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

FRIDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2004 9.45 a.m. TRIAL

Before the Judges:

Benjamin Mutanga Itoe, Presiding Bankole Thompson Pierre Boutet

For Chambers:

Ms Sharelle Aitchison

For the Registry:

Ms Maureen Edmonds Mr Geoff Walker

For the Prosecution:

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Mr Ibrahim Yillah Mr Kingsley Belle

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Ms Claire da Silva

For the Accused Moinina Fofana:

Mr Arrow Bockarie Mr Andrew Ianuzzi

For the Accused Allieu Kondewa:

Mr Charles Margai Mr Yada Williams

1	Friday, 26 November 2004
2	[Open Session]
3	[The witness entered court]
4	[Upon commencing at 9.45 a.m.]
5	PRESIDING JUDGE: Learned counsel, good morning. We're
6	resuming our session. We have yes, learned counsel,
7	Ms Wiafe, you may sit down for now because we have a few
8	preliminary issues we want to mention before we move on
9	to the continued examination-in-chief of this witness.
10	And we would ask Judge Boutet to address the issues which
11	we are all agreed on.
12	JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you, Mr Presiding Judge. The first issue
13	I would like to deal with is the matter that has been
14	raised by counsel for the third accused who has raised
15	this matter for I don't know how many times - but to my
16	recollection, three, if not four times - having to do
17	with the photocopying machine. The last report that we
18	had last week was that they had not yet been provided the
19	Defence, and I have seen and we have the Chamber
20	looked at the report submitted by the Principle
21	Defender's office, and we agree with her recommendation
22	that there has been undue delay in providing this
23	equipment. And today, we are taking the step of ordering
24	the Registrar to provide this equipment immediately. By
25	"immediately," we'll give the Registrar's office a week
26	to procure the equipment. If they cannot buy it, they
27	can rent it, but they have to provide it. That goes to
28	the notion of equality of arms for both the Prosecution
29	and the Defence. This is a matter that has been

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outstanding for months now, and it is time that action be 2 taken. We, therefore, order that the Registrar procure 3 the equipment to the Defence as soon as possible. 4 So I hope that that responds to your requests at this 5 time, Mr Margai, and I hope that will achieve some 6 success. 7 MR MARGAI: Thank you very much, my Lords. I appreciate that 8 on behalf of both sides of the house. But I would want 9 also to employ Your Lordships to include in the order 10 furnishing this Chamber with a photocopier as well, 11 because sometimes a document may prove necessary to be tendered. And expeditiously, we could just produce 12 13 copies as has been occasioned --14 JUDGE BOUTET: I hear you, Mr Margai. I don't do that on 15 purpose because I have been informed that the second portion of your motion, that is the one for the Court 16 17 here, has been ordered and should be installed at any moment now. So this one is in progress, and it's being 18 19 activated, so that's why. But obviously, if it is not 20 in situ within a few weeks, we will have to take action. 21 But I agree with you that this is important for the 22 proper work of this Court that we have the proper 23 equipment right here in this court. When photocopies 24 need to be done, we should have the equipment available 25 to do so. 26 MR MARGAI: I appreciate it. 27 JUDGE BOUTET: I thank you very much. The -- there are a few other matters that we would like 28

to dispose of this morning as Friday, as you know, is

motion day. We do have a few outstanding matters which we don't think will require much time and much action either.

One has to do with the order of the Court of 27 October 2004 requesting the Prosecution to submit maps. And pursuant to the order of 27 October 2004, the Prosecution has submitted the maps highlighting the specifications of the order of the -- on the 2nd of November 2004. So there are one, two, three, four, five maps that have been produced, and they highlight locations referred to in each specific count of the consolidated indictment. The Prosecution sought to have these maps admitted as exhibits.

The Defence were required to respond by the 9th of November 2004. No response has been received from the Defence apart from the Defence acceptance to admit Map 2 as an exhibit on the 4th of November 2004 upon the initial undertaking of the court-appointed counsel for the second accused who moved to ask that one of these maps be marked as an exhibit and has been marked. So the Trial Chamber could now move and would move to accept to mark all of these maps as exhibits in this trial as they have been now produced with the Court Management.

So Court Management, can we get the information as to where they are in the exhibit listings at this particular moment. I think we are at Exhibit 29, but... Next one is 30.

So we will mark these maps as follows: So Map 1, which

is the one highlighting all locations referred to in each specific count of the consolidated indictment and counts 6 and 7 that has been described as Map 1 will be marked as Exhibit 30.

Map 2 highlighting paragraphs 23 to 24 of the indictment, that one has already been marked as Exhibit 20. It may cause some confusion here, but this is the one that was tendered by the second accused on the 4th of November. So as this one is already marked as Exhibit 20, there's no requirement to mark it again. But for you to follow properly, you should know that Map 2, which is part of the same group of exhibits, is already in evidence as Exhibit 20.

Map 3, which highlights counts 1 and 2 in paragraph 25 of the indictment will be marked as Exhibit 31. Map 4 highlighting counts 3 and 4 and paragraphs 26 of the indictment is marked as Exhibit 32. And Map 5 highlighting count 5 and paragraph 27 of the indictment is marked as Exhibit 33.

And the other outstanding matter that I would like to deal with this morning has to do with the information provided to the Court by the Prosecution in the Prosecution's confidential corrigendum of Prosecution order of witnesses to be called in the third session. Filed 8 November, the Prosecution stated that "On the 1st November 2004, the Prosecution filed order of witnesses to be called in the third trial session. This gave the Trial Chamber the order of presentation and unredacted statements for witnesses numbered 37 to 43 of the witness

 trial order. In relation to this, an amended witness list was filed on the 2nd of November 2004. With both these lists, the Prosecution also informed the Trial Chamber whether it intended to ask for any additional protective measures to individual witnesses in addition to those already granted to all Prosecution witnesses.

"Witness TF2-067," which is forthcoming - I think it's the third witness from now to be called - "was classed in both the above-mentioned orders as needing basic protection. However, this witness is a child witness under the age of 18, and therefore is subcategory B witness as laid out in the Trial Chamber's decision on Prosecution motion for the modification of protective measures for witnesses handed down on the 8th of June 2004.

"As a result, the Prosecution will be seeking to have the protective measures granted to subcategory B witnesses extended to Witness TF2-067."

In this corrigendum that I've just referred to, the Prosecution state that they will be seeking to have the protective measures granted to subcategory B witnesses, i.e., closed-circuit television, to be extended to this witness TF2-067. This corrigendum is not in the form of a request for protective measure. Given that Witness TF2-067 is number 35 on the modified witness list and Witness 33 is currently testifying, it might be a good idea to ask the Prosecution to formally make any submission if they are seeking these measures so to enable the Defence to give a response in this respect at

1	this time.
2	So and we would ask that the application for
3	closed-circuit television as a protective measure not be
4	left at the time when the witness will be called to
5	testify, but should be done if at all possible and
6	feasible now or today.
7	May I ask a response from the Prosecution on this
8	matter. Mr Tavener.
9	MR TAVENER: Thank you, Your Honour. We will seek to make an
10	application today. I just need to speak to the
11	particular counsel leading that witness.
12	JUDGE BOUTET: And I would suggest that you consult with your
13	colleagues on the Defence side so if we can proceed a
14	little bit faster with this. I don't think there is any
15	requirement to go into closed session scenario as we do
16	for closed session hearing; but yet, we need to hear what
17	the information is so we can make an informed decision as
18	to whether to grant it or not.
19	MR. TAVENER: Certainly. I'll speak to Defence counsel at the
20	break.
21	JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you. So those are the only matters that
22	we have on the motions or related to motions at this
23	particular time. Unless there's any other application at
24	this time, we'll move forward to finish the evidence of
25	the witness who is already sitting.
26	Just a moment, Mr Margai.
27	[The Trial Chamber confers]
28	PRESIDING JUDGE: I just want to announce for the interest of
29	learned counsel, Dr. Jabbi, who raised the issue in Court

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- 1 that the Hinga Norman, the decision of the Hinga Norman
- 2 motion, would be known on Monday. Monday,
- 3 that's -- what's the date again? The 29th, Monday, the
- 4 29th of November. And the Tribunal will start sitting on
- 5 that day at 9.00, please, at 9.00. May the Court
- 6 Management take note of this, and all learned counsel on
- 7 both sides, please, should also take note of this. we'll
- 8 start meeting at 9.00 so that we may gain time. The
- 9 decision will take some time, and so we would need to at
- 10 least gain some time by starting earlier. So that's the
- 11 announcement that I wanted to make. Yes, Mr Jabbi.
- 12 MR JABBI: Thank you very much, my Lord.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, thank you.
- 14 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Margai, you were about to --
- 15 MR MARGAI: Yes, my Lords. I have a brief oral motion if your
- 16 Lordships are amenable to --
- JUDGE BOUTET: Yes. This is motion day, and we have opened 17
- the session on motions. Are you ready to proceed now? 18
- 19 MR MARGAI: Yes, my Lords.
- 20 JUDGE BOUTET: Please go ahead.
- 21 MR MARGAI: My Lords, we are seeking the Court's determination
- 22 and directive on the following issues which we consider
- 23 to be of fundamental importance; namely, one, whether
- 24 investigators --
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, please wait.
- 26 MR MARGAI: Sorry.
- 27 PRESIDING JUDGE: One, yes.
- MR MARGAI: One, whether investigators form part of the 28
- 29 Defence team; if so, whether they should access

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1 statements of intending witnesses for the Prosecution,
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- 2 which statements are served on the Defence team --
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Statements as --
- 4 MR MARGAI: Statements as served on the Defence team.
- 5 Secondly --
- 6 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Margai, you're talking of the statements
- 7 42 days prior to the evidence.
- 8 MR MARGAI: Yes, my Lord.
- 9 JUDGE BOUTET: These are the statements prior to --
- 10 MR MARGAI: These are the statements I'm referring to.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Prior to the evidence?
- 12 MR MARGAI: Yes, my Lords.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let's say prior to their testimony.
- 14 MR MARGAI: Prior to their testimony. Secondly, if the
- answers to one and two are in the affirmative, ought not
- the investigators to be exempt as part of the public
- 17 during closed session proceedings. During closed session
- 18 proceedings.
- 19 Thirdly, my Lords, on the question of equality of
- 20 arms, statements of witnesses tendered in this Chamber
- 21 have clearly manifested that some Prosecutors acted as
- investigators of these witnesses. And if such
- 23 Prosecutors can remain in Court during closed sessions,
- to make the doctrine of equality of arms meaningful and
- 25 equitable, ought not the same to be extended to the
- 26 investigators of the Defence team.
- 27 My Lords, this is of significance --
- 28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you through with the --
- 29 MR MARGAI: Yes, I'm now winding up. This is of significance

1	especially where statements furnished the Defence in
2	advance of a witness's testimony is invariably not
3	exhaustive, is invariably not exhaustive, but a summary
4	of what that witness will be saying in Court.
5	And this Chamber is seized of the fact that the
6	actual testimonies of witnesses to such statements far
7	outweigh the statements, albeit in summary form,
8	furnished to the Defence.
9	And my Lord, this application is made, apart from
10	the procedure made in the Rules of Evidence and Practice,
11	my Lords
12	PRESIDING JUDGE: What section, please? This application is
13	made in regards what Rules?
14	MR MARGAI: I'm referring here to Article 17.
15	PRESIDING JUDGE: Of the Statute.
16	MR MARGAI: Of the Statute captioned "Right of the accused, to
17	wit"
18	PRESIDING JUDGE: What subsection?
19	MR MARGAI: 4(B).
20	PRESIDING JUDGE: 4(B), yes.
21	MR MARGAI: 4(B). It reads: "To have adequate time and
22	facilities for the preparation of his or her Defence and
23	to communicate with counsel of his or her own choosing."
24	And also, Rule 75, my Lords, (A), which states that
25	a Judge or a Chamber may on its own motion or at the
26	request of either party or of a victim or witness
27	concerned or of the witnesses sorry, of the victims
28	and witnesses unit order appropriate measure to safeguard
29	the privacy and security of victims and witnesses

1	provided that the measures are consistent with the rights
2	of the accused.
3	My Lords, finally, your Lordships have no doubt
4	observed the presence of
5	PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Margai.
6	MR MARGAI: Yes, my Lords.
7	PRESIDING JUDGE: Can you round up, please.
8	MR MARGAI: Yes, my Lords. Your Lordships have observed, no
9	doubt, the presence of OTP interns in this Chamber, even
10	when the Chamber moves into closed session.
11	And finally, my Lords, under the general
12	provision - that is Rule 54 - which reads: "At the
13	request of either party or of its own motion, a Judge or
14	a Trial Chamber may issue such orders, summonses,
15	subpoenae, warrants, and transfer orders as may be
16	necessary for the purposes of an investigation or for the
17	preparation or conduct of the trial." This, my Lords, is
18	in furtherance of the aims of justice.
19	PRESIDING JUDGE: Article? Under Rule?
20	MR MARGAI: Rule 54, the general provision. That is all,
21	my Lords.
22	JUDGE BOUTET: I know the Presiding Judge will have a few
23	remarks for you, Mr Margai, but before I ask the
24	Presiding Judge to address you, I do have some background
25	information that I will need from you. At the end, you
26	alluded to the fact that interns are in Chamber on the
27	OTP side. I thought there were interns on the Defence
28	side as well present in the Chamber. So unless they are
29	not interns, I didn't keep the count who is what the

- 1 Defence team, but I don't know. With the third accused,
- 2 I've seen people on the Defence side that are not counsel
- 3 of record. So I presume they are interns. But I stand
- 4 to be corrected on it.
- MR MARGAI: Your Lordship is quite right. I'm also presuming 5
- 6 that they are. Because, I mean, we have not, as you
- 7 rightly stated --
- 8 JUDGE BOUTET: It's only because you raise that there were
- 9 interns on the OTP side which I have seen in and out.
- 10 MR MARGAI: Well, maybe I will amend it to be interns in
- 11 general.
- JUDGE BOUTET: Yes, fine. There are interns --12
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: You're not sure. You're sure of the other
- side, but you're not sure of this side. 14
- 15 MR MARGAI: Precisely, my Lord.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, you better limit yourself to the side 16
- 17 you're sure of, yes, because we are not very sure of the
- credentials, you know, of some learned counsel in 18
- 19 whatever designation, you know, who are appearing -- who
- 20 are sitting in this Court.
- 21 MR MARGAI: Yes.
- 22 JUDGE BOUTET: These measures, as you know and as you have
- 23 rightly pointed out, have to do with the nondisclosure to
- the public of information that may disclose the identity 24
- 25 and so on. So that is essentially the purpose of going
- 26 into closed session because on one hand it may be the
- nature of the evidence, it may be other factors that 27
- would disclose the identity of a particular witness. 28
- 29 That's the purpose essentially of these measures.

1	MR MARGAI: That's more reason why we are seeking your
2	directive so that both sides would know exactly and would
3	not be in breach of the Court's order, either
4	inadvertently or otherwise.
5	JUDGE BOUTET: Just so I do understand, I take it from your
6	application that up to now, the investigators working for
7	whoever, any accused team as such, has not been given
8	access to this information. Do I take it to be the case?
9	In other words, the investigators working for the third
10	accused - I'll use your case as an example - have not
11	been given access to statements that have been disclosed
12	to your client. Is it the case now?
13	MR MARGAI: No. The case is that we normally give them a
14	resume of what is expected, and we instruct them to go
15	and investigate.
16	JUDGE BOUTET: Because I have just been given a copy of one of
17	our decisions on protective measures. It has never
18	I'll read to you one of the subparagraph.
19	"The Defence shall maintain a log indicating the
20	name, address, and position of each person or identity
21	person or entity which receives a copy of or
22	information from a witness statement, report, or summary
23	of expected testimony, or any other nonpublic material,
24	as well as the date of disclosure, and that the Defence
25	shall ensure that the person to whom such information was
26	disclosed follows the order of nonpublic disclosure."
27	MR MARGAI: We're aware of that.
28	JUDGE BOUTET: So that's the access to that information. I
29	know your application had to do with closed session as

- 1 well. But whether it is closed session or not, any 2 information disclosed to you or to an accused as such, investigators that are part of your team do come within 3 4 that description that I've just mentioned. And all you 5 have the obligation to do is to maintain that log and 6 getting their name and what information they have been 7 given access to. So there's no limit as to how much 8 information they may be given access to pursuant to those 9 protective measures. But we'll look into that in greater 10 details because you've asked for a determination. 11 MR MARGAI: As my Lords please. JUDGE BOUTET: The closed session, we'll look very, very 12 13 attentively to that application. 14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Margai, let me get you very clearly on 15 what you appear to have stated on the record. You raised the issue of equality of arms. And that whilst 16 17 PROSECUTORS who have acted as investigators are in this Court during closed sessions, you asked yourself the 18 19 question "within the context of equality of arms, ought 20 not for purposes of equity this right to be extended to the investigators of the Defence?" That is the question 21 22 you asked. MR MARGAI: That is the question. 23 PRESIDING JUDGE: I wanted to get that clearly on record. MR MARGAI: That is the question. PRESIDING JUDGE: Right.
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- 27 JUDGE THOMPSON: Mr Margai, I'm not interested in the
- 28 substantive merits of this particular motion. I have a
- 29 procedural point. Considering the scope and breadth of

1 this particular application, it would seem to me, and you 2 probably want to respond to that, perhaps this would be an appropriate motion to be filed in writing so that this 3 4 Court can have the benefit of - again, extending the 5 equality of arms concept - the benefit of some extensive research on this issue. And that would be my own purely 6 7 procedural. I do not intend to examine at this stage; 8 I'm not in a position to do the merits of the 9 application. 10 MR MARGAI: If that is the wish of the Court --PRESIDING JUDGE: As a matter of fact --11 JUDGE THOMPSON: That's my view. 12 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: -- I was whispering this to my colleagues 14 right and left to say that this motion is too heavy. 15 MR MARGAI: That was not my intention anyway. PRESIDING JUDGE: It's too heavy; and legally, it poses very, 16 very interesting issues of law which we have to address. 17 MR MARGAI: Considered, my Lord. 18 19 PRESIDING JUDGE: And in this light, I was really informing my 20 colleagues that we don't have a need to call on the 21 Prosecution to respond because we want to gain time. And 22 so we have you on record as to what you've said. What we 23 would be asking you, if you so wish to pursue these arguments, to come in the form of a formal, written 24 25 motion which will be served on the parties as usual and 26 which will enable the Chamber to give a proper examination of the issues you have raised. 27

PRESIDING JUDGE: We consider these issues very, very

MR MARGAI: I --

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- 1 important.
- 2 MR MARGAI: I couldn't agree more with you. I mean, the
- points raised are far-reaching, and perhaps it would do 3
- 4 justice to all sides if that course were to be adopted.
- 5 We shall endeavour to do that.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Please. 6
- 7 MR MARGAI: Yes, my Lords.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: The earlier the better. Because of the
- 9 implications, I think you need to move fast with your
- 10 motion so that you give us enough time to really
- 11 deliberate on it and come out with what we think are the
- right replies and the right directives which should be 12
- 13 given for the purposes of enabling everybody here to
- proceed with the work and the business of the Tribunal. 14
- 15 MR MARGAI: Thank you.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE: All right.
- JUDGE BOUTET: So unless there are other motions that I am not 17
- familiar with, we're going to go back to the business 18
- 19 that we had on schedule for this morning, which is the
- 20 continuation of the evidence of the witness who is on the
- 21 stand at this particular moment.
- 22 So Madam Prosecutor, you were about to embark into a
- 23 new direction with the witness. So we'll ask you to just
- 24 go back to where you were and take it from there, please.
- 25 MS WIAFE: Thank you, Your Honour.
- 26 JUDGE BOUTET: So we're back, for the record, with Witness
- 27 TF2-088.
- MS WIAFE: Yes, Your Honour. 28
- 29 WITNESS: TF2-088 [Continued]

- 1 [Witness answered through interpretation]
- 2 EXAMINED BY MS WIAFE:
- 3 Mr Witness, we are continuing your story this morning. I Q.
- 4 would like you to endeavour as much as possible to speak
- 5 slowly so the interpreters can interpret properly what
- 6 you are saying.
- 7 Okay. Α.
- 8 So Witness, before we adjourned yesterday, you told this Q.
- 9 Court that you went to xxxxxxx; and specifically, that you
- 10 went to xxxxxxx xxxxxxx compound. You also said that you
- found a number of Kamajors assembled there. Can you tell 11
- 12 this Court what happened when you got to xxxxxxx xxxxxxx 13 compound.
- 14 Α. Yes.
- Please tell us. 15 Q.
- When I went there, I met my nephew and his mother in the 16 Α.
- 17 middle -- in the middle of the Kamajors.
- 18 Q. Did anything happen to them?
- 19 Α. Yes.
- Tell the Court what happened. 20 Q.
- 21 As I was looking at my nephew and his mother, then Alhaji Α.
- 22 Hassan Sherrif and the other four came down, alighted
- 23 from a vehicle and went there.
- 24 Ο. who came?
- Alhaji Hassan Sherrif , the battalion commander, and 25
- 26 chief Kamajor, and the sentry to the Kamajors and the
- 27 four commanders.
- 28 You mean they came to the compound? Q.
- 29 They came to xxxxxxx xxxxxxx compound where we were. Α.

- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can you take the enumeration of those people
- 2 again, slowly, please.
- 3 MS WTAFF:
- 4 Q. Can you go over the names again.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Slowly.
- 6 MS. WIAFE: Slowly this time.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Alhaji Sherrif.
- 8 THE WITNESS: The battalion commander James Bundu, the chief
- 9 Kamajor.
- 10 MS WIAFE:
- 11 Q. What was the name of the battalion commander?
- 12 A. Alhaji Hassan Sherrif. Alhaji Hassan Sherrif. That's
- the name.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE: And Bundu, the chief Kamajor?
- 15 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes, sir.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who else?
- 17 THE WITNESS: Then Gibril Mansaray, their clerk. Then Sundifu
- 18 Samuka and Joseph Kulagbanda.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Kulagbanda, how do you spell that one,
- 20 please?
- 21 THE WITNESS: K-U-L-A-G-B-A-N-D-A.
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated]
- 23 THE WITNESS: Yes. They alighted from the vehicle. They went
- 24 where we were.
- 25 MS WIAFE:
- 26 Q. What, if anything, did they do when they arrived?
- 27 A. They called the battalion commander that they met at the
- scene that they should all enter the parlour. Then they
- went there.

1 JUDGE BOUTET: Which battalion commander?

- 2 THE WITNESS: Earnest Blango Kandapa.
- 3 MS WIAFE:
- 4 Q. Can you spell the name.
- 5 A. Earnest, E-A-R-N-E-S-T. Blango, B-L-A-N-G-O. Kandapa,
- 6 K-A-D-A-N-D-A [as interpreted].
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Kadanda?
- 8 THE WITNESS: Kandapa. K-A-N-D-A-P-A.
- 9 MS WIAFE:
- 10 Q. And he was battalion commander of what locality?
- 11 A. Base 2, Mandu.
- 12 Q. Did you go into this parlour with them?
- 13 A. Never. I didn't go there.
- 14 Q. And did they come out again?
- 15 A. Yes, they came out. All of them that entered came out.
- 16 Q. What happened when they came out?
- 17 A. Then the chief Kamajor said: "You, Jeneba, you were the
- 18 town mother."
- 19 Q. Can you spell Jeneba.
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 O. Spell it.
- 22 A. J-E-N-E-B-A.
- 23 Q. And who was Jeneba?
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE: She was the town mother.
- 25 THE WITNESS: Yes. They asked her if she was the town mother.
- 26 PRESIDING JUDGE: You said Jeneba was whose mother?
- 27 THE WITNESS: She is Daddy's mother?
- 28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who is Daddy? Say "nephew," please. Jeneba
- is your nephew. Your nephew was captured.

- JUDGE THOMPSON: You say Jeneba was your xxxxxxx child? 1
- 2 THE WITNESS: Yes, my xxxxxxx child.
- 3 JUDGE THOMPSON: XXXXXXX XXXXXXX
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: And what is he to your niece? What is she
- 6 to your nephew?
- MS WIAFE: 7
- 8 What is the relationship between Jeneba and your nephew?
- 9 It is the child. Α.
- 10 JUDGE BOUTET: I'm slightly confused. Is Jeneba the witness's
- 11 sister?
- PRESIDING JUDGE: I'm not sure it extends like that, you know. 12
- 13 MS WIAFE: He's some relation. I'm not sure what the exact
- 14 relationship is, Your Honour. But he's related to her in
- 15 a way.
- JUDGE BOUTET: He's related to Jeneba, and she is the mother 16
- 17 of the xxxxxxx nephew?
- PRESIDING JUDGE: As a matter of fact, the nephew is not the 18
- 19 sister's child.
- 20 JUDGE BOUTET: Let's move on.
- 21 MS WIAFE: Thank you, Your Honour.
- 22 So Mr Witness, what happened after this? You were saying
- 23 what the Kamajors told Jeneba. And you said they said
- she was a town mother. Who is a town mother? What do 24
- 25 you refer to as "town mother"?
- 26 Α. Town mother is a person that got captured by the rebels,
- 27 under their custody, and she was not allowed to go
- anywhere. She was a cook for them. 28
- 29 Do you know which village Jeneba was town mother of? Q.

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- 1 Α. Yes, yes.
- 2 Q. Which village was this?
- 3 Α. XXXXXXX.
- 4 MS WIAFE: Your Honours, that is spelled xxxxxxx
- 5 Did anything happen to Jeneba?
- 6 JUDGE THOMPSON: Learned counsel, I'm a little confused here
- 7 because the evidence, as far as I recollect it, is that
- 8 they accused her or they questioned her whether she was
- 9 town mother, and then your question said -- without any
- 10 kind of intervening question, you asked of which town was
- 11 she town mother.
- MS WIAFE: Yes. 12
- 13 JUDGE THOMPSON: Of course, you asked who is a town mother.
- 14 But how do we make this leap from the accusation that she
- 15 was a town mother, which we don't know whether was true
- 16 or not, to what -- where was she town mother of.
- MS WIAFE: I just wanted to clarify the record. 17
- JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, because I was left with that kind of 18
- 19 difficulty.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: I was, too.
- 21 JUDGE THOMPSON: Because it's an accusation. We don't know
- 22 whether she admitted it.
- 23 MS WIAFE: Okay.
- Now, Mr Witness, what was Jeneba's response to this 24 Q.
- 25 accusation?
- 26 Α. She told them that I was captured by the rebels. They
- 27 said if I escaped from them, they would kill me. They
- asked me to be cooking for them. On account of that, 28
- 29 they made me the town mother.

- JUDGE THOMPSON: All right. Good, thank you. 1
- 2 MS WIAFE:
- 3 So, Witness, what happened at this point? Q.
- 4 Α. Then they said they would kill me for that because they
- 5 said she had joined them.
- 6 Q. They said they would kill you?
- 7 They said they would kill Jeneba. They would kill her Α.
- 8 because she had joined the rebels, because she was the
- 9 town mother.
- 10 Who said this? 0.
- 11 The chief Kamajor, James Bundu.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: I'm afraid I'm lost here. She was the town 12
- 13 mother for who? I don't have it on the notes that she
- was town mother for the area --14
- 15 MS WIAFE: For the rebels.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, she was town mother for the rebels. 16
- And what did she say? 17
- MS WIAFE: And then she said she was forced to be town mother, 18
- 19 according to the witness's response.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: That was the reply she gave to them?
- 21 MS WIAFE: Yes.
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE: What I have here is she said the rebels
- 23 captured her. That is what she replied.
- 24 MS WIAFE: Yes.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mm-hmm. Yes, you may proceed, please.
- 26 MS WIAFE:
- 27 Q. And Mr Witness, what did the Kamajors do after Jeneba's
- 28 response?
- 29 They said they would kill her. They removed her from Α.

- 1 where she was. They took her under a mango tree.
- 2 And who took her to under a mango tree? Q.
- Joseph Kulagbanda and Sundifu Samuka. 3 Α.
- 4 Q. What happened at the mango tree?
- 5 Α. They called Philip Mboma to shoot at her. Then he shot
- 6 her.
- Philip Mboma? 7 Q.
- 8 Philip Mboma. Α.
- 9 Can you spell that, please. Q.
- 10 Philip, P-H-I-L-I-P, Mboma, M-B-O-M-A. Α.
- 11 Q. And who was this Philip Mboma?
- He was another battalion commander based at Mandu. 12
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Another battalion commander based at --
- 14 THE WITNESS: He was a commander.
- 15 MS WIAFE: He was a commander.
- THE WITNESS: A commander. 16
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Based in? 17
- MS WIAFE: Mandu. 18
- 19 THE WITNESS: Based at Mandu.
- 20 MS WIAFE:
- 21 Ο. So did Philip Mboma shoot Jeneba?
- 22 A. Yes, he shot her.
- Q. Did she die? 23
- A. He shot -- when he shot her, she did not fall down. 24
- 25 said: Hey, you have killed me. He took a cutlass, and
- 26 then cut her neck.
- So what happened to Jeneba after she was cut? 27
- 28 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is the same Philip Mboma took a
- cutlass? 29

- MS WIAFE: 1
- 2 Was it the same Philip Mboma --Q.
- 3 Yes, the same Philip Mboma. Α.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: And cut her neck?
- 5 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: How did he cut her neck? 6
- THE WITNESS: On the side. 7
- 8 MS WIAFE:
- 9 And what happened to Jeneba after they cut? Q.
- 10 Α. She fell down on the ground and died.
- 11 Q. Mr Witness, how far was the mango tree from where you
- 12 were standing?
- 13 It would not be up to 7 yards. Α.
- 14 Did anything else happen after Jeneba was killed? Q.
- 15 Α. Yes.
- 16 Q. What happened?
- Then they came down to Daddy, and "Were you the one that 17 Α.
- was shot at yesterday that did not die? Now, you're 18
- 19 going to die."
- 20 Q. And who said this?
- 21 Α. The same James Bundu, the chief Kamajor.
- 22 [HN261104B 10.43 a.m.]
- 23 Did Daddy give you any response? Q.
- Daddy didn't say anything. The only Daddy said a word. 24 Α.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, remove the word "Daddy". You said
- 26 nephew.
- 27 THE WITNESS: My nephew.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: [Overlapping speakers] understand the 28
- context in which the word "nephew" is used. 29

- 1 MS WIAFE:
- 2 Q. What if anything happened to Daddy?
- 3 A. They said, "You, the rebel's king, Joseph, was sending
- 4 you to go and fetch fish -- catch fish for him. Now
- 5 we're going to kill you." He was held by his foot.
- 6 Q. Mr Witness, who said this?
- 7 A. The same James Bundu was cross-examining him.
- 8 Q. And what did James Bundu say again?
- 9 A. He said, "You were the one Smith Joseph, the rebel king,
- 10 used to send to catch fish for him. So you, too, are
- 11 part of the rebels, because you have been working for
- 12 them. So we're going to kill you."
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Overlapping speakers] what name has he
- 14 called?
- 15 MS WIAFE: Smith Joseph.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Smith Joseph is who?
- 17 MS WIAFE: A rebel king.
- 18 THE WITNESS: The rebel king for all of Valunia Chiefdom.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, hold on. Smith who?
- 20 THE WITNESS: Smith Joseph, Smith Joseph.
- 21 MS WIAFE:
- 22 Q. Who's a rebel king?
- 23 A. [Interpretation interrupted]
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE: The rebel king used him to go and catch fish
- 25 for him?
- 26 MS WIAFE: Yes.
- 27 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 28 MS WIAFE:
- 29 Q. Who is a rebel king?

- He's a person when the rebels came and settled in 1 Α.
- 2 Nyandehun, he was one of the citizens appointed to be the
- overall boss in charge of them. So he was -- so they 3
- appointed Smith Joseph to be their superior leader and
- 5 called him rebel king.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE: When they settled where again?
- 7 THE WITNESS: Nyandehun, the same Nyandehun.
- 8 MS WIAFE:
- 9 was anything else said after this? Q.
- 10 Yes. So they held him by his hands and his two foot. Α.
- 11 They took him and placed him over the corpse of his
- 12 mother's corpse.
- What happened to your nephew? 13 Q.
- The same Philip Mboma that killed his mother brought a 14 Α.
- 15 cutlass and then cut him into two.
- What happened to him after he was cut into two? 16
- PRESIDING JUDGE: When he says he was cut into two, I mean, 17
- it's not that easy to cut somebody into two. 18
- 19 THE WITNESS: When he was cut, the head went one way and then
- 20 the foot the other way.
- 21 MS WIAFE:
- 22 What was used in cutting him?
- 23 A long cutlass that was with them.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: So it would be right to say that he cut off 24
- 25 his neck?
- 26 MS WIAFE: I'm not sure whether it was the neck.
- 27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Because he says that the head fell one way
- 28 and the body remained one way.
- MS WIAFE: 29

- Q. At which part of the body was cut? 1
- A. It is here, it was cut off completely. The feet went the 2
- 3 other -- right in the middle, the other way. He was cut
- 4 off.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Then it must have taken some time.
- THE WITNESS: When he was cut off, he was bowed down on the 6
- 7 ground by Sherrif. All the intestines came out. The
- 8 other part went this way and the other, the other way.
- 9 MS WIAFE:
- 10 Did he die? 0.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, wait, wait. Yes, please?
- 12 MS WIAFE:
- So did Daddy die? 13 Q.
- Α. 14 Yes, he die straight off.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, the Witness Protection Unit, please.
- 16 Can you take care of the witness, please?
- JUDGE BOUTET: Close the mike. Mr Witness, you're okay? 17
- Thank you. 18
- 19 MS WIAFE:
- 20 Q. Mr Witness, can I carry on?
- 21 Α. Yes.
- 22 Q. What did you do after this incident?
- My other child was called. They called my other child, 23 Α.
- 24 with whom I had gone to the place.
- 25 Who called your other son -- your other child? Q.
- 26 Α. This now was Gibril Mansaray, the clerk of the Kamajors.
- 27 Do you know why he was called? Q.
- When they spoke was the time I heard that I knew. 28 Α.
- 29 What did they say? Q.

- A. They said, "You are a civilian. We'll call another 1
- 2 civilian to go and dig a grave for the civilians killed."
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Who said so? Not "they". Let him be 3
- 4 specific.
- 5 MS WIAFE:
- Who said this? 6 Ο.
- 7 Gibril Mansaray, the clerk. Α.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: And that, as a civilian, he will do what?
- 9 MS WIAFE: Dig a grave.
- 10 THE WITNESS: They will dig a hole to bury.
- 11 MS WIAFE:
- Q. Was a hole dug? 12
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you referring to it as a hole or a
- 15 grave?
- MS WIAFE: 16
- Was a grave dug? 17
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Was it a grave or a hole? Please, let us 18
- 19 know.
- 20 THE WITNESS: I didn't go there, but they went there and dig a
- 21 grave. They went there and dug a grave.
- MS WIAFE: 22
- As far as you know, were they buried? 23
- I saw them come and take Jeneba away. 24 Α.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who came? Please, learned counsel, guide
- 26 him on specificities. We need them. Not, "they came".
- Who came? We need to know who attended and who did what. 27
- It is important. 28
- 29 MS WIAFE: Yes, Your Honour.

- THE WITNESS: The two civilians who had dug the grave, I don't 1
- 2 know them.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who were the two civilians who went to dig
- 4 the grave?
- 5 MS WIAFE:
- 6 Ο. who were the two civilians who dug the grave?
- 7 My son and other four civilians were appointed to go and Α.
- 8 dig the grave, but the others I don't know them. I
- 9 didn't know who they were.
- 10 Q. And who took Jeneba away?
- 11 After they had finished, they came and reported and they
- 12 said they should take the body along. Two of the five
- 13 people who had dug the grave came and held her by the
- 14 hand, dragged her along till they took her away.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: The two who?
- THE WITNESS: Two of the grave diggers. 16
- PRESIDING JUDGE: That is your nephew and the other civilian 17
- 18 who you do not know?
- 19 THE WITNESS: My son -- [Interpretation interrupted]
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: It's not your son. Call him your nephew.
- 21 He's not even your nephew.
- 22 MS WIAFE: Your Honour, the nephew was the one who was killed.
- JUDGE BOUTET: It was his son. 23
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE: The people, you know, who came and carried
- 25 the --
- 26 JUDGE BOUTET: That was his son.
- 27 THE WITNESS: I don't know them. One of my sons was among.
- 28 MR MARGAI: [Overlapping speakers] -- the Presiding Judge,
- 29 because as per the evidence his two sons had been killed.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Of course.

- 2 MS WIAFE: Your Honour, that's not the evidence.
- 3 JUDGE THOMPSON: That's not correct.
- 4 MS WIAFE: The evidence is that his nephew was killed and he
- 5 went to Mandu with his son. That is the evidence.
- 6 JUDGE THOMPSON: Quite right.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE: It is this son who was now transporting --
- 8 who became the grave digger.
- 9 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes.
- 10 MS WIAFE: Yes. He was requested by Gibril Mansaray
- 11 specifically to dig the grave.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE: The specificity I wanted was who? They had
- gone to dig the grave. Who now came to take the corpses
- 14 for burial?
- 15 MS WIAFE: He was saying that there were five people and two
- 16 civilians that he did not witness -- but I'll allow the
- 17 witness to clarify that.
- 18 Q. Mr Witness, who took the body away?
- 19 A. The civilians who had dug the grave, two of them came,
- and they asked them to take the woman along. So they
- 21 dragged her by the hand till they took her away.
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who were the two civilians?
- 23 THE WITNESS: Out of the five who had come to dig the grave.
- I don't know them at all.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Your son was not among those who came?
- 26 THE WITNESS: My son stayed at the graveside with two others.
- There were five: My child and four others.
- 28 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Overlapping speakers] -- to collect the
- 29 corpses for burial? It's two civilians.

- THE WITNESS: They left at the grave -- they stayed at the 1
- 2 grave site - my child and the other two civilians. The
- 3 other two came.
- 4 JUDGE BOUTET: There were a total of five doing the digging?
- 5 MS WIAFE: Yes.
- JUDGE BOUTET: Of those five, two civilians took Jeneba --6
- 7 MS WIAFE: Jeneba away.
- 8 JUDGE BOUTET: They took her away. The three others remained
- 9 by the grave or the hole?
- 10 MS WIAFE: Yes, that's as far as I have established.
- 11 JUDGE BOUTET: And of those three, one was his son?
- PRESIDING JUDGE: It's quite clear now. 12
- MS WIAFE: Yes. 13
- Where did they take Jeneba? 14 Q.
- 15 Α. They took her towards the place where they had dug the
- 16 grave, but I didn't go there.
- Do you know what happened to Daddy's body? 17
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Please. Why don't you wait a bit, please. 18
- 19 MS WIAFE:
- 20 Q. Mr Witness, do you know what happened to your nephew's
- 21 body?
- 22 Α. Yes.
- What happened to the body? 23 Q.
- The other two civilians who were taking Jeneba away, came 24 Α.
- 25 back to bury Daddy. They protested that he had sheets on
- 26 him. So they said they should remove the clothing that
- 27 was on his mother, so they could wrap it around him. So
- they brought the dress and they took the two parts of his 28
- 29 body and put it in those dresses and took it away.

- Mr Witness, how long did you stay in Mandu that day? 1 Q.
- 2 I was there from 9.00 o'clock till 1.00. Α.
- Did you leave after 1.00? 3 Q.
- 4 Α. Yes.
- 5 Q. Where did you go?
- 6 Α. My child came -- my son came and he told me that, "Papa,
- 7 we've buried the corpses, Jeneba." Straightaway we moved
- 8 and came to Bomaru [sic].
- 9 Where? Q.
- 10 Guma -- Gumahun. We came to xxxxxxx from where we were. Α.
- 11 You went from Mandu to where? You were at Mandu. Where
- did you go from Mandu? 12
- 13 JUDGE BOUTET: To his village.
- 14 THE WITNESS: We came back to xxxxxxx.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: It will be correct to say that his son must
- have told him that they've buried both Jeneba and the 16
- 17 nephew, because he's only related the report to Jeneba.
- THE WITNESS: They killed them there and they buried them 18
- 19 there.
- 20 MS WIAFE:
- 21 Ο. Did anything else happen that day?
- When we returned to xxxxxxx at night, at 7.00, they 22 Α.
- summoned us to the court barri. 23
- Who summoned you to the court barri? 24 Q.
- 25 It was James Bundu who sent John Rainbo, another Α.
- 26 commander, who called us to the court barri.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: 7.00 a.m. or 7.00 p.m.? 27
- THE WITNESS: 7.00 p.m. at night. 28
- 29 PRESIDING JUDGE: And who called them -- Bundu?

- 1 MS WIAFE:
- 2 Q. Who called you?
- 3 Α. It was James Bundu who sent John Rainbo, another
- 4 commander, whom he sent to come and collect me to go to
- 5 the court barri.
- 6 Q. Can you spell Rainbo?
- 7 Yes, R-A-I-N-B-O. Α.
- 8 Did you go to the court barri? Q.
- 9 Α. Yes.
- 10 What did you find when you went to the court barri? Ο.
- 11 Α. I see many commanders and other Kamajors.
- 12 So what happened when you got to the barri? Q.
- They asked me, "Were you the one that was calling us 13 Α.
- cannibals?" 14
- 15 Q. who asked you?
- James Bundu, the Chief Kamajor. 16 Α.
- Did you give any reply? 17 Q.
- Yes, I answered. 18 Α.
- 19 What did you say? Q.
- 20 Α. When they asked me, I stood for a while. I didn't want
- 21 to answer. And they said if I didn't answer they would
- 22 give me FM. Then I said, "Yes, I said it."
- 23 When did you say this? Q.
- At the same time they called me. I said it when I was 24 Α.
- 25 coming from Mandu, coming on the way. I was discussing
- 26 with my son. Then I said to him that the attitude of the
- 27 Kamajors were just like cannibals. That was on the
- 28 roadside on our way to Gumahun.
- 29 PRESIDING JUDGE: He said it only to his son?

- MS WIAFE: He said it to his son on their way. 1
- 2 THE WITNESS: To my son, and other peoples were at the back
- 3 whilst we were coming on the way.
- 4 MS WIAFE:
- 5 Q. What did the Kamajors do when you said this?
- 6 Α. They said, "We'll show you what cannibalism is. We'll
- 7 show you that we are cannibals now."
- 8 Did anything happen to you? Q.
- 9 Α. Yes.
- 10 Tell us what happened? Ο.
- 11 In the first place they had wanted to put me in a cell.
- 12 If you want me to describe the cell, I'll describe it.
- 13 They said they would put me up in the cell first.
- 14 Did they put you in the cell? Q.
- 15 Α. No, they didn't put me there. They said they had another
- 16 punishment which was heavier than the cell.
- I want to know what they actually did to you? 17 Q.
- I was grabbed by my feet and placed on the ground. They 18 Α.
- 19 stripped me naked, they tore my trousers, everything. I
- 20 didn't have anything on my body.
- 21 Ο. what happened to you after they stripped you naked?
- 22 Α. They called for an FM and they brought it. My hands were
- 23 placed at my back and they tied me with that FM rope.
- 24 Who tied you with this FM rope? Q.
- 25 Gibril Mansaray was there, Joseph Kulagbanda, John Α.
- 26 Rainbo, Sundifu Samuka.
- 27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who tied you?
- THE WITNESS: Gibril Mansaray, he brought the rope. And it 28
- 29 was held by the others: Joseph Kulagbanda, Sundifu

- 1 Samuka, John Rainbo. Then they started tying me up.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Gibril Mansaray brought the rope and who
- 3 were those who were tying you? Let's have the names.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Joseph Kulagbanda, Sundifu Samuka and John
- 5 Rainbo.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Joseph Kulagbanda --
- 7 THE WITNESS: Sundifu Samuka and John Rainbo.
- 8 MS WIAFE:
- 9 what happened after you were tied? Q.
- 10 Then James Bundu brought a lot of charcoal and it was Α.
- 11 being broken on the cement.
- What was done with the charcoal? 12 Q.
- 13 They brought white clay and put it in the charcoal and Α.
- 14 they soaked it with water, and they started painting my
- 15 body with this all over.
- 16 Q. Mr Witness, can you go a little bit more slowly?
- PRESIDING JUDGE: They brought the charcoal to the place and 17
- 18 they started breaking it on the ground?
- 19 THE WITNESS: It was being broken by stone. It was ground to
- 20 a fine beat.
- 21 MS WIAFE:
- 22 Q. And you said something else was added to the charcoal?
- They brought some ashes from a fireplace and it was mixed 23 Α.
- with it. 24
- 25 What was done with the mixture? Q.
- 26 Α. They added water to it and they smeared it on my body to
- 27 disguise me.
- Did they do anything else to you? 28 Q.
- 29 Α. Yes.

- What did they do -- the Kamajors do? 1 Q.
- 2 They brought pepper, they put it in a tin metal cup and Α.
- 3 rubbed it on my penis. They said it's Vaseline.
- 4 Q. Who brought this pepper?
- 5 Α. It's the same James Bundu, the Chief Kamajor.
- 6 Q. Mr Witness, what else happened to you?
- 7 I lay down there for a while and they told me that they Α.
- 8 wanted to release me but I should pay 5,000 leones.
- 9 Did you pay the 5,000 leones? Q.
- 10 Before I paid, I asked them to bring the shirt which they Α.
- 11 had removed from me, that there was money in the shirt,
- 41,000 leones. 12
- Go on, Mr Witness, what happened? 13 Q.
- 14 Then they started asking one and other, "Who took his Α.
- 15 shirt? Who took his shirt?" Then I said, "Yes, I know,
- it's James Bundu who took my shirt." 16
- Did anybody bring the shirt? 17 Q.
- Yes, he call one of his bodyguards. James Bundu had a 18 Α.
- 19 bodyguard -- one of his bodyguard. He brought the shirt,
- 20 then they give it to him.
- 21 Ο. What happened to the shirt?
- 22 Α. I told them to open the pocket on the chest and I said,
- "There is money there -- was 41,000." I asked them to 23
- 24 take the 5,000 leones and return the difference to me.
- 25 Did this happen? Q.
- 26 Α. Yes. When they opened it, they saw an envelope, and they
- 27 said it's only an envelope. Then I told them to open the
- 28 envelope. They opened it and they saw the sum of 41,000
- 29 leones in it.

- 1 Q. What happened to the 41,000 leones?
- 2 A. James Bundu stepped on my stomach and told me that I was
- 3 not the owner of the money, that I came here without any
- 4 shirt on my body. So I told him that I couldn't be
- 5 walking around without any clothes on my body. I told
- 6 him, "It's my shirt," and he said, "No, you're not the
- owner. In fact, you're not the owner of this money."
- 8 They didn't give it to me.
- 9 Q. So what eventually happened to the 41,000 leones,
- 10 Mr Witness?
- 11 A. They didn't give it to me, because they said it's not my
- 12 money, and they beat me up for it.
- 13 Q. Mr Witness, were you ever released by the Kamajors that
- 14 day?
- 15 A. Yes, they released me, but something happened.
- 16 Q. Tell the Court what happened?
- 17 A. They called about 13 commanders, that they should queue.
- 18 Q. Who called 13 commanders?
- 19 A. James Bundu, the Chief Kamajor.
- 20 Q. Called 13 commanders to do what?
- 21 A. He told them that, "This man had called me a thief,
- because that money that he had in his pocket, which he
- 23 laid claims to -- so he has told lies." He said I am
- lying. "So each one of you should give him 10 lashes."
- 25 Q. Were you given those lashes?
- 26 A. Yes.
- 27 Q. How many lashes were you given in total, if you remember?
- 28 A. Each one of them beat me ten. And someone come one,
- two, three, four, five, six, seven, on different parts of

1 my body. Each ten. I was almost going to die and if I

- 2 shook at all, they beat me some more.
- 3 Q. Mr Witness, you said the Kamajors asked for 5,000 leones
- for your release. Was that ever paid?
- 5 A. After they have beaten me up, one lady came and said,
- 6 "This is my sister's husband. I volunteer to pay that
- 7 money." And they said, "Pay, pay." And the woman took
- 8 her lappa and they can give it to them, that she was
- 9 going to collect the money from her house.
- 10 Q. What did she give to them?
- 11 A. She came and paid the 5,000 leones and her dress was
- 12 given back to her. So they asked her to bring razor
- 13 blade to remove the rope that had gone into my skin. So
- she brought the razor blade and they started cutting the
- 15 rope which had gone into my skin. The scars are here
- 16 where they wounded me.
- 17 Q. Were you released after this?
- 18 A. Yes, they released me and I went to my house.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE: You say you have the scars. Where are they?
- 20 THE WITNESS: Look at it, sir, many of them.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, can the Defence -- where are they?
- 22 Let's see them. Are you seeing them there?
- 23 JUDGE BOUTET: The scars are on both of your arms at the upper
- part of your arms.
- 25 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 26 JUDGE BOUTET: Around the elbow.
- 27 PRESIDING JUDGE: The Court has verified and seen the scars
- shown by this witness, for the records.
- 29 MR MARGAI: I beg your pardon, My Lords?

- PRESIDING JUDGE: I said the Court has seen the scars. 1
- 2 MR MARGAI: We who are closest to him have difficulty in --
- PRESIDING JUDGE: I have seen them from here. 3
- 4 MR MARGAI: As My Lord pleases.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: I have seen them from here. Raise your hand
- again. It's very accurate. Look at them there. I'm 6
- 7 seeing them there. Are you contesting them? You could
- 8 do that, you know, during your cross-examination.
- 9 MR MARGAI: As My Lord pleases.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: For the records, please.
- 11 MS WIAFE:
- Mr Witness, I'd like to take you to April 22nd of 1999. 12 Q.
- 13 Do you recall that date?
- 14 Α. Yes.
- 15 Q. Where were you on that date?
- PRESIDING JUDGE: April what? 16
- MS WIAFE: 22nd, 1999. 17
- Where were you at that time? 18 Q.
- 19 I was at xxxxxxx, a small village. Α.
- 20 Q. Can you spell xxxxxxx?
- 21 Α. Yes, xxxxxxx
- 22 Q. Which district is xxxxxxx?
- Bo District, xxxxxxx Chiefdom. 23 Α.
- Who was in charge of security at xxxxxxx in April of 24 Q.
- 25 1999?
- 26 Α. It was the Kamajors who were on the ground in the whole
- of Valunia Chiefdom. 27
- Did anything important happen on that day? 28 Q.
- 29 Α. Yes.

- Please tell this Court what happened? 1 Q.
- 2 But before the 22nd April something else happened. Α.
- I just want you to focus on 22nd April 1999. 3 Q.
- 4 Α. Yes, I'll say that.
- 5 Q. What happened on that day?
- 6 Α. Around 3.00 o'clock I left Kpetewoma for xxxxxxx. I had
- 7 three penny pans husk rice.
- 8 You went to xxxxxxx? Q.
- 9 Α. XXXXXXX.
- 10 MS WIAFE: Your Honour, Sembehun is S-E-M-B-E-H-U-N.
- 11 What district is Sembehun?
- It's the same Bo District. 12 Α.
- 13 What chiefdom? Q.
- xxxxxxx Chiefdom. 14 Α.
- 15 Q. Why did you go to xxxxxxx?
- 16 Α. I went to beg my sister for three penny pans husk rice.
- Did you stay in xxxxxxx? 17 Q.
- I was there for one hour and I returned. 18 Α.
- 19 Where did you return to -- xxxxxxx? Q.
- 20 Α. Late in the evening.
- 21 Ο. You said you returned. Where did you go? Back to
- 22 xxxxxxx?
- That's where I was going, there. 23 Α.
- 24 Did anything happen on your way to xxxxxxx? Q.
- 25 Yes. Α.
- 26 Q. Please tell this Court what happened?
- 27 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is on his way to --
- MS WIAFE: Kpetewoma from xxxxxxx. 28
- 29 THE WITNESS: As I was on my way, I heard my child screaming,

- 1 "Leave me, leave me, I didn't steal that chicken. It was
- 2 given to me by my sister."
- 3 MS WIAFE:
- 4 Q. Which son are you referring to?
- 5 A. My last son with whom I left Mandu, with whom I was
- 6 together.
- 7 Q. Where were you when you heard this?
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: It was given to him by whom -- the chicken?
- 9 MS WIAFE: His sister.
- 10 THE WITNESS: He said, "It was given to me by my sister,
- 11 baby -- my sister baby. I didn't steal it."
- 12 MS WIAFE:
- 13 Q. Where were you when you heard this?
- 14 A. I was within the range of 50 yards to where the boy was
- 15 screaming, en route to where I was going. And I pointed
- 16 a torch towards that end.
- 17 Q. Where was your son? You said you were 50 yards from
- 18 where your son was. Where was this?
- 19 A. He was screaming. He was in the hands of the Kamajors
- who had captured him and he was shouting, "Leave me,
- 21 leave me."
- 22 Q. Mr Witness, please listen to the question. I said, do
- 23 you know where he was? You said you were 50 yards from
- 24 where he was. Was this a specific place that you know
- 25 of?
- 26 A. I was on my way towards the direction where my child was
- 27 screaming.
- 28 Q. And where were the screams coming from?
- 29 A. In front of me, towards the direction where I was going.

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- You pointed your torchlight and what did you see? 1 Q.
- 2 I saw the crowd and they said, "Put off your torchlight." Α.
- 3 Then I put it off.
- 4 Q. When you say "crowd", what do you mean?
- 5 Α. I know them all, I know all of them. They were Kamajors.
- 6 The lot of them were in front of me, and when I pointed
- 7 the torchlight I saw all of them. When they said, "Put
- 8 it away, put it off," and my child was screaming. He was
- 9 screaming, saying, "Leave me, leave me, I didn't steal
- 10 that chicken. It was given to me by my sister."
- 11 Q. And how did you know this was your son?
- 12 I gave birth to him at the age -- I gave birth to him at Α.
- the age of 23, so I know his voice. So when I heard the 13
- 14 screaming, I knew it was my son. I know his voice.
- 15 Q. So what happened when you came to the scene?
- When I say -- when they say, "Put out the torchlight," 16 Α.
- and when I put it off, I heard the gunshot -- an 17
- explosion: Boom. 18
- 19 Did you hear anything else apart from that gunshot --Q.
- 20 that one gunshot?
- 21 Α. Yes.
- 22 Q. What else did you hear?
- One among them was my student. He said, "He has not died 23 Α.
- 24 properly. Give me the machete, give me that machete.
- 25 It's sharper. Let me cut him."
- 26 Q. What was the name of this person again?
- 27 Borbor Aruna. He asked Borbor John for machete, "Give me Α.
- 28 the machete, he's not yet dead properly."
- 29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who asked for the machete? Borbor Aruna?

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- THE WITNESS: Borbor Aruna. 1
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Was that your student, you said? 2
- 3 THE WITNESS: Yes, my former student.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: "One of them was my former xxxxxxxx."
- 5 MS WIAFE: This is Borbor Aruna.
- 6 Ο. What did Borbor Aruna say?
- 7 He said, "He's not dead yet. You, Mr Robin, you don't Α.
- 8 know how to shoot properly. You should have shot him in
- 9 his head. You didn't shoot him properly. You, Mr Robin.
- 10 Let me cut off his throat. He's not yet dead properly."
- 11 So he cut off his throat, because I came there and I saw
- 12 it all.
- Who cut off his throat? 13 Q.
- 14 Borbor Aruna. Α.
- 15 Ο. Whose throat was cut?
- 16 Α. My son, who was screaming.
- what did you do when this happened? 17 Q.
- Then they said now he would pass by, so I didn't say 18 Α.
- 19 anything. I stood still.
- 20 Q. Who would pass by?
- 21 Α. They called me, "Teacher, come and pass now."
- 22 Q. Who called you?
- It was Kinii, Mr Robin, him who had shot the boy. 23 Α.
- 24 Now, Mr Witness, after you saw that your son had been Q.
- 25 killed, did you do anything?
- 26 Α. Yes.
- What did you do? 27 Q.
- when he was killed that night -- that night that they 28
- 29 killed him, in the morning I came back there with other

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- 1 people and we saw him. Then we returned. We came there
- 2 at 7.00 o'clock, we saw a group of people coming towards
- 3 the direction and we ran away.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE: After the incident, where did he go to?
- 5 MS WIAFE:
- 6 Q. Where did you go after?
- 7 I went to my village that very night. When I pointed the Α.
- 8 torchlight and I saw his throat cut, bleeding -- I saw
- 9 him bleeding and gasping. I pointed the torchlight there
- 10 about three minutes; then I run away. I went to my
- 11 village.
- So you said that you went back to the place where your 12
- 13 son was the next morning?
- 14 Yes. Α.
- 15 Q. Who did you go with?
- One stranger who had come from Bo. They came to me very 16 Α.
- early in the morning about 6.30. 17
- And so you went to that location together? 18 Q.
- 19 Yes. When he came, he said, "Teacher, jubilation was at Α.
- 20 Gumahun yesterday. I wanted to come to you that very
- 21 night, but they told me not to come. Something was
- 22 happening in your village, so they kept me in Gumahun."
- 23 Late in the night, he said, around 10 o'clock, there was
- a lot of jubilation that they have killed my son. So the 24
- 25 ash of the child was going to be used to initiate
- 26 Kamajors with.
- 27 Mr Witness, so did you go to that location that morning Q.
- where your son was? 28
- 29 Yes, this stranger who had come went along with me, with Α.

- 1 my other three nephews.
- Did you do anything to the body? 2 Q.
- 3 Α. Yes.
- 4 Q. What did you do?
- 5 Α. We turned him around where they had shot him and we saw
- 6 his throat cut.
- 7 Did you bury the body? Q.
- 8 We left it there and we ran away when we saw some people Α.
- 9 approaching. We heard their voices, so we ran away.
- 10 Why did you run away? Ο.
- 11 We heard the voices of the Kamajors and I knew them,
- 12 they're my brothers from the same village. I know their
- 13 voices and I said, "They were the ones coming, I'm afraid
- of them." 14
- 15 Q. And when you ran away, where did you go?
- We came to the swamp, about 120 yards from where the boy 16 Α.
- 17 was. We stood under the tree called wanda. We stood
- there looking in that direction. It was about a one year 18
- 19 old farm.
- 20 [HN261104C 11.48 a.m.]
- 21 Q. What did you see from where you were standing?
- 22 Α. We all saw. Myself and the others we saw Chief Mulai
- 23 Nyandehun.
- 24 Just take your time. How do you spell Mulai? Q.
- 25 M-U-L-A-I. Α.
- 26 Ο. Who else?
- 27 Α. David Joseph, the camp commander of Nyandehun.
- Did you see anybody else? 28 Q.
- 29 And his assistant, Borbor Aruna and Eddy Sorboi, my Α.

- 1 nephew.
- 2 Q. How do you spell Eddy Sorboi?
- 3 A. E-D-D-Y, S-O-R-B-O-I.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Sorboi.
- 5 MS WIAFE:
- 6 Q. What, if anything, did they do?
- 7 A. Eddy Sorboi came to our direction and he saw me and he
- 8 sat on the roadside. Where we had seen this corpse,
- 9 Chief Mulai, David Joseph from the Gumahun they went
- 10 there.
- 11 Q. You mean these three people went to where the corpse was
- 12 lying?
- 13 A. Yes, they went there.
- 14 Q. What happened after that?
- 15 A. They were there for over 30 minutes and they left. As
- they were leaving, I saw all wrapped in polyethylene
- 17 plastic bag, black one, Aruna was holding it, carrying it
- in his hand in. Chief Mulai was in front, Borbor in the
- 19 middle, and David at the back.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can you -- can he go slowly, please.
- 21 MS WIAFE:
- 22 Q. Mr witness can you take it slowly. What did you see?
- 23 Can you go over it again?
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE: As they were going, I saw who with a plastic
- 25 bag? I saw who? He saw who?
- 26 MS WIAFE:
- 27 Q. Who was holding the plastic bag?
- 28 A. Borbor Aruna.
- 29 Q. Who else was there?

- 1 A. Chief Mulai and David Joseph. They left and went towards
- 2 the town where they had come from.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Towards which town where they had come from?
- 4 THE WITNESS: Nyandehun, Nyandehun. Then Eddy Sorboi followed
- 5 them.
- 6 MS WIAFE:
- 7 Q. What did you do after they left?
- 8 A. Then Baba said that they must have done something there.
- 9 Let's go there. We went there.
- 10 Q. Who was Baba?
- 11 A. A stranger, my son's -- my daughter's boyfriend who had
- 12 come from Bo.
- 13 Q. So when you went back to that spot, what did you see?
- 14 A. When we went there they had opened his stomach up to the
- 15 throat, from his penis up to his throat, closer to his
- 16 throat, wide -- open widely.
- 17 Q. What else did you see?
- 18 A. His abdomen had been removed up to his ribs. They were
- 19 all removed. His heart was not there, the lungs were all
- 20 not there. His intestine it was cut in bits and the oil
- 21 dropped on leaves. Then they were drawing it, some were
- longer, some four yards, some one foot. It was cut in
- 23 bits. There was no oil in the -- there was no oil. They
- had removed the oil. It was cut in bits.
- 25 Q. Now, Mr Witness, did you do anything to the body?
- 26 A. No, no, we left it there.
- 27 Q. Why did you leave it there?
- 28 A. The Kamajor law that was in the place that if Kamajor
- 29 killed anybody, no civilian has the right to remove that

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- 1 body, because you too would be killed. It had happened
- 2 to other people and I have seen that, so I couldn't do
- 3 it.
- 4 Q. Mr Witness, do you know what eventually happened to the
- 5 body?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Tell the Court what happened.
- 8 A. The other day --
- 9 Q. When you say the "other day", what do you mean?
- 10 A. He was killed on the 22nd. His belly was opened on the
- 11 23rd and on the 24th they came and said they were going
- 12 to burn his body.
- 13 Q. Who came and said they were going to burn his body?
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Repeat that, please. He was killed on the
- 15 22nd.
- 16 MS WIAFE: On the 23rd he was cut up and on the 24th they came
- and said they were going to burn the body.
- 18 Q. Who do you refer to as "they"?
- 19 A. Gibril Mansaray, James Bundu , David Joseph, Sundifu
- 20 Samuka, Chief Mulai Abu of Nyandehun and many other grand
- 21 commanders from the other surrounding villages and most
- of their Kamajors.
- 23 Q. And how did you know they were going to burn the body?
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Learned counsel, please let me take you
- 25 back. Theses date you were mentioning, 22nd, 23rd, and
- 26 24th were of what year?
- 27 MS WIAFE: April of 1999.
- 28 THE WITNESS: April.
- 29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Of April of 19 --

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- MS WIAFE: 1999. 1
- 2 Mr Witness, how did you know that the Kamajors were going Q.
- 3 to burn the body?
- 4 Α. I saw a circular at the checkpoint at Bomaru which had
- 5 been written by the Kamajor clerk.
- 6 Q. And who was the Kamajor clerk?
- 7 Gibril Mansaray. Α.
- 8 Which checkpoint are you talking about? Q.
- 9 Grima checkpoint. That's where he was based. Α.
- 10 Grima? 0.
- 11 Yes, Grima checkpoint that is where he was based. I saw
- 12 the circular at Bomaru checkpoint.
- 13 Can you spell Grima? Q.
- 14 Yes, G-R-I-M-A. Α.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Grima checkpoint?
- 16 THE WITNESS: That is where Gibril Mansaray stayed.
- MS WAIFE: 17
- Is Grima a village or --18 Q.
- 19 It is a town. Α.
- Q. In Valunia Chiefdom? 20
- 21 Α. Yes.
- 22 Q. And you said you saw the circular at some other
- checkpoint. Which checkpoint is this? 23
- Gumahun checkpoint. 24 Α.
- 25 And what did the circular say? Q.
- 26 Α. It was -- the circular was written to five checking
- 27 points. It read: "Please checkpoint commanders, we saw
- 28 a chicken with" -- we saw the chicken with my son. The
- 29 circular was about that, that of my son. Order that my

- 1 son should be killed immediately. And it is this ash
- 2 that they were going to do the last initiation in
- 3 Mongeray Town in Hinga Norman's compound. That was the
- 4 content of the letter I saw at Grima checkpoint, because
- 5 he stole a chicken. That was the content of the letter I
- 6 saw at the checkpoint.
- 7 Q. Mr Witness, and who showed you this circular?
- 8 A. Gibril, Gibril. He was the checkpoint commander
- 9 at Gumahun. He was my former xxxxxxx.
- 10 Q. And who wrote this circular?
- 11 A. The Kamajor clerk, Gibril Mansaray.
- 12 Q. Who was the circular addressed to?
- 13 A. The circular was addressed to checkpoint commanders
- 14 Gumahun, checkpoint commander Mongeray, checkpoint
- 15 commander Talato, and checkpoint commander, Kpakimbu.
- 16 Q. How do you spell Talato?
- 17 A. T-A-L-A-T-O.
- 18 Q. And Kpakimbu?
- 19 A. K-P-A-K-I-M-B-U.
- 20 Q. So this is how you got to know that your son was going to
- 21 be burned?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And was he burned?
- 24 A. On the 24th they came and burnt it. We saw it.
- 25 Q. Who burnt the body?
- 26 A. These people whom I have named; they were the
- 27 ringleaders. They were all there and so many other
- 28 Kamajors.
- 29 Q. Where were you when the body was burnt?

- 1 They were doing it in a valley. They were doing the Α.
- 2 burning in a valley. I went up a hill about 120 yards
- distance. We were lying on top of a stone. 3
- 4 Q. Was this at xxxxxxx?
- 5 Α. Yes, xxxxxxx, very close to my village.
- 6 Q. You said your son was burnt. Was he burnt at the same
- 7 location where he was killed?
- 8 In the same place, yes. Α.
- 9 Mr Witness, did the Kamajors do anything else on that Q.
- 10 day?
- 11 Α. Yes.
- 12 What did they do? Q.
- 13 After he was burnt, by 5.30 they came to my village. Α.
- 14 Who came to your village? Q.
- 15 Α. Gibril Mansaray, James Bundu and most of the Kamajors.
- 16 Q. Did they do anything when they came to your village?
- 17 Α. Yes.
- What did they do? 18 Q.
- 19 They said nobody will sleep in this village. Everybody Α.
- 20 move out. They started beating my children, the Limba
- 21 people who had escaped from Kono; they were with me.
- 22 They started beating them.
- Mr Witness, apart from the beating, did they do anything 23 Q.
- 24 else?
- 25 Yes. Α.
- 26 Q. What did they do?
- They said, "You will have to feed us today." They took 27 Α.
- everything from us. We didn't even sleep there, 25 of 28
- 29 us. At night we left. They burnt one of my houses.

- 1 Q. Mr Witness, who do you refer to as "they"?
- 2 A. These Kamajors, Gibril Mansaray, James Bundu and the
- 3 group that he brought.
- 4 Q. Mr Witness, you said they took your property. What
- 5 specifically did they take?
- 6 A. At that time we were paid for three months. They took
- 7 all that money away.
- 8 Q. Mr Witness, you said they paid you. Who paid you?
- 9 A. I am a teacher, the government paid us for three months.
- 10 They owed us for several months, then they brought three
- 11 months salary.
- 12 Q. How much was there?
- 13 A. The money was many, but the one that was kept in the
- house was 250,000 that was stolen.
- 15 Q. When you say "stolen", stolen by who?
- 16 A. They came and drove us from the place, so whatever
- 17 property that was missing, it was them that took it. I
- 18 was not there, but when we came back, I didn't see
- 19 anything there.
- 20 Q. When you say "they", who do you refer to?
- 21 A. The Kamajors that came and drove us from our village. We
- left them there.
- 23 Q. Mr Witness, did you report any of these incidents to
- 24 anybody?
- 25 A. Yes.
- 26 Q. Who did you make the report to?
- 27 A. xxxxxxx came to Alhaji Hassan Sherrif.
- 28 Q. When did xxxxxxx go to Alhaji Hassan Sherrif?
- 29 A. This was on the 24th April after we were driven and we

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- 1 had gone to xxxxxxx at night, that very night. Just 3
- 2 miles from Mongeray back in Bo.
- 3 Where was Alhaji Hassan Sherrif? Q.
- 4 Α. Back in Bo. That is his home place.
- 5 Q. So is that where you went to?
- 6 Α. Yes.
- 7 Did you meet Alhaji Hassan Sherrif when you went to back Q.
- 8 in xxxxxxxx?
- 9 Α. Yes.
- 10 What did you tell him? Ο.
- 11 xxxxxxx told him, "Your Kamajors have killed my child. They
- have taken all my properties; they have burnt it. They 12
- 13 have gone to my village. They said I will have to feed
- them. They have taken everything from me and driven us 14
- 15 from there. That is what they've done to me."
- Mr Witness, should we take a break? 16
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Witness Protection, we will take a break,
- please. Let him receive some assistance. We shall break 18
- 19 for five minutes, please. The Court will rise.
- 20 [Break taken at 12.15 p.m.]
- 21 [On resuming at 12.37 p.m.]
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please, you may proceed. Mr Witness,
- 23 how are you feeling now?
- THE WITNESS: Fine. Yeah. 24
- 25 MS WIAFE:
- 26 Q. Mr Witness, just before the break, you said you made a
- 27 report to Alhaji Hassan Sherrif. Did he do anything?
- Yes, I met him. 28 Α.
- 29 I said, did he do anything? Q.

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. What did he do?
- 3 A. When I reported to him, he said -- he said "Chief Hinga
- 4 Norman had come and warned us to leave you, you in
- 5 particular, not to harm him."
- 6 Q. Mr Witness, can you repeat what you said?
- 7 A. Alhaji Hassan Sherrif said, "There is now a ceasefire.
- 8 The police are now in their various stations.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE: He said Chief Hinga Norman said --
- 10 THE WITNESS: Chief Hinga Norman had warned us not to kill
- 11 anybody any longer. Even the rebels that is captured, we
- 12 should take them to the police. And he said this one
- will not go untouched.
- 14 MS WIAFE:
- 15 Q. Who were you saying was not going to go untouched?
- 16 A. Alhaji Hassan Sherrif said they are the battalion
- 17 commanders. The grand commanders will not do anything
- 18 that they would not know about. So the one that happened
- 19 they don't know, so they will deal with them accordingly.
- 20 Q. Who were the grand commanders going to deal with?
- 21 JUDGE BOUTET: Is it the grand commanders or ground
- 22 commanders?
- 23 MS WIAFE:
- 24 Q. Mr Witness, are you saying "grand" or "ground"?
- 25 A. Grand.
- 26 Q. Can you spell it?
- 27 A. G-R-A-N-D, grand commanders, that is the way they used to
- 28 call him.
- 29 Q. Mr Witness, can you clarify I'm a bit confused here -

- 1 you said Hassan Sherrif said he was going to deal with
- 2 who?
- When I reported, I said Gibril Mansaray, James Bundu and 3 Α.
- 4 all others -- Chief Mulai and all others who have burnt
- 5 my town and killed my son and have taken some of my
- 6 properties, burnt them and drove me from my village and
- 7 taken everything away from me. I reported, and then he
- 8 said --
- Mr Witness, I'm interested in what Alhaji Hassan Sherrif 9 Q.
- 10 said. What did he say?
- Hassan Sherrif said: "We now have a ceasefire." The 11
- police are now in their various stations. Chief Norman 12
- 13 had warned us, even the rebel that is captured, we should
- 14 take him to the police, so we should not kill anybody any
- 15 longer.
- 16 Q. Wait, Mr Witness. Who do you refer to as "Chief Norman"?
- He is the -- he is the chief Kamajor coordinator for all 17 Α.
- the Kamajors in the country. 18
- 19 So after Hassan Sherrif had told you this, what did you Q.
- 20 do?
- 21 Α. He said, "What they did to you, we don't know, so I will
- 22 send some people to go and investigate." So he sent
- 23 people to investigate.
- 24 JUDGE BOUTET: Madam Prosecutor, do we know when this is
- 25 taking place. Presumably it is after the --
- 26 MS WIAFE: He had said the 24th of April, but I will clarify
- 27 again the day.
- JUDGE BOUTET: The day he had seen the circular and all this, 28
- 29 it is not clear. You may have assumed that, but --

- 1 MS WIAFE:
- 2 Q. Mr Witness, when did xxxxxxx make this report to Alhaji
- 3 Hassan Sherrif?
- 4 A. At night on the 24th that we went there.
- 5 Q. What month?
- 6 A. April.
- 7 Q. What year?
- 8 A. April 24th 1999. So in the morning on the 25th, then the
- 9 delegate he sent to investigate came to my village and we
- 10 went to the scene.
- 11 Q. So how many people went to the scene?
- 12 A. They gave me three Kamajors.
- 13 Q. What happened at the scene?
- 14 A. The man that they came with is an old policeman from CID.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: At what scene are we now?
- 16 MS WIAFE: Mr Witness, where did you go?
- 17 Q. Where did you go? You said you went to make the report
- to Hassan Sherrif and then he sent you with three
- 19 investigators to go to the scene. What are you referring
- to as the scene?
- 21 A. In my village where the havoc was burned -- where my son
- 22 was burnt.
- 23 Q. What is the name of this village?
- 24 A. XXXXXXX.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: So the scene is where his son was burnt?
- 26 MS WIAFE: Yes.
- 27 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 28 PRESIDING JUDGE: In his village xxxxxxx.
- 29 MS WIAFE: Yes.

- What did you do at the village? 1 Q.
- 2 After he went into all the rooms, the chicks that -- the Α.
- eggs -- we gathered all the feathers together. 3
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE: After he did what?
- 5 MS WIAFE:
- 6 Q. Mr Witness, what happened when you got to the scene?
- 7 Well, we went to where he was burnt, the wood that they Α.
- 8 brought we saw where it was thrown at the side.
- Mr Witness, what do you -- what are you referring to as 9 Q.
- 10 "the wood that was brought". Who brought this wood?
- 11 The people -- the people that he sent to investigate,
- they saw the place that I reported about. We saw a lot 12
- 13 of woods packed outside and charcoals and three stones,
- 14 like fire stones and we saw the sight where he was
- 15 burned, a lot of charcoal packed.
- Mr Witness, where who was burnt? 16 Q.
- Where my son was burnt. There we met the fire setting 17 Α.
- where he was laid when he was killed. We met the ash and 18
- 19 a lot of charcoal.
- 20 Q. Did you do anything at the scene?
- 21 Α. I only showed them the place to the people that Alhaji
- 22 Hassan Sherrif sent. They were going around the areas
- 23 writing down what they saw.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE: And did he say they were accompanied by an
- 25 old police officer? Did I hear him say so?
- 26 THE WITNESS: It was the intelligence branch officer in the
- 27 Kamajors.
- MS WIAFE: 28
- Mr Witness, did you go anywhere else on that day? 29 Q.

1 A. I was with a man until he finished writing. We came back

- to my village. He collected some specimens of the
- 3 feathers.
- 4 Q. What feathers are you referring to?
- 5 A. I did agriculture education at xxxxxxx xxxxxxx, so I was
- 6 doing -- I had a poultry. I had so many chickens, so it
- 7 was those chickens when they drove us that night.
- 8 Q. Yes, continue.
- 9 A. When they drove us, we left our chickens behind. When we
- 10 came back later with those people that night we only saw
- 11 their feathers and the entrails.
- 12 Q. So who picked the feathers?
- 13 A. And he told me and the children had brought everything
- 14 together.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Learned counsel, where are we? We where at
- this -- we were at the scene where the son was burnt.
- 17 There is a description of the scenery, charcoal, wood and
- 18 what have you. They did all that. Now we're talking of
- 19 feathers, which they discovered, you know, after they had
- 20 been driven away and they came back and so on.
- 21 MS WIAFE: Your Honour, the witness had said they went to the
- location where his son was burnt and they took some notes
- 23 and then I asked him where they went from there then he
- said they went to his village and they found some
- 25 feathers, because --
- 26 JUDGE THOMPSON: Does the investigation continue from one
- 27 location to the other?
- 28 MS WIAFE: Yes.
- 29 JUDGE THOMPSON: So this is location two.

- MS WIAFE: Yes, that is what I gathered from the evidence. 1
- 2 JUDGE BOUTET: We are now back at his home where he was forced
- to leave, and when he is describing the chicken he -- it 3
- 4 is my understanding that when he left he had a poultry
- 5 farm of chicken and when he came back he only found
- 6 feathers.
- 7 MS WIAFE: Yes.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: You see, the confusion comes from the fact
- 9 that the son was carrying a chicken which he was
- 10 defending. He said it was given to him by the sister, so
- I was caught between the scenaries and thought that maybe 11
- the feathers were those of the chicken that he was 12
- carrying at the time he was allegedly killed. 13
- 14 MS WIAFE:
- 15 Q. Now, Mr Witness, where did you find the feather that you
- refer to? 16
- I had --17 Α.
- JUDGE THOMPSON: [Microphone not activated] -- the 18
- 19 investigation continued with a visit to his home. Is
- 20 that what it is?
- 21 MS WIAFE: Yes, I just wanted him to clarify where he found
- 22 those feathers.
- 23 JUDGE THOMPSON: But aren't we at his home now? The
- investigation continued with a visit to his home from the 24
- 25 scene of where his son was burnt.
- 26 MS WIAFE: Yes, yes, Your Honour. But since Honourable Judge
- Itoe had raised the issue of whether the feathers were 27
- found at the location where his son was killed or at his 28
- 29 house, I just wanted the witness to clarify what he is

- 1 referring to.
- 2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay, okay.
- 3 MS WIAFE:
- 4 Q. Mr Witness, where did you find these feathers?
- 5 In my village we raised chickens and goats.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, where did you find the feathers?
- 7 THE WITNESS: In my compound in the village.
- 8 MS WIAFE:
- 9 what happened when those feathers were found? Q.
- 10 I reported to the man. I said, "Well I left over 100
- 11 chickens. When we were driven yesterday, we left
- 12 everything behind."
- 13 Who did you report to? Who did you refer to as "the Q.
- man"? 14
- 15 Α. The investigator that came with me that we left -- we
- 16 left the sight where my son was burnt. We've come back
- to the village. 17
- Yes, can you hold on. So what happened when you told him 18 Q.
- 19 what happened?
- 20 Α. I told them, "You see these huts, this is where my
- chickens were." They have taken all of them unless --21
- 22 the chicks. I was having eggs, more than 50, even those
- 23 we didn't see any.
- 24 What did the investigator do? Q.
- 25 He said, "I have seen the feathers. There are so many." Α.
- 26 He said if there was any other thing. I said even the
- pots I didn't see, even the dishes. My clothings were 27
- 28 all not in the room.
- 29 Did the investigator write all these down? Q.

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- Yes, he wrote down everything. Five bags of rice, two --1 Α.
- 2 three bags of rice and two clean ones, even those we
- 3 didn't see any.
- 4 Q. Mr Witness, did you go to any other location that day?
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Learned counsel, it is 1.00. We would be
- 6 adjourning for you to continue with your
- 7 examination-in-chief at 2.30, please. So before you go
- 8 to the next location we had rather take a deserved break
- 9 before we continue in the afternoon at -- or rather at
- 10 2.30. We're already in the afternoon anyway. The Court
- 11 will rise, please.
- 12 [Luncheon recess taken at 1.00 p.m.]
- 13 [HN261104D]
- 14 [Upon resuming at 2.45 p.m.]
- 15 JUDGE BOUTET: Madam Prosecutor, are you ready to proceed?
- 16 MS WIAFE: Yes, Your Honour.
- JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you. 17
- MS WIAFE: 18
- 19 Mr Witness, just before the break, you were telling this Q.
- 20 Court about an investigation that was carried out after
- 21 you made a report to Alhaji Hassan Sherrif. You told
- 22 this Court that you went to your village Gumahun where
- 23 your house was. Was then your report sent back to Alhaji
- Hassan Sherrif? 24
- 25 Yes. Α.
- 26 Q. Who sent this report?
- 27 The Kamajors who were sent to investigate what had Α.
- happened in the village. They went back with a specimen, 28
- 29 what they saw happened.

- 1 Q. Did you go with them?
- 2 Α. No.
- 3 As far as you know, was any action taken by Alhaji Hassan Q.
- 4 Sherrif after this investigation?
- 5 Α. Yes.
- What did he do? 6 Ο.
- 7 Two days after the people had gone, the investigators, Α.
- 8 one morning I saw one Kamajor who came to me and asked me
- 9 to go to Gumahun, that I was needed in Gumahun urgently.
- 10 Did this happen in April of 1999 --Ο.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE: What's the spelling of Gumahun, Ms Wiafe?
- 12 MS WIAFE: G-U-M-A-H-U-N, Gumahun.
- Did you get this information in April of 1999? 13 Q.
- 14 Yes. Α.
- 15 Q. Did you go to Gumahun?
- 16 Α. Yes.
- What happened in Gumahun? 17 Q.
- When I went there, they invited xxxxxxx to the barri. Then xxxxxxx 18
- 19 went there, to the court barri in xxxxxxx.
- 20 Q. Who invited to xxxxxxx the court barri?
- Earnest Blango Jr, alias Kandapa. 21 Α.
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Alias?
- 23 MS WIAFE: Kandapa, K-A-N-D-A-P-A.
- JUDGE BOUTET: And what was the name before that? 24
- 25 MS WIAFE: Earnest Blango Jr, I think he has mentioned that
- 26 name before.
- 27 Q. Did you go to the barri?
- 28 A. Yes.
- Q. Tell the Court --29

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- PRESIDING JUDGE: He's a Kamajor as well, is he? Earnest 1
- 2 Blango, is it the same Kamajor?
- 3 THE WITNESS: He was the assistant battalion commander to the
- 4 chief battalion commander.
- 5 MS WIAFE:
- 6 Q. This is the same person that you mentioned earlier?
- 7 Α. Yes. Mm-hmm, yes.
- 8 JUDGE BOUTET: The witness just mentioned that he was the
- 9 assistant to the chief battalion commander. Which
- 10 battalion commander?
- 11 MS WIAFE:
- 12 which battalion commander are you talking about,
- 13 Mr Witness?
- He was based in Mandu. He was at Base 2 in Mandu. He 14 Α.
- 15 was the assistant battalion commander to the chief
- battalion commander, Alhaji Hassan Sherrif. 16
- Mr Witness, this man was assistant battalion commander to 17 Q.
- who? 18
- 19 Alhaji Hassan Sherrif. Α.
- Now, what happened at the court barri? 20 Q.
- 21 Α. He asked me --
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Previous translation continues] ...
- mention the names of who asked him. 23
- 24 THE WITNESS: Earnest Blango Jr, aka Kandapa, asked xxxxxxx.
- 25 MS WIAFE:
- 26 Q. What did he ask xxxxxxx?
- 27 He said: "Are you the one who reported to Alhaji Hassan
- Sherrif, battalion commander, that they've killed your 28
- son, that they've taken his parts and burnt them?" 29

- 1 Q. Did he say anything else?
- 2 A. He said: "You said they looted your home and took all
- 3 the property away?" And I said "yes."
- 4 Q. Mr Witness, what else happened at the court barri?
- 5 A. "I was sent in relation to this case. That is why I'm
- 6 here."
- 7 Q. Did he tell you who sent him?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. What did he say?
- 10 A. He said: "Alhaji Hassan Sherrif, chief battalion
- 11 commander, has asked me to come and look into this case."
- 12 Q. And did the commander do anything at the court barri?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. What did he do?
- 15 A. He asked me: "Have you seen all these Kamajors who were
- 16 here, who have come here?"
- 17 Q. Who is this speaking?
- 18 A. The investigator, Earnest Blango Jr he asked me this:
- 19 "Have you seen all these Kamajors in their numbers"?
- 20 Q. Carry on.
- 21 A. He said: "That report which you made to Alhaji Hassan
- 22 Sherrif, he asked me to invite all these people whose
- 23 names you mentioned to him."
- 24 Q. Mr Witness, what did the commander do?
- 25 A. After he had said if I knew all these -- the people whom
- he'd brought, he spoke to the people on the panel. And
- 27 he said: "You've seen those people who are sitting by
- 28 me? They told me that, in fact, we had come together to
- 29 come and look into this case."

- Mr Witness, after the commander had said all these 1 Q.
- 2 things, did he do anything?
- 3 Α. Yes.
- 4 Q. What did he do?
- 5 Α. He said: "The report which you took to Alhaji Hassan
- 6 Sherrif, who are the main leaders?" He asked me this
- 7 question.
- 8 What did you say? Q.
- 9 Then I named them. Α.
- 10 Who did you name? Ο.
- 11 I named James Bundu, Gibril Mansaray, Sundifu Samuka,
- 12 Joseph Kulagbanda, Chief Mulai Abu of Mandu, and others.
- 13 was anything done to these people after you named them? Q.
- 14 Yes. Α.
- 15 Q. What was done?
- He invited them to come in front of him. 16 Α.
- Mr Witness, what was done to these people? 17 Q.
- Then he asked me that you name the persons, and he asked 18 Α.
- 19 me to explain what exactly these people did to me.
- Who asked you to explain? 20 Q.
- 21 Α. Earnest Blango Jr, aka Kandapa.
- 22 Q. And did you explain?
- 23 Yes. Α.
- 24 Did anything happen after your explanation? Q.
- 25 Yes. Α.
- 26 Q. Tell the Court what happened.
- 27 After I had explained, he told me not to talk too much. Α.
- 28 Let me just hit on the main points. Then I spoke.
- 29 What did you say? Q.

- 1 A. I said these people, they killed my child, they took his
- 2 parts, they burnt them, and they drove me from my village
- 3 in the night, and my people.
- 4 Q. Mr Witness, I'd like to you to listen to the question and
- 5 answer it directly. The question is: Was anything done
- 6 to these people after you made your report?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What was done?
- 9 A. They asked them whether what I have said is true.
- 10 Q. What did they say?
- 11 A. At first, they denied, but they later answered.
- 12 Q. And what was their answer?
- 13 A. They said they had killed him. We burnt him. We drove
- 14 him out of his village.
- 15 Q. So, Witness, did anything happen to these people after
- 16 your explanation -- after they accepted that they did
- 17 these things?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. What was done to them?
- 20 A. And he asked them why they had driven me from my village.
- 21 Q. What did they say?
- 22 A. They said, when they had burnt my child, they were
- 23 hungry. Their father had done a good job for me, so that
- is the reason that I was supposed to feed them. That is
- why they asked me out of my village.
- 26 Q. Mr Witness, were these people punished?
- 27 JUDGE BOUTET: Could he repeat that.
- 28 MS WIAFE: Okay.
- 29 Q. Mr Witness, could you repeat your answer.

- 1 A. When he asked them, "Why did you drive him out of his
- village," they said, "Kamajor never does wrong." What
- 3 they had done is something good for me, so I should feed
- 4 them.
- 5 Q. Who do you refer to as "them"?
- 6 A. The chief Kamajor, James Bundu.
- 7 Q. Mr Witness, were these people punished after they
- 8 accepted that they did these things to you?
- 9 A. Earnest Blango asked them again: I am the assistant
- 10 battalion commander to the chief battalion commander --
- 11 Q. I'd like you to answer directly to the question I'm
- 12 asking you. My question is: Were these people punished
- 13 after they accepted that they did these things to you?
- 14 A. They didn't punish them.
- 15 Q. So Witness, how long did this meeting last?
- 16 A. 12.00 to 5.00.
- 17 Q. 12.00 in the afternoon?
- 18 A. 12.00 to late in the day.
- 19 Q. Until 5.00 p.m.?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And after 5.00 p.m., what did you do?
- 22 A. At the end of the meeting, the investigator was asked by
- 23 Earnest Blango Jr, that I should itemise all the things
- that they took away from me.
- 25 Q. Did you itemise these things?
- 26 A. Yes.
- 27 Q. What did the commander do after you itemised the things?
- 28 A. They calculated it. They calculated the amount.
- 29 Q. Who calculated the amount?

- 1 A. The clerks were there, a pastor Joseph Earnest. He was
- 2 there. He did the overall counting.
- 3 Q. The pastor?
- 4 A. Yes. And the Kamajor.
- 5 Q. What was his name again?
- 6 A. Joseph Earnest.
- 7 Q. And after this counting was done, what did the Kamajors
- 8 do?
- 9 A. The money they issued went up to 2 million, and he said
- 10 he was going to round it up. They took all the golds
- 11 from the Limbas. Everything would be in their
- 12 calculation.
- 13 Q. Mr Witness, can you go over this -- your answer again.
- 14 What did the Kamajors do after you listed?
- 15 A. Earnest Blango Jr told them that they would pay for
- 16 everything that they had taken away from me.
- 17 Q. And who did he tell?
- 18 A. The chief Kamajor. He said he was the leader. Then he
- 19 said something.
- 20 Q. Mr Witness, did they pay for what you lost?
- 21 A. They said, as we were standing there: "Now that this man
- has confessed to me that two days now he has been living
- on wild yams in the bush, he has no pepper and no salt,
- 24 and you give him something today that he can use to feed
- 25 his family." They went and brought 20,000 leones and 5
- gallons of oil, and they gave it to me.
- 27 Q. And was the remainder of the 2 million ever paid to you?
- 28 A. He instructed them that there are many. Every two weeks,
- they could give the teacher 500,000, every two weeks.

- 1 They never did.
- 2 Mr Witness, apart from Alhaji Hassan Sherrif, did you Q.
- 3 report the incidents to any other Kamajor leader?
- 4 Α. Yes.
- 5 Q. Who did you report this to?
- 6 Α. Later I had access to be in Freetown here. I wrote to
- 7 Chief Hinga Norman and made a report.
- 8 So, Witness, do you remember the time when you wrote? Q.
- 9 Α. Exactly.
- 10 And when did you write this letter? Ο.
- 11 Α. 5th October 2001.
- Mr Witness, did you send this letter to Mr Chief Hinga 12 Q.
- 13 Norman?
- 14 Yes. Α.
- 15 Q. And when did you send this letter? When? What time?
- The day I wrote it, that was the very day I took it. The 16 Α.
- sooner I finished writing it, I took it to his house. 17
- Where was his house? 18 Q.
- 19 At Spur Road, Wilberforce. Α.
- 20 Q. Is this Freetown?
- 21 Α. Freetown.
- 22 Q. When you went to Spur Road, did you give this letter to
- 23 Hinga Norman personally?
- He was not there. I gave it to his wife, Mamie. 24 Α.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: To his wife, who?
- 26 MS WIAFE: Mamie.
- 27 Q. Mr Witness, can you spell Mamie?
- Mamie, M-A-M-I-E. 28 Α.
- 29 After you gave the letter to Mamie, what did you do? Q.

1 A. She said: "My husband is not here now. He's sleeping at

- the hotel. I'll take it to him in the evening."
- 3 Q. And do you know what hotel was being referred to?
- 4 A. She didn't make any description to me.
- 5 Q. After Mamie told you this, what did you do, Mr Witness?
- 6 A. I went back to my house where I had come from.
- 7 Q. Did you ever go back to the house after this?
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: He said he went back to the house where he
- 9 came from.
- 10 MS WIAFE: Yes.
- 11 Q. Where was this house?
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE: He went back to the house where he came
- from.
- 14 MS WIAFE: Yes, I was asking whether he went back to the
- Norman residence.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Oh, okay.
- 17 THE WITNESS: After I had given the letter to Mamie and she
- 18 said that she was taking it to the hotel, I returned to
- 19 my house where I came from.
- 20 MS WIAFE:
- 21 Q. Mr Witness, after this first visit, did you visit the
- house again?
- 23 JUDGE BOUTET: You mean Norman's house.
- 24 MS WIAFE:
- 25 Q. Mr Norman's house again?
- 26 A. Yes. After two days, I came back there.
- 27 Q. That's two days from the time you sent the letter?
- 28 A. Yes, yes. I came back.
- 29 Q. What day was this, do you remember?

- I can only remember the date. I was there on the 5th, 1 Α.
- 2 the 6th, and the 7th I came back there.
- 3 Q. what happened when you went back?
- 4 Α. I met his wife Mamie, and I asked her if she gave my
- 5 letter to her husband.
- 6 Q. And what was her response?
- 7 She said: "When I took the letter along, I gave it to Α.
- 8 him myself. And he opened it and he read it, and he
- 9 shook his head. He didn't say anything to me."
- 10 Mr Witness, just to clarify, what did you write in the Ο.
- 11 letter?
- I said that the Kamajors had killed many of my family 12 Α.
- 13 members. I said I should have made this report earlier.
- I said but at that time, 1997, 1998, those were the 14
- 15 glorious years in the provinces.
- 16 Q. Whose glorious years?
- The Kamajors. The police stations were all banned. They 17 Α.
- were the supreme rulers of the southern part of the east. 18
- 19 So everybody feared them. The courts were closed. There
- was no courts chairman, there was no chief to pass any 20
- 21 decision.
- 22 Q. So, Witness, after Mamie told you this, what did you do?
- I said the man didn't do anything, so I went back. I 23 Α.
- 24 went back to my lodging where I was for two days. I went
- 25 back to my village.
- 26 Q. So, Witness, did you have any encounter with Mr Hinga
- Norman after this? 27
- 28 Α. Yes.
- 29 Where did this take place? Q.

- 1 Α. Late in December, when he went to spend Christmas in his
- 2 village.
- 3 Q. You said December. Of what year?
- 4 Α. 2001.
- 5 Q. And where was this? Where was this encounter?
- 6 Α. In xxxxxxx Town.
- Mr Witness, what happened during this encounter? 7 Q.
- 8 I heard that he had invited all the commanders, that he Α.
- 9 wanted to address them, and all these people that he had
- 10 come for Christmas for holidays. So he wants to address
- the people about the current issues in the country. Then 11
- 12 I went there.
- How did you get this information? 13 Q.
- I came to Gumahun. When I came, I met them at the court 14 Α.
- 15 barri --
- 16 Q. Mr Witness, my question was how you got this information.
- I came to Gumahun one morning. I met people in the barri 17 Α.
- discussing. They said: "Chief has invited all of us to 18
- 19 xxxxxxx," so they were all going there. And I said I was
- 20 going there. Then I went there.
- 21 Ο. So when you went to xxxxxxx, what happened?
- 22 Α. And he started talking to his Kamajors.
- 23 Mr Witness, when you got to Mongare, what did you first Q.
- 24 see?
- 25 I went to his compound. I met a lot of Kamajors. Some Α.
- 26 from Bo, some people from Bo.
- 27 Q. whose compound are you talking about?
- Chief Hinga Norman's compound. 28 Α.
- 29 And what happened at Chief Hinga Norman's compound when Q.

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- 2 I met him addressing the people, talking to them. Α.
- 3 Who was addressing the people? Q.
- 4 Α. Chief Hinga Norman.
- 5 Q. What did he say?
- MR MARGAI: My Lords, I'm sorry. I think I have no 6
- 7 alternative but to interject. My understanding of this
- 8 line of examination-in-chief is as a result of a
- 9 complaint made to Chief Norman in a letter, the sequence
- 10 of which has been narrated amply in this Court and the
- 11 witness said Chief Norman went for Christmas in his
- village in Mongare. The question of going into a meeting 12
- 13 at the court barri, I would have thought that the issue
- 14 here is whether, having had the opportunity of seeing
- 15 Chief Norman in his village in Mongare, he accosted the
- chief about the letter. I mean, learned counsel has 16
- conduct of her case, but I'm worried about the circuitous 17
- route we seem to be taking to get to where we want to get 18
- 19 to.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Margai, like you've rightfully said, she
- 21 has control of her case.
- 22 MR MARGAI: Indeed, my Lord.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: And she knows how to get to where she wants 23
- 24 to get to. I think it is fundamentally important that,
- for the fairness of the proceedings, that she be allowed 25
- 26 to get to wherever the way she is getting to it. The
- 27 Bench will be very hesitant to inhibit the Prosecution,
- which has a very heavy burden, unless we find just cause 28
- 29 and just reasons to interrupt or to cut, you know, the

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- 1 evidence, you know, of the Prosecution short, to
- 2 interfere with the way they are adducing their evidence.
- 3 MR MARGAI: I do not really expect the Bench to impede her. I
- 4 mean, it's just that sometimes --
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: When you say, Mr Margai, that she is taking
- 6 a very long distance --
- 7 MR MARGAI: Circuitous route --
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Circuitous route, to quote you, to get to
- 9 where she has to get, I think that the way she is
- 10 proceeding with her cross-examination [sic] is proper.
- 11 MR MARGAI: The examination-in-chief.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: I'm sorry. The examination-in-chief is 12
- proper. And I think that carrying the heavy burden of 13
- 14 proof requires that we allow the Prosecution to proceed
- 15 with examination-in-chief with a certain latitude, which,
- of course, we'll check from time to time. 16
- MR MARGAI: I appreciate that, my Lord. 17
- PRESIDING JUDGE: We appreciate your comment, and I'm sure she 18
- 19 herself has taken note of that. But we think that, you
- 20 know, she is within the Rules the way she is conducting
- 21 her cross-examination.
- 22 MR MARGAI: And I suppose when it comes to our turn, carrying
- the heavier burden, there will be reciprocity. 23
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Of course. We have never inhibited --24
- 25 MR MARGAI: No, no, no, I'm not suggesting that for once. As
- 26 my Lord pleases.
- 27 JUDGE THOMPSON: I share the same view as the Presiding Judge.
- She has not exceeded the scope of examination-in-chief. 28
- MR MARGAI: I'm not complaining that she has. That is not my 29

- 1 complaint, but I take my cue from the Bench.
- 2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, quite. And I think she is perfectly on
- 3 the right track.
- 4 MS WIAFE: Thank you, Your Honours.
- 5 Mr Witness, what happened at this meeting?
- 6 He said, "I came here to warn you."
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE: To warn who?
- 8 THE WITNESS: The Kamajors.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Does that part of the evidence interest the
- 10 Defence?
- 11 MR MARGAI: Yes, yes.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, please proceed.
- 14 MS WIAFE:
- 15 Q. Mr Witness, what else did he say?
- He said: "I've got a lot of complaints against you, the 16 Α.
- Kamajors." 17
- What else did he say? 18 Q.
- 19 He said: "The war has almost come to an end." He said: Α.
- 20 "I have one complaint from one teacher," and he mentioned
- 21 xxxxxxx name.
- 22 Q. And did he say anything about you?
- Yes. Yes. 23 Α.
- What did he say? 24 Q.
- 25 He said: "You don't know, but this teacher is your Α.
- 26 brother. Some of you, he's your father."
- What else did he say? 27
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Wiafe, I'm taking down the notes. 28
- 29 Please.

- MS WIAFE: Mr Witness, hold on a moment, please. 1
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE: He told them that this teacher is your
- 3 brother, and for some of you, he's your father. Is
- 4 that --
- 5 THE WITNESS: Yes, yes.
- 6 MS WIAFE:
- 7 What else did he say? Q.
- 8 He said: "This war will be over." Α.
- 9 Yes. Please continue. Q.
- 10 He said: "When the war is over, anybody who had done Α.
- 11 something bad to his companion would regret it if the
- companion comes and overtakes him." 12
- 13 Anything else? Q.
- He said: "Those days that you did those things, there 14 Α.
- 15 was no place to report you. But now, the law is here."
- 16 Q. What else was said, Mr Witness?
- I left there and came back to my house. I went back to 17 Α.
- 18 my village.
- 19 And why did you leave? Q.
- 20 Α. Because he has ended it. Because he has said that when
- 21 you did those things, there was no place to report you.
- 22 But that's over.
- Mr Witness, the people that you mentioned, the Kamajors 23 Q.
- whose names you mentioned, do you know where they are? 24
- 25 Except for today, but I know their villages, their homes, Α.
- 26 their houses, many.
- 27 Have you seen any of them since this happened to you? Q.
- Yes, I do pay some of them to go and brush in my farm. 28
- 29 Many of them. They are now powerless, without money.

- And as far as you know, was any of them punished for what 1
- 2 they did to you?
- 3 Nothing, nothing.
- 4 MS WIAFE: Your Honours, I have no more questions for this
- 5 witness.
- 6 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you.
- 7 Are we ready to proceed with the cross-examination?
- 8 First accused. Dr. Jabbi.
- 9 MR JABBI: Yes, my Lord.
- 10 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR JABBI:
- 11 JUDGE BOUTET: You may proceed, Dr. Jabbi.
- 12 MR JABBI: Thank you, my Lord.
- Now, Mr Witness, I first take you --13
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, Mr Witness? 14
- 15 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: The lawyer, the lawyer for the first 16
- accused, Mr Hinga Norman, is going to ask you some 17
- 18 questions. Do you understand?
- 19 THE WITNESS: I'm ready for him.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Dr. Jabbi, he's ready for you.
- 21 MR JABBI:
- 22 So, Mr Witness, I first take you to the 24th of April
- 23 1999 when you reported certain incidents to Alhaji Hassan
- Sherrif. You remember that? 24
- 25 Hundred per cent. Α.
- 26 Q. According to you, when you made that report, Hassan
- Sherrif said: "Chief Norman had already told them a few 27
- things." 28
- 29 Mm-hmm. Α.

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- Can you explain to the Court again what Hassan Sherrif 1 Q.
- 2 said Chief Norman had already told them?
- 3 Α. Yes.
- 4 Q. Carry on, please.
- 5 Α. Hassan Sherrif said -- he said he had come to Chief
- 6 Norman in Freetown. He said I should go back and warn
- 7 the Kamajors that whatever they are doing, they should
- 8 consult the leaders.
- 9 Q. Yes.
- 10 He said: "Look, now they have killed your child. And I Α.
- 11 don't know. Battalion commander chief, for that matter."
- 12 [HN261104E 3.45 p.m.]
- I just want you to say what Sheriff said Chief Norman had 13 Q.
- told them. Just that. Not Sheriff's own further 14
- 15 comments?
- 16 Α. They said Chief had told them that the war is over and
- 17 that they should stop. He should warn the Kamajors to
- stop harassing the civilians. He said Chief had told 18
- 19 them that. He said now he is the Chief in command, now
- 20 they have done that and they have not approved of it, so
- 21 he's going to send investigators for that.
- 22 Q. When, after your visit to Freetown, Chief Norman spoke to
- the people and the Kamajors again, in your own presence, 23
- 24 did he in fact say almost everything that Hassan had said
- 25 they had been told by Chief Norman?
- 26 Α. He only said, "I've come to warn them. So many
- 27 complaints are there against you people; I've come to
- warn you." Then he brought in my own case. 28
- 29 Were you, in fact, pleased with what Chief Norman said Q.

- 1 about your case in that X-mas meeting of 2001?
- 2 I left there disgruntled. Α.
- 3 Let me take you back --Q.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please wait. Just wait, Dr Jabbi. He said
- 5 he was not happy when he left that meeting; he was
- 6 disgruntled.
- JUDGE THOMPSON: He said he left disgruntled. 7
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, he left disgruntled really, that's the
- 9 word. It's because you're putting -- Dr Jabbi asked him
- 10 whether he was happy with the way the meeting went. He
- 11 replied, you know, that certainly I'm not happy, but I
- left there disgruntled. 12
- 13 MR JABBI: Yes, My Lord.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE: In reply to his question somehow.
- 15 JUDGE BOUTET: The question was: Were you pleased with that
- 16 meeting?
- PRESIDING JUDGE: He wasn't; he left disgruntled. It's 17
- 18 implied.
- 19 JUDGE BOUTET: Yes, Dr Jabbi, go ahead.
- 20 MR JABBI:
- 21 Ο. Now, Mr Witness, I also take you back to the incident at
- Brima Sheki's compound. Was that incident part of the 22
- 23 report you made to Hassan Sheriff on the 24th of April?
- Hassan Sheriff was highly involved in this, so no need to 24 Α.
- 25 report to him.
- 26 Q. I will ask the question slightly differently. When you
- 27 made your report to Hassan Sheriff on the 24th of April
- 1999, did it include the Brima Sheki compound incident --28
- 29 that report on the 24th of April 1999 -- yes or no?

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- It was not included. 1 Α.
- 2 Okay, I just want to know if it was included. Q.
- JUDGE BOUTET: Dr Jabbi, please, let the witness finish his 3
- 4 answer before you carry on, because we're going to get
- 5 into trouble with the translation.
- MR JABBI: As My Lordship pleases. But, My Lord, he said he 6
- 7 didn't put it there and that was all I wanted as an
- 8 answer, My Lord.
- 9 JUDGE BOUTET: I know that's all you wanted, but you have that
- 10 tendency to just ask your next question before it is
- 11 translated. Please wait; that's all I'm saying.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: And, Dr Jabbi, you should not only seek to 12
- 13 stop at answers which suit you. Allow the witness to
- 14 really express himself as to what he knows about the
- 15 matter.
- MR JABBI: My Lord, I'm asking specific questions for 16
- 17 specific --
- PRESIDING JUDGE: That's just a comment, Dr Jabbi. It's a 18
- 19 comment, you know, because it is also in the interests of
- 20 justice that the answers are not only confined to what
- 21 either the Prosecution or the Defence wants from the
- 22 witness.
- 23 MR JABBI: My Lord, in examination-in-chief the witness has
- 24 had a lot of opportunity to explain as much as he likes.
- 25 I am now trying to elicit specific answers to specific
- 26 questions; not to repeat an entire narrative by the
- 27 witness, My Lord.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, you may proceed. 28
- MR JABBI: Thank you, My Lord. 29

- Now, again, I take you even further back. On 1 Q.
- 2 November 29, 1997 you said you sent your son and three
- 3 nephews to a farm to get some cassava and also to bring a
- 4 gun you had hidden there as far back as May 1994. At
- 5 that time when you sent for the gun, what was the general
- 6 state of security in that area?
- 7 The Kamajors were in control. Α.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: The question is not answered. Dr Jabbi, can
- 9 you put the question to him again, please. Kamajors were
- 10 in control. It doesn't mean that -- it doesn't give us
- 11 an idea of the security, which is I am sure what you
- 12 want.
- 13 MR JABBI:
- I will ask the question again, Mr Witness. At that time 14 Q.
- 15 when you sent for this gun, what was the general state of
- 16 security in the area where you were?
- The Kamajors were in charge of security. 17
- PRESIDING JUDGE: No, the question is still not answered. 18
- 19 MR JABBI:
- 20 Q. was there, for example, a general peace in the area?
- 21 Α. At that time when I sent for the gun, there were no
- 22 rebels there. They never came there. It was only us
- that was around. 23
- The rebels had gone? 24 Q.
- 25 They had gone. They were now towards Makeni, coming Α.
- 26 towards western area.
- 27 Q. How long before that had the rebels gone?
- I was not taking account of it. 28 Α.
- 29 You've been very good with dates and all that. Can you Q.

- 1 try a little bit, even a rough general estimate.
- 2 long before you sent for the gun had the rebels left the
- 3 area?
- 4 Α. The rebels had left the area -- the rebels were -- my
- 5 brother was one of the battalion commanders. He told me
- 6 to bring the gun that used to kill monkeys from the bush
- 7 and bring it to town.
- 8 Would you say that there was general law and order at Q.
- 9 that time in that area?
- 10 The law -- whatever the Kamajors had wanted is what they Α.
- will do. They were in control. They were in charge of 11
- 12 the law. Whatever thing they say is what they do.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, was there peace in that area?
- 14 Was the area peaceful? You have said that the Kamajors
- 15 were in control. You have also said that the rebels had
- left. 16
- THE WITNESS: They had left. 17
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Was there security there? Was there peace? 18
- 19 THE WITNESS: The place was fairly calm.
- 20 MR JABBI:
- 21 0. Now, why were you wanting to recover this gun?
- 22 Α. My brother was one of the commanders. He told me not to
- 23 leave the gun there to get rot. He said to go for it so
- that he'll be using it. And then -- [Interpretation 24
- 25 interrupted]
- 26 PRESIDING JUDGE: He was one of which commanders?
- 27 THE WITNESS: They were the only people that had access.
- 28 Kamajor commanders.
- 29 MR JABBI:

- Your brother was one of the Kamajor commanders; is that 1
- 2 what you said?
- 3 Α. Yes.
- 4 Q. And he asked you to send for the gun?
- 5 That's true.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let us get the name of his brother, the
- 7 Kamajor commander?
- 8 MR JABBI: My Lord, I didn't want to pose that question
- 9 because of the witness protection issue.
- 10 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you, Dr Jabbi.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, that's all right, okay.
- 12 MR JABBI:
- 13 It was your brother who asked you to send for the gun; Q.
- not so -- that battalion commander? 14
- 15 Α. Yes.
- Were you yourself a Kamajor at any time at all? 16 Q.
- Never in my life will I be. 17 Α.
- No, my question is whether you were? 18 Q.
- 19 No. Α.
- 20 Q. Thank you. Of the four people you sent for the gun, was
- 21 any of them a Kamajor?
- 22 Α. Not at all. Something I don't want to become, my child
- will not become. 23
- Did you in fact hate the Kamajors? 24 Q.
- 25 At the beginning I loved them, but as time went by they Α.
- 26 became my bitterest enemies.
- 27 At the beginning, when you liked it them, did you
- 28 encourage any of your children to join?
- 29 I said they will not join, because my first brother who Α.

- 1 joined became a commander. He told me the purpose and
- 2 the motive. So I said, "Eh."
- 3 What did your brother, the Kamajor commander, tell you Q.
- 4 about the purpose of the Kamajor movement?
- 5 Α. He said the Kamajor business involved certain
- 6 cannibalism.
- 7 Your brother said that was the purpose of the Kamajor Q.
- 8 movement?
- 9 He said the mark that is being put on the body is human Α.
- 10 ash that is being put on it.
- 11 Q. When did your brother join the Kamajors?
- When I left Bo, I met him as ground commander. I was not 12 Α.
- 13 there when he joined, but when I came back, I met him in
- 14 that position.
- 15 Q. When was it that you went back and found him in that
- 16 position? When was that?
- It was 1997. 17 Α.
- Can you just give us what month it was? 18 Q.
- 19 It was 1997. I cannot recollect. Α.
- 20 Q. You recollected the beginning of your narrative in
- 21 November 1997. Was it before that?
- 22 Α. well, that one, it greatly affected me. That's why I was
- 23 recording.
- My question is whether this period, when you went back 24 Q.
- 25 and found your brother as a ground commander, was before
- 26 this date that you clearly recollected -- November 1997?
- Was it before November 1997? 27
- 28 Α. Yes.
- 29 Now, coming back to the gun, for whom did you want to Q.

- 1 recover the gun?
- 2 It was for this, my very brother, that told me that same Α.
- one. He told me to send for it. My brother from the 3
- 4 same father.
- 5 Q. He asked you to get the gun for his own use; not so?
- 6 Α. Yes, because he's a Kamajor.
- 7 And you were quite pleased to do that -- get the gun and Q.
- 8 give it to him; not so?
- 9 For the gun not to get rot under the ground, so I Α.
- 10 accepted.
- 11 When you sent for that gun, you sent those four men --
- your son and three nephews for the gun, did you have any 12
- 13 fear that something might happen to the gun when they
- 14 recover it?
- 15 Α. There was no fear with me, because by then there was --
- peace was coming, rebels were not there. It was rebels 16
- that we were afraid of. This time, these were our 17
- brothers. 18
- 19 In view of your dislike of the Kamajors who were then in Q.
- 20 control, why did you not send your own brother, the
- 21 Kamajor, or other Kamajors to recover the gun?
- 22 Α. I used to see other civilians going for their own guns
- 23 and bringing them. It was on the basis of that I decided
- to do so, because they used to ask any civilians that, 24
- 25 "If you have a gun, bring it." I decided to follow suit.
- 26 Q. So there was a general request by the Kamajors that
- 27 civilians could go and recover their guns?
- Yes, and bring it to them. 28 Α.
- 29 And bring it to the Kamajors? Q.

- 1 Α. Surely.
- 2 Now, did other civilians recover their guns and give them Q.
- 3 to Kamajors at that time?
- Α. Several of them.
- 5 Q. Several --
- 6 Α. Several times.
- -- civilians did so? 7 Q.
- 8 Did so. Α.
- 9 In your narrative of what happened at xxxxxxx house --Q.
- 10 compound, you were very clear about who did what among
- 11 the Kamajors. You know the Kamajors that gave
- 12 instructions for things to be done, you know the specific
- 13 Kamajors that did certain actions which you are
- 14 complaining about, all by name; is that so?
- 15 Α. Yes, I know them. I've been living with them. These are
- my brothers and friends, and our children. 16
- And you knew them by name as well; not so? 17 Q.
- Some. 18 Α.
- 19 As far as the incident at xxxxxxx xxxxxxx compound is Q.
- 20 concerned -- I think that was on the 30th of November
- 21 1997. As far as that incident is concerned, did you ever
- 22 make any report about it?
- 23 I will not make it. Α.
- My question is did you make a report? 24 Q.
- 25 Α. No.
- 26 Q. You did not make any report about it anywhere at all; not
- 27 so?
- 28 At that moment of the year? Α.
- 29 The question is you did not make any report about it Q.

- 1 anywhere at all; not so?
- 2 JUDGE BOUTET: Are you saying anywhere or at any time?
- THE WITNESS: I did it, I did it. 3
- 4 MR JABBI: Anywhere and at any time. He said he did not make
- 5 a report.
- 6 JUDGE BOUTET: Yes, but you were asking anywhere, but he has
- 7 report -- I'm not saying he did report this, but he has
- 8 made reports, as you know, subsequent to that. I don't
- 9 know if this incident was reported or not.
- 10 MR JABBI: My Lord, I asked him earlier on --
- 11 THE WITNESS: It was in my report on October 5.
- MR JABBI: Okay, he's trying to give an answer, but let me 12
- 13 just explain to Your Lordship, My Lord.
- JUDGE BOUTET: Just one moment, Mr Witness, please. 14
- 15 MR JABBI: I had asked him earlier on whether the report he
- made on the 24th of April included this incident. 16
- JUDGE BOUTET: To Sheriff he said no. 17
- MR JABBI: To Sheriff, yes. 18
- 19 [Overlapping speakers]
- 20 JUDGE BOUTET: Subsequent to that, he has made other reports.
- 21 MR JABBI: That is what I want to clarify about this incident.
- 22 JUDGE BOUTET: I was not clear on your question. That's why
- 23 you've got this ambiguity in the answers. Please?
- MR JABBI: 24
- 25 Mr Witness, I will ask the question again. Talking about
- 26 the incident in xxxxxxx xxxxxxx compound on the 30th of
- 27 November 1997, did you ever make a report of that
- incident at any time to anyone and anywhere? 28
- 29 Α. Yes.

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- When was that? 1 Q.
- 2 During my letter on October 5, 2001. Α.
- In your letter of October 5, 2001. Apart from that 3 Q.
- 4 letter, did you make a report about it anywhere else?
- 5 Apart from what you wrote in the letter.
- 6 Α. 1997 to 1998 was the glorious years of the Kamajors. All
- 7 police stations were abandoned. No where to summon any
- 8 Kamajors. Those two years were glorious years in the
- 9 south. You take that anywhere, nothing will happen.
- 10 Mr Witness, notwithstanding what you have just said, you Ο.
- 11 still found cause in 2001 to write a report, according to
- you, in a letter -- notwithstanding what you are now 12
- 13 saying about the so-called glorious years. So my
- 14 question is: Since that time, and apart from the report
- 15 in the letter you spoke about, did you make a report
- about that incident anywhere else ever at all? 16
- That one, where I report -- where action is taken, that 17 Α.
- 18 is what I take it for granting. I will report for
- 19 several years, but nothing could be done. So everybody I
- 20 met, I explain to them that this is what had happened,
- 21 but nothing has been done. So I cannot recollect now.
- Did you, for example, make any report, even after the 22 Q.
- so-called glorious years, to the police of that 23
- particular incident -- yes or no? 24
- 25 Yes, I made a report. Α.
- 26 Q. To the police?
- 27 Yes. Α.
- When was that and where? 28 Q.
- 29 I cannot remember the date now. I came to Bo, I went to Α.

- 1 the hospital. Then I decided I need some treatment. I
- 2 showed my hands. Then the doctor said, "I will not give
- you treatment until you go to the police." So when I 3
- 4 went to the police, then I reported to xxxxxxx,
- 5 Commissioner xxxxxxx, I went to. The SS's took me to him.
- Then he asked me what are we to do. He sent for the 6
- paramount chief. 7
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: What you say the name of the policeman is?
- 9 MR JABBI: The Commissioner I think is incorrectly named.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Commissioner who?
- 11 THE WITNESS: Commissioner xxxxxxxx. xxxxxxx -- xxxxxxx was there.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: You talked of the traditional chief. What 12
- 13 happened -- traditional chief?
- 14 THE WITNESS: The paramount chief.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: What did the paramount chief do?
- 16 [Overlapping speakers]
- THE WITNESS: Yes. He said, "This teacher came from your 17
- chiefdom and this is what they have done to him. I want 18
- 19 you to look into this matter."
- 20 MR JABBI:
- 21 Ο. So you, in fact, made a report and the appropriate
- 22 authorities were asked to look into it; not so?
- 23 Α. Yes.
- 24 Now, if I may also take you to that incident itself, just Q.
- 25 one aspect of it. You did say that there was a mango
- 26 tree to which your nephew was taken, and that you were
- 27 standing 7 yards away from that mango tree?
- About, about. 28 Α.
- 29 About. About 7 yards away from the mango tree. So far Q.

- 1 as that incident was concerned, were there other
- 2 non-Kamajor civilians present on that occasion?
- They asked all the civilians to come and witness it. 3 Α.
- 4 So, in fact, there were very many civilians there; is Q.
- 5 that what you're saying?
- 6 Α. Yes. The daughter was called so that they ask the mother
- 7 to tell her daughter goodbye -- I mean, so she bid
- 8 farewell to the daughter. And the very Kamajor --
- 9 [Dr Jabbi interrupts]
- 10 And you in particular, according to you --
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Dr Jabbi, please wait.
- MR JABBI: Sorry, My Lord. 12
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes? 13
- 14 MR JABBI: I was just trying to repeat some information he had
- 15 given earlier.
- 16 Of all these civilians who were present, you in
- particular went and stood about 7 yards from the mango 17
- 18 tree?
- 19 I was there all along when I went there. There I was Α.
- 20 just standing.
- 21 Ο. On that particular occasion, where your nephew and your
- niece -- because the woman xxxxxxx was also your niece; 22
- 23 not so?
- 24 Α. Yes.
- 25 Is that correct? Q.
- 26 Α. Yes.
- 27 Q. Your sister's daughter; is that correct?
- It's my sister's daughter, yes. 28 Α.
- 29 Okay. On that occasion, even though your nephew and your Q.

- 1 niece were the subject of what the Kamajors were doing,
- 2 and you were prominently present there, did they on that
- 3 occasion do anything to you, yourself?
- 4 They were not concerned about me. Α.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is not the question. Did they do
- 6 anything to you on that day?
- 7 THE WITNESS: They didn't do anything to me, unless at
- 8 night --
- 9 MR JABBI:
- 10 No, I'm asking about the time you were all around the Ο.
- 11 mango tree?
- They didn't do anything to me at the place. 12
- 13 MR JABBI: My Lord, that is all for the witness.
- JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you. Counsel for second accused? 14
- 15 MR BOCKARIE: I've got no questions for this witness.
- 16 JUDGE BOUTET: No questions?
- MR BOCKARIE: Yes. 17
- JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you, Mr Bockarie. Mr Margai? 18
- 19 CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR MARGAI:
- 20 MR MARGAI:
- 21 Ο. Now, Mr Witness, you've told this Court that you are a
- 22 teacher?
- 23 Α. Yes.
- Is it also true that you were practicing xxxxxxx in your 24 Q.
- 25 village?
- 26 Now you've said that, but I don't know about that.
- 27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, answer the questions directly.
- 28 Please answer the questions directly. Counsel has asked
- 29 you is it true that you were also practicing medicine in

- 1 the village? Is it true or not? Answer the questions
- directly the way you know them. If it is yes, you say 2
- 3 yes. If it is no, you say no. You cannot say, in any
- 4 event, that you do not know whether you were in fact a
- 5 [inaudible] -- either be a yes or a no answer.
- 6 MR MARGAI:
- 7 Now, is it true that you were administering injections to
- 8 people?
- 9 Α. No.
- 10 MR MARGAI: Mr Walker, could you please show this to the
- 11 Prosecution? Would you show the witness, please.
- 12 Now, apart from your real name, were you called by that Q.
- 13 name?
- 14 Yes, I'm a xxxxxxx, I told a story. Α.
- 15 MR MARGAI: My Lords, so as not to disclose the identity of
- this witness, I'm tendering that document. 16
- JUDGE BOUTET: As an exhibit? 17
- MR MARGAI: As an exhibit, yes. 18
- 19 JUDGE BOUTET: I take it the Prosecution has no objection.
- 20 Mr Walker, could you take that piece of paper.
- 21 MR MARGAI: I just want the records to reflect the name.
- 22 JUDGE BOUTET: We'll mark it as an exhibit for that purpose,
- 23 but it will be kept from nondisclosure.
- 24 MR MARGAI: As My Lord pleases.
- 25 JUDGE BOUTET: That should be Exhibit 34 according to my
- 26 notes.
- 27 [Exhibit No. 34 was admitted]
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Where is the document? May I see it, 28
- 29 please?

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- JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Walker has it. 1
- 2 MR MARGAI:
- 3 Mr Witness, I'm putting it to you that that name was
- 4 connected with the injections you were administering to
- 5 people in that village; isn't that correct?
- 6 [HN261104F 4.30 p.m.]
- 7 It's a complete lie. It is not the truth at all. Α.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Margai, I think we should put a date on
- 9 this. Just put a date there.
- 10 MR MARGAI: Today's date.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, put the date there. 11
- 12 JUDGE BOUTET: But it is marked as Exhibit 34.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE: There should be something like a date there,
- 14 please.
- 15 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Walker, the Exhibit is 34.
- 16 MR MARGAI:
- Mr Witness, I'm putting it to you --17
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Margai, please wait. 18
- 19 MR MARGAI:
- 20 Q. Mr Witness, I'm putting it to you that some people died
- 21 as a result of the injections administered by you.
- 22 If that was true, then I would have been taken into
- custody, or to the police, but I don't know. It's a lie. 23
- 24 False, false, false, false.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated]
- 26 MR MARGAI:
- 27 And I further put it to you that some suffered from
- abscess as a result of the injections administered by 28
- 29 you?

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- 1 Α. I said you're telling lies.
- 2 Q. Mr Witness --
- 3 MR MARGAI: May I appeal to Your Lordships for the witness to
- 4 restrain himself and be respectful.
- 5 And, Mr Witness, I'm putting it to you that these matters
- 6 were reported at the Bo police station.
- 7 I've only heard that from you today.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, please answer the question.
- THE WITNESS: Never, never, no police has ever invited me, 9
- 10 never, nothing. I don't know.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, please don't go into
- explanations. Listen to counsel and answer to his 12
- 13 questions directly. Don't go into any fishing
- 14 expeditions. Answer his questions directly, please.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 16 MR MARGAI:
- And --17 0.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Margai, please wait. 18
- 19 MR MARGAI:
- Now, Mr Witness, did you know one xxxxxxx xxxxxxx, who 20 Q.
- 21 used to be a member of parliament for that area. xxxxxxx
- 22 xxxxxxx?
- 23 Α. Yes.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Conteh is it "K" or "C"? 24
- 25 MR MARGAI: "C", My Lord.
- 26 JUDGE THOMPSON: A parliamentarian from which area or do you
- 27 want to put that?
- MR MARGAI: A former parliamentarian for that area. 28
- 29 And she was representing the All People's Congress party Q.

- 1 in parliament, APC?
- 2 Yes. Α.
- 3 And this was when President GS Momoh was president of the Q.
- 4 Republic of Sierra Leone; not so?
- 5 Yes. Α.
- And, Mr Witness, you were a strong supporter of ${\color{red}\mathsf{xxxxxxx}}\\ {\color{red}\mathsf{xxxxxxx}}$ MP, as she then was? Q.
- 8 Hundred per cent. Α.
- 9 Q. Mr Witness, is it not true, that you, in particular, were
- 10 involved in importing thugs into xxxxxxx Chiefdom in
- 11 support of xxxxxxx xxxxxxx?
- Α. That's not true at all. She was peacefully elected. 12
- 13 Mr Witness, do you know one xxxxxxx xxxxxxx? Ο.
- 14 Α. Yes, in fact, he wanted to kill me.
- 15 Do you know him? Q.
- 16 Yes. Α.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is it IB?
- 18 MR MARGAI: IB, My Lord.
- 19 Does he hail from xxxxxxx Chiefdom, as yourself?
- xxxxxxx all came from that xxxxxxx town. 20
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is it the same chiefdom or the same town?
- 22 MR MARGAI: The same chiefdom, My Lord, xxxxxxx.
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE: The same chiefdom.
- 24 MR MARGAI: XXXXXXX, XXXXXXX Chiefdom.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is the witness adding that they are from the
- same town too? 26
- 27 MR MARGAI:
- 28 Are you from the same town as well? Q.
- 29 He was in Talato and I was xxxxxxx, but we were Α.

- 1 separated by a stream.
- 2 MR MARGAI: He was separated by a stream.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: All right. Same chiefdom? 3
- 4 MR MARGAI: Yes.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: You see these rivers are usually artificial
- 6 boundaries.
- MR MARGAI: I know, creating all of these problems. 7
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Rivers have separated nations. I remember
- 9 the example of Cameroon and Chad. You can shout over the
- 10 river and they hear N'Djamena from Cameroon. It is
- 11 interesting.
- MR MARGAI: 12
- 13 Now, Mr Witness, do you also know a Mr xxxxxxx xxxxxxx? Q.
- 14 I know him very, very well. Α.
- 15 MR MARGAI: Mansaray, M-A-N-S-A-R-A-Y, My Lords.
- Does he also hail from Valunia chiefdom? 16 Q.
- He came from Valunia Chiefdom. In fact, he's a senior 17 Α.
- 18 Kamajor.
- 19 Mr Witness, I'm putting it to you that these people Q.
- 20 suffered at the hands of thugs in Valunia Chiefdom; did
- 21 thev not?
- 22 Α. I am in doubt why they make them to kill them. If I told
- 23 them to beat me up. I was accused by them. [As
- interpreted] now, that I have said that they are all 24
- 25 Kamajors, so you want to make an opposite statement
- 26 against me.
- 27 Thank you very much, Mr Witness. Will you now answer the Q.
- 28 question: Did these people suffer at the hands of thugs
- in Valunia Chiefdom? 29

- 1 Α. I was never aware.
- 2 Mr Witness, was your elder son not a Kamajor? Q.
- 3 Never. They were all not Kamajors. Α.
- 4 Q. Mr Witness, I'm putting it to you that he was a Kamajor
- 5 initiated by Alhaji Hassan Sherrif in 1996?
- 6 Α. In fact, Alhaji Hassan Sherrif was not an initiator. He
- 7 was not. It is false.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Learned counsel, what dates?
- MR MARGAI: In 1996, My Lord. 9
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: In 1996.
- 11 MR MARGAI: Sorry, Mr Walker, would you show this to the
- Prosecution and then to the witness. 12
- 13 THE WITNESS: I don't see it.
- MR MARGAI: Would you mind using my glasses to see it? We're 14
- 15 only after the truth. That's all. The fourth bullet.
- 16 Mr Walker, please, help him, the fourth bullet, one, two,
- 17 three, four.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Since he is looking at the document, let's 18
- 19 rise for a few minutes. We will resume, very, very
- 20 shortly, so that he has time to examine the document.
- 21 MR MARGAI: Right.
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE: The Court will rise, please.
- 23 [Break taken at 4.45 p.m.]
- [On resuming at 4.55 p.m.] 24
- 25 JUDGE BOUTET: Yes, Mr Margai please continue.
- 26 MR MARGAI: Thank you.
- 27 Mr Witness have you now looked at that document? Q.
- I seen it. I have the right to answer for it. 28 Α.
- 29 Mr Witness, please, we're not here to quarrel. Just Q.

- 1 answer the questions. Have you looked at the document?
- 2 Α. Yes.
- 3 Q. Is it your statement?
- 4 Α. Not exactly.
- 5 JUDGE BOUTET: Ask him, Mr Margai, what this document is all
- 6 about. That may help us.
- 7 MR MARGAI: Yes, My Lord.
- 8 What is that document about? Q.
- 9 The document that I'm saying is telling me that my child Α.
- 10 was a Kamajor. The statement that I gave was that my son
- 11 was used as a Kamajor; that is what I said. And the
- 12 Kamajors had power over the civilians, so they used him
- 13 as a Kamajor, but he never joined them. I never paid his
- initiation fees. 14
- 15 Q. What I want to know at this stage is did you make that
- 16 statement, dated the 21st of May 2003?
- The statement I made to xxxxxxx was that he questioned 17 Α.
- me and I said my son was used as a Kamajor, but he was 18
- 19 not a Kamajor.
- 20 JUDGE BOUTET: But you did make a statement to investigators,
- 21 Mr Witness?
- 22 THE WITNESS: Once, yes.
- 23 JUDGE BOUTET: This is -- maybe you could clarify the record
- for the Court, as well, Mr Margai. I'm not sure what 24
- 25 statement you're talking about, when it was made, so do
- 26 some background with the witness.
- 27 MR MARGAI: Very well.
- Now, did you make a statement to the investigator of the 28
- 29 Special Court on the 21st of May, 2003?

- 1 Α. Yes.
- 2 21st May 2003, My Lords. And was the interview conducted Q.
- 3 by xxxxxxx xxxxxxx?
- 4 Α. I want to believe so, because by then I was not used to
- 5
- 6 Q. Tell this Court, you did talk about a Mr xxxxxxx xxxxxxx.
- 7 Α. Yes, yes.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE: xxxxxxx xxxxxxx questioned you?
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes, yes, one time, yes.
- 10 MR MARGAI:
- 11 And this interview took place at xxxxxxx Guest House in
- 12 xxxxxxx?
- 13 A. Yes, yes, um-hum. Um-hum.
- 14 JUDGE BOUTET: Ask him --
- 15 JUDGE THOMPSON: Mr Margai, could you spell that again.
- MR MARGAI: xxxxxxx Guest House in xxxxxxx. 16
- JUDGE BOUTET: [Overlapping speakers] -- about the language 17
- used during the interview. Please do the whole to see --18
- 19 MR MARGAI: Yes, I'm going to assist him.
- 20 Q. Now, in what language was the interview conducted? Was
- 21 it Mende, Krio, English?
- 22 Α. I was saying it in Mende and in Krio.
- And it was recorded in English, was it? 23 Q.
- 24 Yes. Α.
- 25 At the conclusion of that statement was it read over and Q.
- 26 explained to you?
- 27 Α. Yes.
- By xxxxxxx xxxxxxx? 28 Q.
- Α. 29 Yes.

- 1 Q. In what language was it read and explained?
- He read it. 2 Α.
- In what language? 3 Q.
- 4 Α. English.
- 5 Q. And did you ask him to interpret it in any language or
- 6 did you accept that you understood the contents as read?
- 7 That one I didn't do. No, I didn't do it. Α.
- 8 But did you at the conclusion accept the contents as Q.
- 9 being the statement made by you?
- 10 Well, I said he was used as a Kamajor. I didn't say he Α.
- 11 joined them.
- No, I'm talking about the statement. We'll come to that. 12
- 13 Did you accept the statement as being your statement?
- 14 Yes, yes. Α.
- 15 MR MARGAI: Mr Walker, please, with the leave of the Court.
- JUDGE BOUTET: And it is a document of how many pages, 16
- 17 Mr Margai, five, six pages?
- JUDGE THOMPSON: Mr Margai --18
- 19 MR MARGAI: Four pages. Four pages, My Lord.
- 20 JUDGE THOMPSON: Mr Margai, is there any evidence whether he
- 21 signed it.
- 22 MR MARGAI: It is not signed.
- JUDGE THOMPSON: It is not signed. That's okay. 23
- MR MARGAI: Could you show those to the Prosecutor. To the 24
- 25 Prosecutor first.
- 26 JUDGE BOUTET: So for the benefit of the Court, if you could
- pursue just one step further with the witness about --27
- 28 you asked him if he had -- how it was done. He said it
- 29 was read back to him in English. He did not ask for any

- 1 interpretation.
- 2 MR MARGAI: He did not ask for an interpretation and then he
- accepted the statement as being his statement. 3
- 4 JUDGE BOUTET: Was he asked to sign that statement, was to be
- 5 my question.
- 6 MR MARGAI: I think your brother asked whether it was signed,
- 7 Justice Thompson.
- 8 JUDGE THOMPSON: No, whether it was signed or given --
- 9 MR MARGAI: Very well.
- 10 Did you sign the statement? Ο.
- 11 I don't remember.
- MR MARGAI: He doesn't remember. But this one was not signed. 12
- Now, please look at that document. Take it and look at 13
- 14 it. My glasses are over there; make use of them. Feel
- 15 free.
- 16 Α. I said my son was used as a Kamajor.
- [Previous translation continued] -- we'll come to that. 17 Q.
- I've seen it. 18 Α.
- 19 That is the statement we're talking about, you and I. Q.
- 20 Α. I have read it. I have read it.
- 21 Ο. Now, did you, in that statement, say that your son was a
- 22 Kamajor? Look at the portion that is underlined therein
- there. Look at it, Mr Witness, please. 23
- 24 This is what the letter says, but I said he was used. He Α.
- 25 was used.
- 26 JUDGE BOUTET: What does it say?
- 27 THE WITNESS: He was used.
- MR MARGAI: 28
- 29 Don't call the name out, please. Just say your son. Q.

- My son was a Kamajor, but in my explanation I said he was 1 Α.
- 2 used, because they were having control over all the
- 3 civilians so they could use it at any time.
- 4 Q. Now, did you say that your son was killed because he was
- 5 a Kamajor and was found with a shotgun owned by his uncle
- 6 without reporting it to the xxxxxxx Kamajor High
- 7 Command? Did you say that in that statement, Mr Witness?
- 8 MR TAVENER: I object to that question. Perhaps it could be
- 9 put in terms of: Did he say that to the investigators?
- 10 We know what is written in the statement -- sorry, just a
- 11 minute. The important issue is what he said to the
- investigators. We know what is written here. To ask the 12
- witness: Is what written here is it -- it is a 13
- rhetorical question. What could be asked is what -- "Did 14
- 15 you tell the investigators", and then what is in this
- statement, not "What is in this statement"? It should be 16
- asked: What did he ask? What did he tell the 17
- investigators. 18
- 19 JUDGE THOMPSON: I think I support the Prosecution, because
- 20 clearly he has acknowledged the statement as his. He did
- 21 agree by way of foundational elements that it was read
- 22 over to him.
- MR MARGAI: Conceded, conceded. 23
- JUDGE THOMPSON: Learned counsel is quite right. We need to 24
- 25 proceed the other way.
- 26 MR MARGAI:
- 27 Did you tell the investigator in that interview that your
- son was a Kamajor? We'll take it step by step. 28
- 29 I didn't put it that way. Α.

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- JUDGE BOUTET: What did you say? 1
- 2 THE WITNESS: I said he was being used by the Kamajors as a
- 3 Kamajor, but he was not an initiate he was used as a
- 4 Kamajor.
- 5 JUDGE BOUTET: I'm sorry, Mr Margai --
- 6 MR MARGAI: You see the difficulty here, My Lords, is an issue
- 7 that was raised in this Court by Ms. Whitaker on behalf
- 8 of all of us. You see, because this is not the first
- 9 time witnesses are saying to this Court, when it suits
- 10 them, that a portion which they find disturbing was not
- 11 what they said, and that leaves with us no option but to
- seek an order from this Court for the investigators to 12
- 13 appear in this Court and be examined as to the method of
- 14 adopting -- taking the statement.
- 15 JUDGE THOMPSON: Counsel, what do you intend to do with that
- 16 statement?
- MR MARGAI: I intend to tender it for what it may be worth. 17
- JUDGE THOMPSON: In other words, as an exhibit. In other 18
- 19 words, you are more or less adopting the procedure
- 20 leading to establishing prior inconsistent statement
- 21 with, in fact, oral testimony here.
- 22 MR MARGAI: Exactly, My Lord.
- JUDGE THOMPSON: All right. And then perhaps we should 23
- 24 confine ourselves to that and don't go into the question
- 25 of the Whitaker application.
- 26 MR MARGAI: No, I'm not going into that at this stage, but it
- 27 may become necessary.
- JUDGE THOMPSON: Well, I would take -- I take notice of that. 28
- MR MARGAI: We want it avoid it, if we can, but if we see that 29

- 1 we cannot effectively discharge our duty towards
- 2 defending the accused persons, then that is an option
- 3 open to us.
- 4 JUDGE THOMPSON: Well, I think what you need to do is confine
- 5 yourself to your cross-examination in trying to establish
- 6 prior inconsistent statement and that would be
- 7 appreciated at this stage.
- 8 MR MARGAI: I will do that.
- 9 JUDGE BOUTET: This is still -- even though you were not the
- 10 investigator, the line of cross-examination that you're
- 11 doing now is, I would suggest to you, the best possible
- way to deal with these kind of things and to put it to 12
- 13 the witness, as such, and let the Court do its own
- 14 appreciation of what is what and what weight to be
- 15 attached. Whether we had the investigator here would not
- 16 change that. You would still have to put these questions
- 17 to the witness.
- MR MARGAI: I appreciate that. 18
- 19 JUDGE THOMPSON: But I also would like to caution that we have
- 20 a decision pending. And nothing here, we would like to
- 21 say, should give any indication as if we've made up our
- 22 mind on anything.
- 23 MR MARGAI: That is appreciated, My Lord, thank you.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: I wanted to stop the debate on this matter, 24
- 25 because it is sub judice and we would like to look at it
- 26 before we get into where learned counsel wants to take
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- MR MARGAI: That is very telepathic. Thank you. 28
- 29 Yes, did you also say to the investigator that your son Q.

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- 1 was found with a shotgun owned by his uncle?
- 2 I said the gun was xxxxxxx, that we combined and bought the Α.
- gun. They asked me and I said myself and my brother 3
- 4 combined and bought the gun. Sometimes I will use it and
- 5 he would use it too, but it was with me, so I could say
- 6 it was xxxxxxx gun.
- 7 JUDGE THOMPSON: So what is the answer, learned counsel?
- 8 MR MARGAI: What he is saying is that he did not say that the
- 9 gun found with his son was owned by his uncle.
- 10 JUDGE THOMPSON: In other words, he didn't make that statement
- 11 to the investigator. That's what he's saying.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: The gun belongs to the brother? 12
- MR MARGAI: He denies that the gun belongs to his brother. 13
- 14 JUDGE THOMPSON: Importance, first of all, with the greatest
- 15 respect, whether he did or did not tell the investigator
- that. That is stage one. Otherwise the whole purpose of 16
- the prior inconsistent statement thing begins to whittle 17
- 18 away.
- 19 MR MARGAI: No, I understand him as saying that he did not
- 20 tell the investigator that the gun found with his son
- 21 belonged to his brother.
- 22 JUDGE THOMPSON: That is the first step I'm trying to
- emphasise, otherwise we would not understand what 23
- amplification or elaboration comes after. That is 24
- 25 crucial for the purposes of the evidence.
- 26 MR MARGAI: Yes, My Lord. And the amplification goes on to
- 27 say that the gun was bought by himself and his brother.
- JUDGE THOMPSON: Which is, of course, part of his other 28
- 29 testimony now. He is explaining what he said to the

- 1 investigator.
- 2 MR MARGAI: Yes, My Lord.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Tell us again how that gun was acquired.
- 4 JUDGE THOMPSON: It is a very important distinction and has to
- 5 be reflected accurately.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who paid for that gun?
- 7 THE WITNESS: We bought 25,000 -- 50,000 -- I paid 40,000 and
- 8 my brother paid 10,000.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE: You paid how much?
- 10 THE WITNESS: I paid 40,000 Leones.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE: And your brother?
- 12 THE WITNESS: My brother paid 10,000 Leones. He bought it for
- 13 25,000 pounds [as interpreted].
- 14 JUDGE THOMPSON: In other words, he's saying that the gun --
- 15 what he told the investigator whether the gun was the
- 16 subject of joint ownership.
- 17 MR MARGAI: That was my understanding.
- 18 JUDGE THOMPSON: All right.
- 19 MR MARGAI:
- 20 Q. Now, did you tell the investigator that your son --
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE: You said you bought it for how many pounds?
- 22 MR MARGAI: 50,000 Leones.
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, yes, yes.
- 24 MR MARGAI: He paid 40 and the brother paid 10.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Justice Bankole Thompson is revisiting the
- 26 civil law school of thought.
- 27 MR MARGAI:
- 28 Q. And, Mr Witness, did you say to the investigator that
- 29 your son failed to report --

- PRESIDING JUDGE: And he added one thing that they were using 1
- 2 it -- this one would use it and the other one would use
- 3 it.
- 4 MR MARGAI: Yes, My Lord.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.
- 6 MR MARGAI:
- 7 Mr Witness, did you tell the investigator that your son Q.
- 8 failed to report the possession of this gun by him to the
- 9 Mongeray Kamajor High Command?
- 10 I sent him. When he brought it, I was supposed to go and Α.
- 11 make the report. I sent him to go and bring it. He
- report to Mongeray High Command. We are all in Gumahun. 12
- 13 Mongeray was totally burnt down; there were no houses
- 14 there. We were at all Gumahun. The police would come
- 15 for two days and they returned. They were not stationed
- 16 there.
- Thank you. All I want to know is: Is it true that you 17
- told the investigator that your son failed to inform the 18
- 19 Mongeray Kamajor High Command of the possession of this
- 20 gun; yes or no?
- 21 Α. I sent him that morning for the gun. He didn't know
- 22 about it. When he brought it, it was that day that they
- held the gun. How can we make a report. They went for 23
- 24 it and somebody met him on the way and took it from him.
- 25 How could we report?
- 26 JUDGE BOUTET: This is not the question. The question that is
- 27 being asked of you is whether or not you did say to the
- 28 investigator what Mr Margai is stating. Yes or no?
- 29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Margai, take the question again, please.

- 1 MR MARGAI:
- 2 Mr Witness, did you tell the investigator that your son Q.
- failed to inform the Mongeray Kamajor High Command that 3
- 4 he was in possession of this gun; yes or no? Either you
- 5 told him so or you did not?
- JUDGE THOMPSON: Perhaps the better way to help the witness is 6
- 7 to give him the document.
- 8 MR MARGAI: He has got it there.
- 9 JUDGE THOMPSON: Show him the section.
- 10 THE WITNESS: He asked me -- he asked that the gun -- he asked
- 11 me the gun they went for, if the Kamajors were informed.
- And I said they would have brought the gun before I could 12
- 13 make a report, but the gun was not there. How could
- 14 I make the report?
- 15 MR MARGAI:
- No, not that you reported. What I'm saying is that your 16 Q.
- 17 son did not inform, not you. What is written in that
- 18 statement is to the effect that you said your son did not
- 19 report that he was in possession of the gun to the
- 20 Mongeray Kamajor High Command. Look at the portion
- 21 there.
- This is complicated. It was not in his possession. 22
- 23 I only sent him that morning for it. It was in my
- possession, but it was hidden. It was only that morning 24
- 25 that I sent him for the gun, and the gun was removed from
- 26 him. I never saw him alive again.
- 27 So you did not tell the Prosecutor that?
- PRESIDING JUDGE: It comes down to that. 28
- MR MARGAI: Yes, I accept that. 29

- PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, that's right. 1
- 2 JUDGE BOUTET: So you want this document to be marked for that
- 3 purpose?
- 4 MR MARGAI: Yes, my lord.
- 5 JUDGE BOUTET: We'll mark this document as Exhibit 35.
- MR MARGAI: Mr Walker, the document. 6
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, where is 34? Mr Walker, could we
- 8 have 34, please.
- 9 JUDGE BOUTET: We'll complete this one.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, yes, I know. Let him get it ready.
- 11 MR MARGAI: Mr Walker, and my glasses.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: I thought you were giving them to the 12
- witness. He's a teacher. He needs them at all times. 13
- 14 MR MARGAI: No, he forgot his glasses at home. We know each
- 15 other very well. He did not see the need, I'm sure.
- JUDGE BOUTET: The document of 21 May 2003, a document of four 16
- pages is the statement of the witness is marked as 17
- Exhibit 35. And so I get it correctly, Mr Margai, this 18
- 19 is in relation to the lines marked on the first page of
- 20 the document.
- 21 MR MARGAI: The first page, yes, My Lord.
- 22 JUDGE BOUTET: So this document is marked for that purpose --
- MR MARGAI: Sorry, My Lords, it should have been five pages, 23
- 24 I'm sorry. Here is the last page, I'm sorry.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: It is always good to clip the, because, you
- 26 know, it could be disastrous if one page gets missing.
- 27 Your evidence happens to hinge around that.
- MR MARGAI: It is the same, five pages. 28
- JUDGE THOMPSON: Mr Margai, did you highlight the portions. 29

- MR MARGAI: Yes, I did, My Lord. 1
- 2 JUDGE BOUTET: And this is the portion that is highlighted on
- 3 the first page.
- 4 MR MARGAI: That is the portion.
- 5 JUDGE BOUTET: This is the fourth bullet, thank you. So the
- 6 document is marked for that particular purpose of showing
- 7 inconsistency between what the statement says and what
- 8 the witness is staying.
- 9 MR MARGAI: Yes, My Lord. Maybe that ought be stapled to
- 10 ensure that a leaf does not fly out.
- 11 JUDGE BOUTET: But to complete the record Exhibit 34, which is
- the document that we have marked at your request just for 12
- 13 better clarity and better understanding when we look at
- 14 the record in the future, I want to make sure that this
- 15 document, that is Exhibit 34, reflects that this is in
- relation to TF2-088, because the document in itself all 16
- 17 it says is two names without any other reference.
- MR MARGAI: Yes, so that there will be that nexus. May I then 18
- 19 apply that we so indicate for clarity sake.
- 20 JUDGE BOUTET: Exhibit 34 refers to the surname of TF2-088 and
- we'll mark on the exhibit TF2-088. 21
- 22 MR MARGAI: Could you get Mr Walker to do that, please.
- PRESIDING JUDGE: It was supposed to be dated. 23
- MR MARGAI: It is dated, My Lord. 24
- 25 JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you, Mr Margai. So we come back to you,
- 26 now.
- 27 [Exhibit No. 35 was admitted]
- 28 MR MARGAI:
- 29 Now, just to wrap up this aspect of the cross-examination Q.

- 1 before we move on, now, Mr Witness, you have never been a
- 2 doctor, a medical doctor?
- 3 Α. I am a xxxxxxxx.
- 4 Q. No, answer the question, have you or have you not?
- 5 No, no, no. Α.
- 6 Q. You've never been a medical doctor? Neither have you
- 7 been a druggist.
- 8 None of what you are mentioning. Α.
- 9 Nor a nurse. Q.
- 10 I've not been in the medical field. Α.
- Now, Mr Witness, did you receive reports? 11
- PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Margai, it will soon be 5.30. 12
- MR MARGAI: Yes, My Lord. 13
- PRESIDING JUDGE: How long do you think we will be on this 14
- 15 topic that you are introducing now?
- MR MARGAI: Well, this is going to be a new topic, so I might 16
- as well leave it to start off with on the next adjourned 17
- 18 date.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE: If it was going to take you five or ten
- 20 minutes, that's fine, we may, but if it was going beyond.
- 21 MR MARGAI: It is going to go beyond, quite frankly.
- 22 My Lords, may I crave your indulgence, based on the
- 23 indication that you gave earlier about delivering a
- ruling at 9.00, I'm asking that I defer my 24
- cross-examination to about 12.00 on Monday. I regret 25
- 26 making this application on the grounds that I have a
- judge's summons in the High Court at 9.00 on Monday. I 27
- will be here latest 11.00 or 11.30. If I'm here before 28
- 29 that I'll let Your Lordships know.

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PRESIDING JUDGE: That's fine. That's all right.
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- 2 MR MARGAI: I'm grateful.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's okay.
- 4 [Trial chamber confers]
- 5 JUDGE BOUTET: Mr Prosecutor, if I may, just so we know a
- 6 little bit more about what is happening on Monday,
- 7 depending how much time one will take or not, are you
- 8 ready if Mr Margai is not back before, let's say -- he
- 9 has asked to be -- that the cross-examination of this
- 10 witness be adjourned until 12.00, which the Court has
- 11 agreed to. Are you ready to proceed with another witness
- 12 in the meantime?
- 13 MR TAVENER: Yes, the Prosecution are ready to proceed at
- 14 9.30, is it?
- 15 JUDGE BOUTET: Well, we'll see on Monday, but just be prepared
- 16 to proceed with another witness. In the meantime,
- 17 I would like to hear, not now but maybe first after these
- matters are disposed of on Monday, the indication about 18
- 19 the child witness I referred to earlier this morning.
- 20 MR TAVENER: Yes, I understand that person has been
- 21 declared --
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE: This said, I think we can start at 9.30,
- 23 okay. We started at 9.30, normal time, so that we give
- 24 Mr Margai time to come back.
- 25 MR MARGAI: Thank you, My Lord.
- 26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, okay.
- 27 JUDGE BOUTET: But at 9.30 if the decisions are delivered at
- that particular moment, after that can we hear your 28
- 29 application and then we'll see how we fit with the next

1	witness.
2	MR TAVENER: Thank you.
3	JUDGE BOUTET: Thank you.
4	PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, learned counsel, we've come to the end
5	of the week. I wish every one of you a very happy
6	weekend. We are adjourning and we shall be resuming at
7	9.30 Monday, the 29th of November 2004. Thank you. The
8	Court will rise, please.
9	[whereupon the hearing adjourned at 5.30 p.m., to be
10	reconvened on Monday, the 29th day of November, 2004 at
11	9.30 a.m.]
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