30, please. The Court will rise, please.

1 [Luncheon recess taken at 1.02 p.m.]  
2 [HN251104D]  
3 [Upon commencing at 2.44 p.m.]  
4 JUDGE BOUTET: Are you ready to conclude your  
14:41:22 5 examination-in-chief?  
6 MR KAMARA: Exactly, sir.  
7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Were you anywhere near conclusion?  
8 MR KAMARA: Almost. I was almost there.  
9 JUDGE BOUTET: That's what we thought.  
14:41:34 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am not very optimistic with all of these  
11 learned counsel here.  
12 MR KAMARA: I give you my assurance, Your Honour.  
13 PRESIDING JUDGE: When it comes to timing. They can go and go  
14 and go and keep going.  
14:41:51 15 MR KAMARA: Yes. To make the records tidy, Your Honours, I  
16 just want to lead this witness when he left Kenema for  
17 xxx, and I'll be done with him.  
18 Q. Mr. Witness, before we broke for lunch, you told this  
19 Court that you left Kenema for xxx after you made a  
14:42:16 20 statement. Is that so? Could you speak up a bit, sir.  
21 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the witness's mic is not on.  
22 THE WITNESS: Go ahead.  
23 MR KAMARA:  
24 Q. Will you tell this Court what happened when you got back  
14:42:48 25 to .  
26 A. Yes. When I went to xxx --  
27 Q. Slowly, please.  
28 A. Okay. When I came to xxx, so the special Court people  
29 asked me about my brothers, and I described my brothers



1 to them. Ati Jamba, with my uncle who was called Sorie,  
2 and I told them they were my own brothers. It was from  
3 there -- should I go ahead?  
4 Q. Yes.  
14:43:38 5 JUDGE THOMPSON: So the special Court people contacted you.  
6 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
7 MR. KAMARA:  
8 Q. You were explaining something that His Lordship wanted.  
9 JUDGE THOMPSON: So when you came to xxx, the special Court  
14:44:00 10 people contacted you, and you were telling them what?  
11 MR KAMARA:  
12 Q. You were explaining to them something. And what is it  
13 you were explaining? You said the special Court people  
14 contacted you, and they asked you -- did they ask you  
14:44:11 15 anything?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. what did they ask you?  
18 A. They asked me whether they were my brothers, and I said  
19 yes, they were my brothers. So I had to --  
14:44:28 20 JUDGE BOUTET: He said brothers and uncle.  
21 MR KAMARA:  
22 Q. Did you say brothers and uncle?  
23 A. Yes. Yes.  
24 Q. which one was your uncle?  
14:44:37 25 A. Sorie.  
26 MR YILLAH: May it please you, my Lords. My Lords, I'm a bit  
27 confused, if I can seek the guidance of the Bench. I'm a  
28 bit confused with where the evidence is leading. Is my  
29 learned friend leading the witness to testify to facts

1 after he has returned from Kenema or before he went to  
2 Kenema?  
3 JUDGE BOUTET: It's my understanding anyhow that we are in the  
4 process of hearing evidence after Kenema, back in xxx from  
14:45:10 5 Kenema.  
6 MR YILLAH: Thank you, Your Honour.  
7 JUDGE BOUTET: This is my understanding of your questions to  
8 the witness.  
9 MR KAMARA: Yes.  
14:45:23 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can you confirm that, because that is my  
11 understanding of it, too.  
12 MR KAMARA: Yes.  
13 Q. Witness, have you already come from Kenema?  
14 A. For the Special Court?  
14:45:35 15 Q. [Previous translation continues]... meeting with them  
16 and them asking you questions. Where was it?  
17 A. During that time?  
18 Q. Yes.  
19 A. At that time, I didn't go to Kenema.  
14:45:48 20 Q. My question to you, Mr. Witness, was after you came from  
21 Kenema -- listen to my question carefully, okay?  
22 A. I'm listening.  
23 Q. [Previous translation continues]... you made a  
24 statement. You came back from Kenema.  
14:45:59 25 A. Yes.  
26 Q. That is where I want to focus your attention.  
27 A. Yes.  
28 Q. Wait, wait. Are you with me? Are we back from Kenema?  
29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Now, tell this Court what happened once you came back  
2 from Kenema.  
3 A. That's what I am saying. When I came from Kenema, they  
4 handed over the bodies to our own elder brothers. When  
14:46:32 5 they handed over the bodies to our people, so I saw  
6 special Court people, they come with them. And they  
7 handed over the bodies --  
8 Q. Yes. You came from Kenema.  
9 A. Yes.  
14:46:52 10 Q. You say that the bodies were handed over to who?  
11 A. To my father's brother, who was a chief.  
12 Q. And who handed over these bodies?  
13 A. Those were the ones who went and exhumed them from the  
14 graves.  
14:47:17 15 Q. The special Court people?  
16 A. Yes.  
17 Q. And where was this handing over done?  
18 A. It was in xxxx.  
19 Q. Where in xxx, do you know?  
14:47:29 20 A. Yes. In -- I've forgotten the name of the street, but if  
21 you ask me, I'll show the area.  
22 Q. [Previous translation continues] ...  
23 A. xxxxx.  
24 JUDGE BOUTET: what's the name?  
14:48:00 25 MR KAMARA: How do you spell it?  
26 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr. Margai, can you assist in the spelling of  
27 that?  
28 MR MARGAI: I believe it's x-x-x-x-x. x-x-x-x-x.  
29 MR KAMARA: I appreciate that.

1 Q. And how many bodies were handed over to these  
2 authorities?  
3 A. Three bodies.  
4 Q. What happened to those bodies once they were handed over?  
14:48:40 5 A. Well, the bodies that they handed over were the skeletons  
6 that were handed over. So they asked us whether we are  
7 going to bury them there or whether we are going to take  
8 them to our home.  
9 Q. So what did you do?  
14:49:00 10 A. We decided that if we took them to our home, there would  
11 be a lot of crying. So because of that, we decided to  
12 bury them in xxxxx.  
13 Q. You buried them in xxxxx.  
14 A. Yes.  
14:49:11 15 Q. Were you there when they were buried?  
16 A. When they were buried, I was not there.  
17 Q. Thank you, Mr. Witness.  
18 MR KAMARA: Your Honour, at this point, the Prosecution seek  
19 to tender this document, which is a medical report for  
14:49:36 20 identification purposes. It has been shown to the  
21 Defence, and so that it could be marked for  
22 identification.  
23 Down the road, in the course of this trial, once the  
24 expert who will be giving -- testifying as to the facts  
14:49:54 25 of this document, we should be able to relate this  
26 document to this witness. That is why we are seeking  
27 that this document be admitted and marked for  
28 identification.  
29 JUDGE BOUTET: And what is this document about?

1 MR KAMARA: It is a medical report from the forensic analyst,  
2 and the pathologist, in particular, as to the cause and  
3 manner of death of the victims from the graves. It is  
4 part of the report prepared by the expert which has been  
14:50:29 5 served on the Defence. And the purpose of this document,  
6 the intention of which is to be marked for identification  
7 so that we should be able to relate this document to this  
8 witness when it comes to its use for exhibit as in  
9 evidence.

14:50:48 10 JUDGE BOUTET: It's only that I don't see how the mere fact of  
11 marking that for identification purposes at this stage  
12 will assist you in any way to -- the mere fact that it  
13 has been marked for identification when this witness is  
14 there does not really relate it any more to this witness  
14:51:08 15 when your expert comes in. So I mean, your expert will  
16 come in as to testify as to what he has observed himself,  
17 what he has done or not done.

18 Anyhow, I'll ask if Defence have any comments before  
19 I come back to you.

14:51:26 20 MR YILLAH: On behalf of the first accused, my Lord, I share  
21 wholeheartedly with the comments Your Lordship has made.  
22 I was also of the view that he could lay the proper  
23 foundation when the expert comes to tender that report,  
24 my Lord, but not at this stage. And for identification,  
14:51:44 25 I don't see what purpose it serves as well, my Lord.  
26 Because certainly, the Court would place absolutely no  
27 weight on it if it's for identification purposes only,  
28 my Lord. Those would be my comments.

29 JUDGE BOUTET: Counsel for the second accused.

1 MR BOCKARIE: Yes, Your Honour, I share the views expressed by  
2 counsel for the first accused.  
3 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr. Margai.  
4 MR MARGAI: My only comment here is that definitely there is a  
14:52:15 5 lacuna somewhere. I mean, my understanding of the law  
6 dealing with tendering a document for identification,  
7 somebody, that is the witness, must identify the  
8 document. And it is tendered for identification because  
9 the witness is not the fit and proper person to tender  
14:52:35 10 the document. But this witness has not looked at that  
11 document, not to mention identifying it. I don't know  
12 whether counsel is identifying the document and asking  
13 for it to be tendered. That is the procedure that I know  
14 of.  
14:52:54 15 JUDGE BOUTET: That is essentially the one I know as well.  
16 MR MARGAI: That is what my learned friend desires as well.  
17 MR KAMARA: Thank you, Your Honours. And to start with your  
18 last point --  
19 JUDGE THOMPSON: Just a minute. Clearly, the law has been  
14:53:17 20 most authoritatively expounded. There is clearly no  
21 legal nexus between that document and this witness. And  
22 as Mr. Margai has said, as far as I understand the law,  
23 there is clearly lacuna, and I think it would be more in  
24 tune with proper procedure that we wait for the expert  
14:53:30 25 who prepared that document - or whether he prepared it or  
26 not - to come and testify. Because I don't really see  
27 the purpose, unless counsel has some creative purpose  
28 which he wants to elucidate for us.  
29 I mean, why should this witness, in fact, you know

1 -- why should this document be tendered at this stage  
2 when it has no nexus with the witness.

3 MR KAMARA: Thank you, Your Honours. It is my submission that  
4 there is a nexus, and there is a distinction, starting  
14:54:06 5 with Mr. Yillah's point, my learned friend Yillah,  
6 between tendering a document for identification and  
7 tendering a document to form part of the evidence. And I  
8 take his point in good faith, together with the other  
9 points my learned friend has raised: If it is the  
14:54:18 10 intention of the Prosecution to tender this document as  
11 an exhibit to form part of the evidence of this Court,  
12 then their objections are well in place. And that is why  
13 for those issues, we wait for the expert. But if it has  
14 been only been tendered for identification purposes, then  
14:54:35 15 the argument that they have raised are redundant.

16 JUDGE THOMPSON: Let me ask the question? Who identifies it?  
17 who is to identify this document for the purposes of  
18 being received in evidence for the limited purposes of  
19 identification? The distinction is taken. The law makes  
14:54:58 20 distinction between tendering a document for  
21 identification and tendering it to be part of the full  
22 records. But the question really is who is to identify  
23 this document, and who are you asking to identify, the  
24 Court --

14:55:14 25 MR KAMARA: Yes, Your Honour.

26 JUDGE THOMPSON: why? Is it the usual process that the Court  
27 identifies the document? The usual procedure is for the  
28 witness to identify the document, and then it's tendered  
29 and marked so-and-so for identification purposes. And

1 that's what we are complaining about. There doesn't seem  
2 to be a nexus here between that document and this witness  
3 for the limited purpose of identification.

4 MR KAMARA: I agree with you, Your Honours, that usually,  
14:55:42 5 normally, it is the witness who identifies a document.  
6 In an International Tribunal setting pursuant to  
7 Rule 89(C) under the extensive admissibility rule, it is  
8 not necessarily the witness that has to identify, or even  
9 if it comes to tendering this document as an exhibit, it  
14:55:57 10 does not necessarily have to be tendered by the witness.  
11 And my authority for that, Your Honours, is "Archibald  
12 International Criminal Court Practice on Procedure and  
13 Evidence," paragraph 9 to 18, that even if we were to  
14 tender this document as an exhibit to form part of the  
14:56:14 15 evidence, it is not necessary for this witness to put it  
16 in. The Prosecution can tender it in.

17 And also, pursuant to that, pursuant to 89(C), we  
18 are seeking that this document be admitted for  
19 identification by the Court so that at the end of the  
14:56:31 20 day, once the expert is here, it is able to relate the  
21 testimony of this witness to this record for  
22 identification. That is all.

23 JUDGE BOUTET: There is something missing in what you're  
24 submitting. I'm not disputing that we could accept this  
14:56:45 25 document just because of you tendering it as such, but  
26 I'm trying to see, other than the fact that this witness  
27 has testified, obviously, to certain matters that are  
28 probably in this document that you're trying to, but what  
29 have we achieved by having this document in court at this



1 stage marked for identification?  
2 Let's assume we do that. What have we achieved,  
3 other than to say we have a document marked for  
4 identification? When your expert will come, whenever, as  
14:57:13 5 such, whether it's marked for identification now or just  
6 shown to him at that time, what is the difference? Why  
7 should we mark that now?  
8 MR KAMARA: Your Honours, that's a very good question. When  
9 the expert is here, he will testify to a plethora of  
14:57:24 10 evidence that will involve several witnesses, and this  
11 will be helpful now because we are able to relate this  
12 aspect to this witness, so when even it gets to that  
13 point, it's easy for the Court to relate --  
14 JUDGE THOMPSON: Mr Kamara --  
14:57:39 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Kamara, the records sufficiently identify  
16 -- will at the proper time identify whichever witness  
17 with this particular record. We already have it in  
18 evidence that the people of the Special Court came, did  
19 an exhumation, and a report was prepared by the  
14:57:57 20 pathologist or the experts as the case may be. And at  
21 the proper time, the record of the evidence of this  
22 witness is in the court records. And when -- this  
23 document certainly will be used, will be used at a  
24 certain stage, to tender this document properly in  
14:58:20 25 evidence, not just for identification.  
26 wouldn't you think -- wouldn't you think that it  
27 would be proper to tender it not only for identification,  
28 but as an exhibit at the proper time?  
29 MR KAMARA: [Microphone not activated]

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: wouldn't you think so? This is the way, you  
2 know, we are looking at it, because --  
3 MR KAMARA: Sorry, Your Honour.  
4 I was only trying to be helpful to the Court.  
14:58:52 5 JUDGE BOUTET: We appreciate, but we are not prepared to take  
6 it at this time. In spite of your effort, Mr Kamara, we  
7 understand, we accept that the approach is a fairly  
8 liberal approach in these kind of matters, and relating  
9 to Rule 89 of the Rules as well. However, we don't feel  
14:59:10 10 it would add to our -- in fact, it will just complicate  
11 the process rather than what you're suggesting. So we'll  
12 wait until we get to this stage. And if we get confused,  
13 please draw attention to that issue, and we'll come back  
14 to the evidence of this witness, if that is your fear.  
14:59:30 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Kamara, there is -- I'm sure going into  
16 the technicalities of that report, there is nothing in  
17 evidence here from this witness - from this witness -  
18 that would go into leading us to admitting it for  
19 purposes of identification. Because we look at it, I  
14:59:44 20 think it should come at the proper time. We are not  
21 saying we are rejecting the document in evidence;  
22 certainly not. What we are saying is that the issue of  
23 the admissibility of this document will come up at the  
24 proper time and through the proper channels.  
15:00:02 25 MR KAMARA: Thank you. That is all for this witness,  
26 Your Honour.  
27 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you, Mr Prosecutor.  
28 MR KAMARA: Your Honours, just before cross-examination  
29 starts, during the lunch break, the Prosecution was able

1 to take a proper look at section -- Article 25(E) quoted  
2 by, cited by my learned friend Yillah as regards his  
3 status this afternoon. And it is our submission that we  
4 are yet unaware under which rule Mr Yillah's is -- under  
15:00:36 5 which rule he appeared this morning. And looking at  
6 Article 25(E), it could be one of two: Either he is  
7 assigned counsel or he is duty counsel.

8 And if he's assigned counsel, does Mr Yillah have  
9 the authority of assigned counsel that is coming from the  
15:00:57 10 Court? And from the records of this Court, it is clearly  
11 seen that there was a point when he was appointed standby  
12 counsel, and that appointment lapsed after there was  
13 Court-appointed counsel for the first accused.

14 And if Mr Yillah is duty counsel, then the article  
15:01:15 15 requests that he has instructions from the assigned  
16 counsel, and we were not made known about those  
17 instructions except this afternoon.

18 We discussed it during lunch with the Defence team,  
19 and he was able to tell us that he had instructions from  
15:01:28 20 the assigned counsel. And for record purposes, we would  
21 want it to be reflected that, indeed, he has instructions  
22 from the assigned counsel and he was acting pursuant to  
23 the article.

24 JUDGE BOUTET: We thank you for that clarification. And if  
15:01:45 25 that is the case, Mr Yillah, you will confirm that,  
26 presumably that discussion you've had with the  
27 Prosecution on that issue.

28 MR YILLAH: Yes, my Lord. I was approached this afternoon by  
29 my learned friend regarding this issue. And I told him

1 categorically that I had instructions from Dr. Jabbi and  
2 that these instructions were given in the presence of two  
3 other colleagues.

4 what I would seek the Chamber's guidance on is  
15:02:17 5 whether such instructions should be in writing in the  
6 future, or whether such instructions should emanate from  
7 assigned counsel to the Chamber beforehand. If the  
8 Chamber can give a guidance on that, that would be  
9 helpful, my Lord.

15:02:33 10 JUDGE BOUTET: I'm not sure we want to do that now, to answer  
11 your question on that issue. I am quite satisfied with  
12 the explanation and the information you provided to the  
13 Court at this moment, and we can carry on. But we would  
14 like to clarify the issue for the future in the  
15:02:45 15 relationship you have vis-a-vis the first accused and  
16 others, as the case may be. We just want to avoid any  
17 difficulties in the future.

18 so we will discuss the issue as well with the  
19 Principle Defender to make sure that the record is,  
15:03:03 20 indeed, clear for future references. But for this case  
21 today as such, I take it that we have certainly no  
22 problem. If there was any ambiguity, it has been cleared  
23 for the record.

24 MR YILLAH: Thank you very much, my Lords. May I proceed,  
15:03:21 25 my Lords?

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, you may proceed, please.

27 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR YILLAH:

28 Q. Mr Witness.

29 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. From your own observations, was there a breakdown of law  
2 and order in xxxx at the time of the alleged incidents  
3 you're testifying to?
- 4 A. Say what you said. I did not seem to understand.
- 15:04:01 5 Q. From your observations, from what you observed, was there  
6 a total breakdown of law and order in xxxx at the time?  
7 A. What happened with me or what I saw in xxxx?  
8 Q. What you observed, what you saw in xxxx. Was there a  
9 breakdown of law and order in xxxx at the time?
- 15:04:31 10 A. There was no law and order during that time.  
11 Q. During this time, Mr Witness, did control of xxxx change  
12 hands -- I mean, in the month of February of 1998, did  
13 control of xxxxx change hands between the Kamajors and the  
14 juntas?
- 15:05:24 15 A. Yes.  
16 Q. Mr Witness, do you recall telling the investigators in  
17 your statement that you do not know the Kamajors who  
18 allegedly inflicted physical injury on you? Do you  
19 recall saying that to the investigators?
- 15:06:22 20 A. Yes, I told them that I did not understand the Kamajors  
21 who inflicted the wounds on me, but I knew the ones who  
22 were harassing me.  
23 Q. That's not my question. My question is, do you recall  
24 telling the investigators that you do not know the  
15:06:43 25 Kamajors who inflicted physical injury on your person?
- 26 JUDGE BOUTET: Has he testified yet that he did not? Are you  
27 trying to contradict him?
- 28 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 29 MR YILLAH: He gave an earlier answer, my Lord, according to

1 the interpretation. But he digressed from what I asked  
2 him. So that's why I was repeating the question.  
3 JUDGE BOUTET: Okay. I'm sorry, I just interrupted your  
4 question. The answer to your question was he did say to  
15:07:19 5 the investigator that he did not recognise --  
6 MR YILLAH: He does not know the Kamajor.  
7 JUDGE BOUTET: Does not know these Kamajors, yes. So is his  
8 evidence that he recalls saying that to the  
9 investigators, but does he also say now in Court that he  
15:07:44 10 does not know these Kamajors?  
11 MR YILLAH: My Lord, according to the answer that I have is  
12 that he agrees with me that he doesn't recall. He  
13 recalls telling the investigators that he does not know  
14 the Kamajor, the Kamajors who inflicted physical injury  
15:07:59 15 on his person. That's the answer that I have.  
16 Q. Mr witness, do you also recall telling the investigators  
17 for the Prosecution that you do not know who was giving  
18 these orders to the Kamajors?  
19 A. At all not.  
15:08:29 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: What is the answer?  
21 MR YILLAH: The interpretation is "at all not."  
22 PRESIDING JUDGE: "At all not," that's what he said? "At all  
23 not"? Please, translate properly. Don't leave us in the  
24 air. Say "No, I don't know," or "yes."  
15:08:53 25 "At all not," what does that mean? What does "at  
26 all not" mean?  
27 THE WITNESS: I did not know them.  
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Did not know the Kamajors who did what  
29 again, Mr Yillah?

1 MR YILLAH: My Lord, my question was does he recall telling  
2 the investigators for the Prosecution that he does not  
3 know who was giving orders to the Kamajor, the Kamajor  
4 did not say who gives them orders.

15:09:48 5 JUDGE THOMPSON: I would have thought that the translation  
6 should get that nuance right, because it's a question of  
7 recalling saying to the investigators, not whether he did  
8 not know the Kamajors. I thought that was the thrust of  
9 your question, not whether the translation is getting it  
15:09:54 10 right.

11 MR YILLAH: Should I put the question again, my Lord?

12 JUDGE BOUTET: But in addition to the remarks of my brother,  
13 I'm trying to follow your questions. Why don't you ask  
14 the witness if he knows who gave the orders, if he knew  
15:10:10 15 those Kamajors. Why do you go to the statement he has  
16 given to the investigators? If you're trying to  
17 contradict him, if that is the case -- I'm just trying to  
18 follow your line of question.

19 MR YILLAH: My Lord --

15:10:28 20 JUDGE BOUTET: If he said today something different, then  
21 that's a different issue. But I don't think these  
22 questions have ever been asked of him, so that's why I'm  
23 a bit puzzled as to why you go to the statement now.

24 MR YILLAH: My Lord, the reason why I am putting to him  
15:10:40 25 whether he said that is if he denies saying that now,  
26 then I will be in a position to confront him with a  
27 statement, except if Your Lordships direct otherwise.

28 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, it's a question of methodology, how you  
29 go about it.

1 JUDGE BOUTET: It would be nicer, I would suggest, if you ask  
2 him. Obviously you don't need to go to the statement if  
3 he admits to all of that. Then you can refresh his  
4 memory if that is the case, or whichever way you want to  
15:11:09 5 go. But ask him the question directly, rather than the  
6 statement. As I say, I do not recall that the witness  
7 testified to that at all in examination-in-chief.  
8 MR YILLAH: My Lord, I will take the cue, and I will put the  
9 question again.  
15:11:21 10 Q. Mr Witness, did you say to the Prosecutors that the  
11 Kamajors did not say who gave them orders?  
12 A. I don't know who gave them the orders.  
13 Q. My question is, did you say that to the Prosecutors?  
14 A. I don't understand what you mean.  
15:11:52 15 MR YILLAH: My Lord, maybe this would be a convenient --  
16 THE WITNESS: Speak a little bit louder. I don't hear what  
17 you say.  
18 JUDGE BOUTET: It appears there might be a problem with  
19 translation again. But go ahead, try it again.  
15:12:11 20 MR YILLAH:  
21 Q. Mr Witness.  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. At the time you were talking to the Office of the  
24 Prosecutor, were you being recorded? What you said, was  
15:12:21 25 it being recorded?  
26 A. Yes.  
27 Q. Was that statement read over and explained to you? Was  
28 it?  
29 A. Yes.



1 Q. Now, do you remember saying in that statement that the  
2 Kamajors -- that the Kamajors did not say who gave them  
3 orders?  
4 A. No Kamajor told me that somebody gave him orders.  
15:13:45 5 MR YILLAH: [Previous translation continues] ... the response  
6 is that he agrees with me.  
7 PRESIDING JUDGE: He agrees, yes.  
8 MR YILLAH:  
9 Q. Mr Witness.  
15:14:22 10 A. Yes.  
11 Q. Do you know whether there was a Kamajor office in xxxxx at  
12 the time?  
13 A. At that time, yes.  
14 PRESIDING JUDGE: At the time you were receiving the injuries?  
15:14:52 15 At the time you were received these injuries?  
16 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
17 MR YILLAH:  
18 Q. Mr Witness, did you report what you're now testifying to  
19 in this Court to the leaders -- to the holders of that  
15:15:21 20 office in xxxx? Did you?  
21 A. At the CDF office?  
22 Q. Yes.  
23 A. No.  
24 MR YILLAH: That will be all for this witness, my Lord.  
15:16:01 25 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you.  
26 Mr Bockarie, for the second accused.  
27 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR BOCKARIE:  
28 Q. Mr Witness.  
29 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. You told this Court that the juntas were in town, and  
2 they fled. Am I correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Later on, the youths took over the town. Am I correct?
- 15:16:53 5 After the junta fled, the youths took over the town?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Mr witness, can you please tell us --
- 8 A. Yes, yes.
- 9 Q. Mr witness, can you please tell us --
- 15:17:19 10 JUDGE BOUTET: Go ahead.
- 11 MR BOCKARIE: Thank you.
- 12 Q. Mr witness, can you please tell us how long the youths  
13 were in control of the town before the arrival of the  
14 Kamajor?
- 15:17:34 15 A. well, it was from the -- it was from morning to the next  
16 day, around 4.00.
- 17 Q. Mr witness, can you please tell this Court what was the  
18 situation like in xxxx when the youths were in control  
19 before the arrival of the Kamajor?
- 15:18:31 20 A. well, the system in xxxxx, it went down a little bit. so  
21 when they called the Kamajors, the Kamajor came, and they  
22 changed their attitude towards us. We saw six Kamajors  
23 who wore blacks and they called themselves Black  
24 December. The civilians were very happy about that --
- 15:18:54 25 Q. Okay, okay, all right. When the Kamajors were in town,  
26 was the town ever taken again by the juntas?
- 27 A. After two days -- the third day, the junta came, and they  
28 took over the town.
- 29 Q. Mr witness, will I be correct to say that the juntas,

1 when taking over the town from the Kamajors, disguised  
2 themselves as Kamajors by wearing wrong clothes?  
3 A. I only saw them when they put out -- they took their  
4 clothes, and they turned it upside-down and they tied it  
15:20:25 5 around their waists. That is what I saw.  
6 PRESIDING JUDGE: So the answer is, Mr Bockarie, that they did  
7 not?  
8 MR BOCKARIE: Yes, Your Honour.  
9 PRESIDING JUDGE: They did not disguise themselves as  
15:20:48 10 Kamajors.  
11 MR BOCKARIE: They did not.  
12 Q. Mr witness, when the juntas took over the town, they  
13 remained in occupation until they were chased out by  
14 ECOMOG. Am I correct?  
15:21:20 15 A. Yes. That's the evening that the Kamajors entered. At  
16 that time -- it was in the morning that I saw the ECOMOG.  
17 MR BOCKARIE: That will be all for him, sir.  
18 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you, Mr Bockarie.  
19 Mr Margai or Mr Williams.  
15:22:01 20 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR WILLIAMS:  
21 Q. Mr witness.  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. During the time the juntas occupied xxxx, you said that the  
24 youths put up resistance to them.  
15:22:31 25 A. Yes.  
26 Q. And then this resistance lasted all throughout the junta  
27 period?  
28 A. Yes.  
29 Q. And the youths were based in xxxx? They were based in xxxx

1 at that time?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. But the Kamajors were -- during the junta period, the  
4 Kamajors were based out of xxxx. Is that correct?

15:24:11 5 A. Yes. They were not there.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is it that they were not there, or they were  
7 based outside xxxx?

8 MR WILLIAMS: They were not based in xxxx, my Lord.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: They were not based in xxxx. You said they  
15:24:32 10 were not there. But your question was were they outside  
11 Bo, in the neighbourhood or peripheries of xxxx? I thought  
12 that was your question.

13 MR WILLIAMS:

14 Q. Do you agree with me the Kamajors were not based in xxxxx  
15:24:47 15 during the junta period? They were based out of xxxx. Is  
16 that correct?

17 A. Yes, they were not in the town. They were around the  
18 villages.

19 Q. These youths, were they referred to by any particular  
15:25:28 20 name?

21 A. well, for me, I only heard them calling them "youths".

22 Q. were they also referred to as "vigilantes"?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And these vigilantes, were they armed?

15:26:12 25 A. They didn't have guns. The youths had sticks. They were  
26 using sticks.

27 Q. Did they also use any cutlasses?

28 A. well, some of them had cutlasses. Some didn't have at  
29 all.

1 Q. Could you tell the Court how these vigilantes, how they  
2 used to dress?  
3 A. Well, they were civilians. It's just like us. They  
4 were -- they just were in a certain group. They wear  
15:27:13 5 civilian attire.  
6 Q. And were they large in numbers?  
7 A. There were many.  
8 Q. Could you tell the Court why they resisted the junta?  
9 A. Yes.  
15:27:54 10 Q. Go on.  
11 A. Because the juntas were breaking shops; they were  
12 stealing. That was the reason why they never agreed with  
13 them.  
14 Q. Would it be correct to say that a lot of these vigilantes  
15:28:45 15 were killed by the RUF and the AFRC?  
16 A. I don't understand what you mean.  
17 Q. These youths or vigilantes, I mean the ARFC and the RUF,  
18 they would kill them whenever they were caught. Is that  
19 correct?  
15:29:15 20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. Could you tell the Court why the junta did not like these  
22 youths?  
23 A. If I should tell the Court the juntas --  
24 Q. Let me ask you this question before that. You would  
15:30:07 25 agree with me that the junta and the youths were not  
26 seeing eye to eye.  
27 A. We were seeing each other because we all stayed together.  
28 MR WILLIAMS: [Previous translation continues] ...  
29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Seeing eye to eye, you mean?

1 MR WILLIAMS: Yes.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Williams, you better check your "see eye  
3 to eye."

4 MR WILLIAMS: I think the interpretation was a little more  
15:30:54 5 figurative interpretation than I wanted. But I think  
6 he's answered the question.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: I don't know whether he understands the  
8 figurative connotation of "eye to eye".

9 MR WILLIAMS: It was for the interpreters. But I think they  
15:31:07 10 put it right, and he said they were in disagreement.

11 JUDGE THOMPSON: They were not in agreement.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: They were not in agreement, okay. So they  
13 were not seeing to eye to eye.

14 MR WILLIAMS: As my Lord pleases.

15:31:17 15 Q. And could you tell the Court the reason or reasons for  
16 that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. [Previous translation continues] ...

19 A. During the time the juntas were in xxxx, they were doing  
15:31:36 20 violation of people. They burned people's houses. They  
21 drove people from their houses and stole from their  
22 shops. And because of that, the youths were not in  
23 agreement with them.

24 Q. And would it be correct to also say that -- I mean, these  
15:32:02 25 vigilantes were also hostile to those people they thought  
26 were friends of the juntas?

27 A. That one, I don't know about it now.

28 Q. And what don't you know?

29 A. What you asked me.

1 MR WILLIAMS: If my Lord pleases.  
2 Q. Mr witness --  
3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ask him again the one you asked him and see  
4 if he'll answer.  
15:32:53 5 MR WILLIAMS:  
6 Q. You would agree with me that the vigilantes also disliked  
7 those people that were very friendly to the juntas?  
8 A. Repeat it.  
9 Q. That the vigilantes did not like those people --  
15:33:26 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, put it this way: The vigilantes did not  
11 like the friends of the juntas?  
12 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
13 MR WILLIAMS:  
14 Q. And you will agree with me that that particular group,  
15:34:07 15 the vigilantes, they also did bad things to people. Is  
16 that correct?  
17 A. No. I did not see it.  
18 PRESIDING JUDGE: He does not know. Mr Williams, he does not  
19 know.  
15:34:31 20 MR WILLIAMS: Yes.  
21 [HN251104E 3.40 p.m.]  
22 Q. You would agree with me that when you returned from  
23 ~~xxxxx~~, it was because you thought that ECOMOG had  
24 entered Bo; is that correct?  
15:38:11 25 A. I don't understand what you're saying.  
26 Q. When you came from ~~xxxxx~~ with your brothers, it was  
27 because you thought, or you were informed that ECOMOG had  
28 taken over ~~xxxx~~; is that correct?  
29 A. Yes.

1 Q. But when you came to xxxx, you saw that soldiers were still  
2 occupying xxxx -- that is what you discovered?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 MR KAMARA: I am not sure that is what the witness said, but  
15:39:29 5 if the question is clear to the witness, Your Honours, as  
6 the evidence that they came, they did not find ECOMOG,  
7 and if counsel is asking now what he found out when he  
8 came to xxxx, that is fairly understandable, but the  
9 evidence does reflect that when he came to xxxx they did  
15:39:49 10 not find ECOMOG. I do not recall him saying that they  
11 found the soldiers in the --  
12 MR WILLIAMS: I'm putting my instructions across to the  
13 witness.  
14 JUDGE THOMPSON: I think it is a perfectly legitimate question  
15:40:02 15 to the point. Remember, it is not examination-in-chief,  
16 it is cross examination.  
17 MR WILLIAMS: Exactly, and the witness has answered that he  
18 found soldiers there.  
19 Q. Did you find --  
15:40:16 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Kamara, you can re-examine when it comes  
21 to that time. Just take note of those slips and see how  
22 you can mend them during your re-examination, if it is  
23 really necessary.  
24 MR KAMARA: Thank you, My Lord.  
15:40:35 25 MR WILLIAMS:  
26 Q. Were the vigilantes still around on or about this time?  
27 A. During the time we came to look for ECOMOG?  
28 Q. [Microphone not activated]  
29 A. When I came from xxxxxx, I didn't go there again,



1 because the time I came to check for ECOMOG, the Kamajors  
2 chopped me, so I didn't go back there.

3 Q. I think you did not get my question. My question is  
4 this: when you returned to xxxx from xxxxxxxx -- you had  
15:41:23 5 left xxxxxxx, you came to xxx. My question is whether  
6 vigilantes were still active in xxxx at that time.

7 A. No.

8 Q. Do you know where they had gone to?

9 A. well, everybody was scattered.

15:42:08 10 Q. Did they subsequently resurface, these vigilantes -- did  
11 they subsequently resurface?

12 A. Yes, they returned back when everything was settled, when  
13 ECOMOG had gone, so they came back.

14 Q. And it was the day before you had the terrible experience  
15:42:59 15 that you've explained that ECOMOG came; in other words,  
16 ECOMOG came the day before all those terrible things were  
17 done to you?

18 A. No. The ECOMOG came after they have chopped me. In the  
19 morning, that was the time I saw the ECOMOG.

15:43:30 20 Q. would it be correct to say that the vigilante group --  
21 these youths -- I'll just consult my learned friends, My  
22 Lord.

23 Mr witness, would it be right to say that after  
24 these youths returned, they also patrolled xxxxx?

15:45:09 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Williams, let me have that question  
26 again.

27 MR WILLIAMS: That when the vigilantes returned, they also  
28 patrolled xxxx, My Lord.

29 THE WITNESS: well, during that time I was not in good

1 condition.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: So the answer is he does not know.

3 MR WILLIAMS: He does not know, My Lord.

4 Q. Mr witness, you would agree with me that after you had  
15:45:57 5 been discharged from the hospital, apart from the  
6 Kamajors, you also came across these vigilantes?  
7 A. Repeat that.

8 Q. That after you had been discharged from the hospital, you  
9 did not only come across Kamajors but you also came  
15:46:23 10 across vigilantes?  
11 A. At the time I came from the hospital, I saw Kamajors.  
12 Q. Did you also see vigilantes around?  
13 A. well, I never saw them again.

14 Q. Finally, Mr witness, these vigilantes -- these youths --  
15:47:22 15 did they man checkpoints in xxxx?  
16 A. The youths?  
17 Q. Yes.  
18 A. Yes. They had checkpoints, but later, when the Kamajors  
19 came, they stopped their checkpoints. It was only the  
15:47:41 20 Kamajors that had checkpoints.  
21 MR WILLIAMS: That is all for this witness.  
22 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you, Mr Williams.  
23 MR KAMARA: No re-examination, Your Honour.  
24 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you, Mr Kamara.

15:48:17 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you sure, Mr Kamara?  
26 MR KAMARA: Yes, Your Honour, positive.  
27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Okay.  
28 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Kamara, are you prepared to proceed with  
29 another witness after this one has been discharged?

1 MR KAMARA: Yes, My Lord.  
2 JUDGE BOUTET: The next one is TF2-088?  
3 MR KAMARA: Yes, Your Honour.  
4 JUDGE BOUTET: The next one will testify in English?  
15:49:15 5 MR KAMARA: In Krio, Your Honour.  
6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, we have finished with you, but  
7 it may become necessary for us in future to call you back  
8 here. We're not saying that we will, but we may call you  
9 back here, if the necessity arises. But, for the time  
15:49:45 10 being, you may go, and we want to thank you for coming to  
11 testify before this Court and to help us to arrive at the  
12 proper decision in this case. We wish you and your  
13 family all the best. So have a safe journey. You are  
14 still in Bo?  
15:50:12 15 THE WITNESS: Yes, I am still in Bo.  
16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Have a safe journey back. The Court will  
17 rise for a few minutes to allow the Prosecution to bring  
18 in the next witness. The Court will rise, please.  
19 [Break taken at 3.50 p.m.]  
15:51:44 20 [The witness withdrew]  
21 [On resuming at 4.07 p.m.]  
22 PRESIDING JUDGE: This will be the 33rd witness?  
23 MS WIAFE: Yes, Your Honour.  
24 PRESIDING JUDGE: If we go at this rate, we should finish by  
16:08:40 25 January.  
26 MS WIAFE: I couldn't guarantee that. I'll have to take  
27 instructions.  
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: The first instructions can come from  
29 Mr Kamara.

1 MS WIAFE: The Prosecution calls TF2-088.  
2 WITNESS: TF2-088, sworn:  
3 [Witness answered through interpretation]  
4 EXAMINED BY MS WIAFE:  
16:09:44 5 Q. Good afternoon, Mr witness.  
6 A. Good afternoon.  
7 Q. Mr witness, how old are you?  
8 A. 54.  
9 Q. Are you married?  
16:10:04 10 A. Yes.  
11 Q. How many wives do you have?  
12 PRESIDING JUDGE: why do you start from the plural?  
13 THE WITNESS: I have two.  
14 PRESIDING JUDGE: You should start from the normal to the  
16:10:27 15 abnormal.  
16 MS WIAFE: That is debatable as to whether --  
17 JUDGE BOUTET: what was the answer -- two?  
18 MS WIAFE: Two, yes, Your Honour.  
19 Q. Do you have any children?  
16:10:40 20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. How many children do you have?  
22 A. 11.  
23 Q. Mr witness, have you had any form of formal education?  
24 A. Yes, I went to school.  
16:11:08 25 Q. How far did you go?  
26 A. Form 5.  
27 Q. Do you hold any certificate?  
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Up to what -- form 5?  
29 MS WIAFE: Form 5, yes, Your Honour.

1 Q. Do you hold any particular certificate?  
2 A. Yes.  
3 Q. What certificate --  
4 PRESIDING JUDGE: I'm not getting the translation properly.  
16:11:42 5 It's very, very faint. You may go on. It's not you  
6 controlling it there, Ms Wiafe.  
7 MS WIAFE:  
8 Q. Mr witness, do you hold any particular certificate?  
9 A. Yes.  
16:12:04 10 Q. What kind of certificate do you hold?  
11 A. HTC secondary.  
12 Q. What does "HTC" stand for?  
13 A. Higher Teacher's Certificate in Secondary Education.  
14 Q. Mr witness, what is your current occupation?  
16:12:45 15 A. Teaching.  
16 Q. And where do you teach?  
17 A. xxxxxxx, xxxxx xxxxx Chiefdom, xxxx District.  
18 MS WIAFE: The spelling of xxxxxxxx I think is  
19 x-x-x-x-x-x-x in the xxxxxxx xxxxx Chiefdom.  
16:13:33 20 Q. Mr witness, I would like to take you to November 1997.  
21 Do you recall that time?  
22 A. Mmm-hmm, yes.  
23 Q. Where were you at this time?  
24 A. I was in that one village that was called xxxxxxx.  
16:14:04 25 Q. The spelling of xxxxxxx is x-x-x-x-x-x. In what  
26 district is xxxxxxx?  
27 A. xxxxx District.  
28 MS WIAFE: Your Honours, the interpretation is still faint.  
29 I'm not sure --

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, it is very faint.  
2 MS WIAFE:  
3 Q. Mr witness, who were you with at xxxxxxxx in November  
4 1997?  
16:15:19 5 A. I was with my two children and three of my nephews and  
6 other occupants of the house.  
7 Q. And at this time in xxxxxxxx, who was in charge of  
8 security?  
9 A. It was the Kamajors -- it was their second base.  
16:16:04 10 Q. Mr witness, who were these Kamajors you referred to?  
11 A. Kamajors -- these were a faction that was created by  
12 Hinga Norman with the aim of saving us, but these  
13 Kamajors were disorganised. They are not under control.  
14 They had been looting our property. They had been using  
16:17:14 15 a rope that was called FM.  
16 MS WIAFE: Your Honours, I'm not really hearing the  
17 interpretation very clearly. I wanted to know if the  
18 situation could be rectified.  
19 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated] why don't you  
16:17:57 20 take the other microphone?  
21 MS WIAFE:  
22 Q. Mr witness, do you know why the Kamajors were in xxxxxxxx  
23 at that time?  
24 A. Yes.  
16:19:51 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: We were at a stage where he was telling us  
26 that the Kamajor Movement was created by Mr Hinga Norman  
27 to save them, but that thereafter they were not organised  
28 and they started doing that. Can we have a repeat of  
29 what he said? They started looting or doing whatever.

1 Please, let us have what he said before we proceed.  
2 JUDGE THOMPSON: It ended with something about a rope called  
3 FM.  
4 PRESIDING JUDGE: They used to use the FM.  
16:20:30 5 JUDGE THOMPSON: He didn't complete that sentence.  
6 MS WIAFE:  
7 Q. Mr witness, I asked you who the Kamajors were, and you  
8 were explaining to the Court. Can you repeat your  
9 explanation?  
16:20:46 10 A. Yes. I said the Kamajors were a faction that was created  
11 by Hinga Norman, which was not organised. They came and  
12 told us that they were coming to save us. But when they  
13 came, the people that they said they were fighting  
14 against, they came and they turned over to us, the  
16:21:12 15 civilians. They looted our property. They would tie us.  
16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Tie them with a rope called FM.  
17 MS WIAFE:  
18 Q. What did this FM rope look like?  
19 A. It is a small cord that is sold at the markets and is  
16:21:40 20 used to set traps to kill small animals. It is just like  
21 a small wire. It's very small. When they tie you with  
22 it, it goes into your flesh. The rope that --  
23 Q. Witness, we will come to that point. Mr witness, do you  
24 know why the Kamajors were in xxxxxx at that time?  
16:22:46 25 A. Yes.  
26 Q. Why were they there?  
27 A. They were there to save our lives -- we, the civilians,  
28 against the rebels.  
29 Q. Who do you refer to as "rebels"?

1 A. Rebels are people -- these are the people who came to  
2 fight against the government, so they were there. They  
3 would come to our area.  
4 Q. If who came to an area; who are you referring to by the  
16:23:45 5 wording?  
6 A. The rebels, they used to come to our area.  
7 Q. And what would they do when they came to your area?  
8 A. They would ask us to feed them and, if we did not give  
9 anything, they would take all our property. They would  
16:24:09 10 put these loads on our heads and ask us to come with  
11 them.  
12 Q. Mr witness, I would like to draw your attention  
13 specifically to 29 November 1997. Do you recall that  
14 date?  
16:24:56 15 A. Yes.  
16 Q. Where were you on that date?  
17 A. I was at xxxxxx.  
18 Q. Did anything happen to you or your family on that date?  
19 A. Yes.  
16:25:24 20 Q. Can you tell the Court what happened?  
21 A. I will explain what happened to me that day.  
22 Q. Mr witness, could you repeat your answer again?  
23 A. I will explain what happened to me that day.  
24 Q. And what happened on that day?  
16:26:21 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: what was your last question, please,  
26 Ms wiafe?  
27 MS WIAFE: Where he was on the 29th.  
28 PRESIDING JUDGE: He said something happened to him and to his  
29 family on 29 November 1997.



1 MS WIAFE: Yes, Your Honour.  
2 Q. Could you tell this Court what happened on that day?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 Q. Please go ahead.  
16:26:57 5 A. I sent one of my sons and my nephew [sic] to go and put  
6 some cassava in my village.  
7 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated]  
8 MS WIAFE: Yes, three of his nephews.  
9 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated]  
16:27:28 10 MS WIAFE:  
11 Q. Mr witness, who did you send to your farm; how many  
12 people did you send to your farm?  
13 A. Four.  
14 Q. And who were these people?  
16:27:38 15 A. One was my son; the other three my nephews.  
16 Q. And where was this farm?  
17 A. Half a mile from xxxxxx.  
18 Q. Apart from the cassava, was there any other reason why  
19 you sent your sons to this farm?  
16:28:18 20 A. Yes.  
21 Q. What was the reason?  
22 A. It was to bring my gun where I hid it -- it was because  
23 I wanted my son to bring my gun. I put it in there --  
24 I dug and put it and kept it and I didn't want it to get  
16:28:48 25 rotten, so I asked him to bring it for me.  
26 Q. When did you say you buried this gun? When did you bury  
27 this gun?  
28 A. In the month of May 1994.  
29 Q. Did you also say that this was during the time when the

1 rebels were there?  
2 A. Yes. That was the time that they are coming to --  
3 PRESIDING JUDGE: May, what -- May 1994?  
4 MS WIAFE: Yes, May 1994.  
16:29:33 5 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
6 MS WIAFE:  
7 Q. Mr witness, why did you send your son and your three  
8 nephews?  
9 JUDGE THOMPSON: He didn't complete the sentence, that this  
16:29:46 10 was during the time when the rebels were -- that's an  
11 incomplete sentence.  
12 MS WIAFE: I thought I heard it.  
13 Q. Mr witness, you were saying that this was during the time  
14 when the rebels were doing what?  
16:30:00 15 A. It was the month of May. They came and attacked xxxxx.  
16 It was so close to us, so we started hiding our property.  
17 Q. And this was the time that you hid this gun?  
18 A. Yes.  
19 Q. Now, Mr witness, can you tell this Court why you sent  
16:30:51 20 your three nephews and your son to go for this gun?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. Please tell us.  
23 A. The Kamajors who came to us wanted guns -- they had no  
24 guns. One of my brothers joined the Kamajors and he was  
16:31:22 25 made a commander. He was the one that asked me to give  
26 him my gun. That is why I sent -- so that my gun could  
27 be brought so I could give it to him.  
28 Q. Mr witness, what type of gun was this?  
29 A. It was a double-barrelled gun.

1 Q. And do you remember the time of day when you sent your  
2 sons to the farm?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 Q. What time did you send them?  
16:32:44 5 A. It was early in the morning, around 7.  
6 Q. Now, these four people that you sent, did they come back  
7 to xxxxxx, to your house?  
8 A. I wasn't able to see all of them again. It's only one  
9 that I saw.  
16:33:33 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is anybody here from the Witness Protection  
11 Unit, please?  
12 [HN251104F 4.35 p.m.]  
13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Put off the microphone, put off the  
14 microphone.  
16:31:30 15 JUDGE BOUTET: Maybe we should break for five minutes.  
16 PRESIDING JUDGE: The Court will break for five minutes so as  
17 to allow the witness protection unit to resuscitate the  
18 witness. What is he saying? We'll break for five  
19 minutes, please.  
16:32:30 20 [Break taken at 4.35 p.m.]  
21 [Upon resuming at 4.56 p.m.]  
22 MS WIAFE:  
23 Q. Mr witness, are you feeling much better now?  
24 A. Yes.  
16:53:25 25 JUDGE BOUTET: Just wait a few seconds, please.  
26 MS WIAFE: Yes.  
27 PRESIDING JUDGE: So he says he's feeling better, good. We'll  
28 resume the session.  
29 MS WIAFE:

1 Q. Mr witness, just before the break I asked you if your son  
2 and your nephews came back and you said no. Do you know  
3 why they didn't come back?  
4 A. Yes.  
16:53:59 5 Q. Can you tell us why?  
6 PRESIDING JUDGE: I thought I heard him say that only one of  
7 them came back.  
8 MS WIAFE: He said he saw only one of them.  
9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Only one came back.  
16:54:17 10 THE WITNESS: He did not come to me directly. They held him  
11 and took him some other site. I saw him, but it was not  
12 to me that he came. I saw one.  
13 MS WIAFE: Your Honours, I will clarify that issue as we go  
14 down the line.  
16:54:36 15 Q. Mr witness, do you know what happened to those four  
16 people?  
17 A. Yes.  
18 Q. How did you come to know what happened to those four  
19 people?  
16:54:57 20 A. When I send them in the morning around 5.00 o'clock, I  
21 went and met this gun with the Kamajors in the court  
22 barri, and I said --  
23 Q. And why did you go to the court barri?  
24 A. It was my son that told me, that said, "Father" - the  
16:55:51 25 other child - "the gun that you ask my brother to bring,  
26 I saw it with the Kamajors in the court barri." That was  
27 what made me to go there, running.  
28 Q. And was this son the same son that you sent to the farm?  
29 A. No. Out of my two children, one was staying at home and

1 it was my eldest son that I sent with my nephews.  
2 Q. Did you go to the court barri alone?  
3 A. I and my son, both of us went.  
4 Q. And was this the son who informed you that the gun was at  
16:57:18 5 the court barri?  
6 A. Yes.  
7 Q. Mr witness, what did you see when you arrived at the  
8 court barri?  
9 A. I saw my gun with a lot of Kamajors.  
16:57:51 10 Q. And what if anything did you do when you arrived at the  
11 court barri?  
12 A. When I reached there, I said, "This my gun. Where is the  
13 son that I sent to collect this gun?"  
14 PRESIDING JUDGE: He said to who?  
16:58:34 15 MS WIAFE: I was going to come to that.  
16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, okay.  
17 MS WIAFE:  
18 Q. And who did you say this to?  
19 A. The Chief Kamajor.  
16:59:17 20 Q. How do you know this was the Chief Kamajor?  
21 A. They had introduced him to us, because one of -- a member  
22 of our family and all of us ourselves.  
23 Q. Was he the Chief Kamajor of Gumahun?  
24 A. He was the Chief Kamajor for the whole of the Valunia  
17:00:11 25 Chiefdom.  
26 MS WIAFE: Your Honours, the spelling of is Valunia is  
27 V-A-L-U-N-Y-A.  
28 Q. Did the Chief Kamajor say anything to you?  
29 A. Yes.

1 Q. what did he say to you?  
2 A. He said, "That gun that you sent your children to  
3 collect, you'll not get it again. It belongs to us now,  
4 the Kamajors. And in fact we are going to kill all of  
17:00:57 5 them."  
6 Q. Mr witness, do you remember the name of this chief  
7 Kamajor?  
8 A. I know all of them. I know all of them. Only very few.  
9 we are all living together.  
17:01:54 10 Q. what was his name?  
11 A. James Bundu.  
12 MS WIAFE: Bundu, B-U-N-D-U.  
13 Q. Mr witness, after the Chief Kamajor had told you that he  
14 was going to kill your son and your three nephews, what  
17:02:21 15 did you do?  
16 A. I ask them, "why are you going to kill them?" They said  
17 that I had not permit my children to join the Kamajor  
18 society. They said, "There is no individual in this  
19 section who does not join the Kamajors, and whosoever  
17:02:49 20 does not join us now classed as a rebel."  
21 Q. Now, Mr witness, apart from the Chief Kamajor, who else  
22 was at the court barri?  
23 A. There are a lot of them, but I'll name some.  
24 Q. Yes, go on.  
17:03:42 25 A. Alhaji Hassan Sheriff, battalion commander; Gibril  
26 Mansaray.  
27 JUDGE BOUTET: what's the first name?  
28 MS WIAFE: Alhaji Hassan Sheriff.  
29 JUDGE BOUTET: The other one?

1 MS WIAFE: Gibril Mansaray.  
2 THE WITNESS: Gibril Mansaray, secretary to the Kamajors.  
3 Sundifu Samuka, another battalion commander.  
4 MS WIAFE:  
17:04:35 5 Q. Mr witness, can you spell the name?  
6 A. [No interpretation] And Joseph Kulagbanda, another  
7 battalion commander.  
8 Q. Can you spell the Kulagbanda?  
9 A. K-U-L-A-G-B-A-N-D-A and many others.  
17:05:22 10 Q. Having said this to you, did the Kamajors do anything?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. What did they do?  
13 A. They ask the small boy that I went with to the barri,  
14 they said they should accompany them to the stream, where  
17:05:49 15 they tied my children.  
16 Q. What did you say again? Can you go over your response?  
17 A. They asked me --  
18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who are these people?  
19 THE WITNESS: The Chief Kamajor, James Bundu, said, "That son  
17:06:15 20 whom is standing there, we are taking him to the stream  
21 where we tied your children."  
22 MS WIAFE:  
23 Q. Do you know what stream they were talking about?  
24 A. Yes, Taia River.  
17:06:50 25 Q. What was the name again?  
26 A. Taia River.  
27 Q. Can you spell it?  
28 A. T-A-I-A.  
29 Q. And do you know how far the Taia River was from the court

1 barri?  
2 A. Yes, yes.  
3 Q. How far was it?  
4 A. About 300 yards.  
17:07:36 5 Q. And did the Kamajors go to the Taia River, as they said,  
6 with your other son?  
7 A. Yes, they went with my son. Said I'll not be allowed to  
8 go there.  
9 Q. who said you wouldn't be allowed to go there?  
17:08:28 10 A. The Chief Kamajor, James Bundu.  
11 Q. Did he tell you why he wouldn't allow you to go with  
12 them?  
13 A. Yes.  
14 Q. what did he say?  
17:09:07 15 A. He said, "we're taking your son and if you follow us we  
16 are going to kill you."  
17 Q. And your son who went with the Kamajors, did he come  
18 back?  
19 A. Yes.  
17:09:51 20 Q. Did he tell you anything when he came back?  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. what did he tell you?  
23 A. He said, "Father, did you hear the gunshot four times?"  
24 I said, "Yes."  
17:10:54 25 Q. where were you at this time, when your son asked you  
26 whether you heard the gunshots?  
27 A. I was in the house where we lodged.  
28 Q. Now, Mr witness, you said you told your son you heard the  
29 gunshots. where were you when you heard those gunshots?



1 A. In the house where I was staying.  
2 Q. And how far is the house from the Taia River?  
3 A. The same 300 yards.  
4 Q. Did your son tell you anything else?  
17:12:15 5 A. Yes.  
6 Q. what did he tell you?  
7 A. He said the gunshots that he heard, the first one was  
8 Sundifu Samuka. He said, "He was the one that killed my  
9 brother."  
17:12:49 10 Q. what else did he say?  
11 A. He said the second shot --  
12 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated] Sundifu Samuka  
13 and that he was the one who killed who? The gunshot  
14 killed who?  
17:13:15 15 THE WITNESS: My son.  
16 MS WIAFE:  
17 Q. what else did he say?  
18 A. He said the second shot, Joseph Kulagbanda was the one  
19 that fired at my elder nephew.  
17:13:51 20 Q. Did he tell you what happened to your elder nephew when  
21 he was shot at?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. what happened to him?  
24 A. They shot at them four times. Said the third shot was  
17:14:31 25 wan Mohammed, he was the one that shot the other nephew.  
26 They all died and they threw them into the water.  
27 Q. Mr witness, how many people died?  
28 A. They killed three at that same spot.  
29 Q. Did your son also tell you --

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: And threw them in the river, he says?  
2 MS WIAFE: Yes.  
3 THE WITNESS: In the Taia River.  
4 MS WIAFE:  
17:15:37 5 Q. Did your son tell you what happened to the fourth person?  
6 A. Yes.  
7 Q. What did he say?  
8 A. He said the last shot -- well, it took some time before  
9 he relate; after some minutes. That last shot, that  
17:16:01 10 small nephew ran away and went down the river. He was  
11 trying to cross. As he wanted to cross, then they shot  
12 him at the back. Then he sank into the water, but he did  
13 not know whether he survived.  
14 Q. What time of the day was this report given to you by your  
17:17:19 15 son?  
16 A. It was past 6.00 o'clock in the evening.  
17 Q. Did you do anything as a result of this information?  
18 A. I did not do anything.  
19 Q. Did you make any attempt to go to the Taia River to see  
17:18:06 20 for yourself what had happened?  
21 A. Before this I had known their tactics. When the Kamajor  
22 killed somebody, no civilian would be allowed to go  
23 there. If he went there he'll also be killed. This was  
24 something that was normal. So I did not go there.  
17:18:41 25 Because they had been doing it to several people. I  
26 afraid.  
27 Q. Did you do anything else that evening?  
28 A. I did not do anything.  
29 Q. Did you ever come to know the whereabouts of the

1 nephew -- the fourth nephew?  
2 A. Yes.  
3 Q. How did you come to know about what happened to him?  
4 A. Late at night, around 9.00 o'clock, I was in my bedroom  
17:19:43 5 in the parlour.  
6 PRESIDING JUDGE: 9.00 p.m.?  
7 THE WITNESS: 9.00 p.m. in the night, yes.  
8 PRESIDING JUDGE: On the same day?  
9 THE WITNESS: Yes.  
17:20:14 10 MS WIAFE:  
11 Q. What happened in the parlour?  
12 A. I was in my room and I heard talking on the verandah.  
13 Q. Mr witness, who was talking in the verandah?  
14 A. A group of Kamajors were in the verandah. That teacher's  
17:20:31 15 son, he did not die. He did not die at all. I heard a  
16 group of Kamajors; they came to that village and they  
17 have taken him. I heard that. I said, "Oh". Then I  
18 started praying to God.  
19 Q. You said you overheard a group of Kamajors on the  
17:20:53 20 verandah saying that your fourth nephew had not died from  
21 the gunshot; is that what you're saying?  
22 A. Yes.  
23 Q. Did you make any attempt after this to locate him?  
24 PRESIDING JUDGE: That he had not died. What did they say  
17:21:32 25 thereafter? So that teacher's child had not died -- that  
26 fourth child. What else did they say?  
27 THE WITNESS: They said another group of Kamajors had taken  
28 him to Mandu, 7 miles off.  
29 MS WIAFE:

- 1 Q. Seven miles from where?
- 2 A. Seven miles from **xxxxx**, where we were.
- 3 Q. Did you make any attempt to locate him?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 17:22:18 5 Q. what did you do?
- 6 A. So early in the morning, the 30th --
- 7 Q. 30th of which month? November?
- 8 A. The next day.
- 9 Q. what did you do on that day?
- 17:22:43 10 A. So early in the morning, so I woke one of my children and
- 11 I said, "I will go to **xxxxx**. I heard that my smaller
- 12 nephew did not die." So we went on foot and went there,
- 13 7 miles. we left at 7.00 o'clock and we arrived at
- 14 9.00 o'clock.
- 17:23:27 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: 9.00 a.m. or 9.00 p.m.?
- 16 THE WITNESS: 9.00 a.m., early in the morning.
- 17 MS WIAFE:
- 18 Q. Now, Mr witness, when you arrived at **xxxx**, where did you
- 19 go specifically?
- 17:23:42 20 A. I went to the other battalion kamajor base.
- 21 Q. Can you remember where it was specifically?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Where was this?
- 24 A. At Brima Sheki's compound. All of them were there.
- 17:24:15 25 Q. Can you spell Brima Sheki?
- 26 A. Yes. B-R-I-M-A, Brima; S-H-E-K-I, Sheki.
- 27 Q. When you got to Brima Sheki's compound, what did you
- 28 find?
- 29 A. I saw this: My nephew and his mother, standing amongst

1 the Kamajors and a lot of civilians.  
2 Q. What was the condition of your nephew when you saw him?  
3 A. He was weak. He had no clothes on.  
4 Q. Mr witness, can you tell this Court what happened at  
17:25:39 5 Brima Sheki's compound that day?  
6 A. Yes.  
7 Q. Carry on.  
8 PRESIDING JUDGE: How much longer do you have to conclude with  
9 this witness?  
17:26:00 10 MS WIAFE: I have quite a bit -- quite some time.  
11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Quite some time. We are at 5.30. I think  
12 we will have to adjourn to tomorrow. We will continue  
13 with the examination-in-chief tomorrow at 9.30. The  
14 Court will resume sitting tomorrow at 9.30, please.  
17:27:23 15 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 5.30 p.m., to be  
16 reconvened on Friday, the 26th day of November 2004, at  
17 9.30 p.m.]  
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