

Case No. SCSL-2004-15-T
THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
ISSA SESAY
MORRIS KALLON
AUGUSTINE GBAO

MONDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2007
9.45 A.M.
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER I

Presiding

Before the Judges:

Benjamin Mutanga Itoe,
Bankole Thompson
Pierre Boutet

For Chambers:

Ms Erica Bussey
Mr Felix Nkongho

For the Registry:

Mr Thomas George

For the Prosecution:

Mr Peter Harrison
Mr Vincent Wagona
Mr Reginald Fynn

For the accused Issa Sesay:

Mr Wayne Jordash
Mr Kevin Hussey

For the accused Morris Kallon:

Mr Kennedy Ogeto
Mr Lansana Dumbuya

For the accused Augustine Gbao:

Mr John Cammegh
Ms Prudence Acirokop
Mr Scott Martin

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[The accused present]

[The witness entered Court]

[Closed session]

[Upon commencing at 9.45 a.m.]

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OPEN SESSION

1 [Open session]

2 MR GEORGE: The Court is in an open session now.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Cammegh, we are in an open
4 session.

09:51:34
Your

5 MR CAMMEGH: I'm grateful, Your Honour. As you know,

appointment

6 Honour, there was some difficulty in relation to the

7 of my proposed co-counsel for the time being, Miss Prudence

8 Acirokop, and the difficulty being founded on the fact, of

requirements

9 course, that strictly speaking she did not meet the

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the

10 of core. I'm very pleased to say, and I should at once thank

thank

11 Registrar for his intervention in this matter and, indeed,

12 the Principal Defender for entering into the spirit of

13 negotiation that last week Miss Acirokop was appointed as

14 co-counsel and will remain co-counsel on the Gbao team for the
09:52:29 15 time being. I am also very pleased to announce the arrival of
16 our latest legal assistant Mr Scott Martin from the
17 United States. He sits behind me. And we are very pleased to

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18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Scott Martin, is it a double T at
the

19 end or just one T?

09:53:02 20 MR CAMMEGH: Just one T.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just one T.

22 MR CAMMEGH: Yes. We are very pleased to welcome his
23 expertise onto the team, and hopefully the team is now
complete

24 and will function in this form until the end of the trial. It
is

09:53:21 25 a great pleasure for me to say that because, as I think Your
26 Honours are aware, we have never had a complete team until
now,

27 so it's excellent news for us and very good news for Mr Gbao,
and

28 I hope it is good news to Your Honour as you flagged up the
other

29 day.

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1 PRESIDING JUDGE: It's good news for all of us --

2 MR CAMMEGH: Indeed it is.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: -- because it contributes to move the

4 process forward.

09:53:50 5 MR CAMMEGH: Yes.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Without any necessary interruptions,

and

7 above all, it assures us that the rights of the accused

persons

8 are now fully and properly protected so far as the conduct of

the

9 Defence is concerned.

09:54:09 10 MR CAMMEGH: Yes.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Right. Well, I think -- what -- how

do

12 you spell her name again?

13 MR CAMMEGH: Prudence P-R-U-D-E-N-C-E, and then Acirokop

is

14 A-C-I-R-O-K-O-P.

09:54:36 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Acirokop.

16 MR CAMMEGH: Acirokop, I think that's the correct

17 pronunciation.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Right. Miss Acirokop and Mr Scott

19 Martin, welcome to the team and welcome to this Court and we

09:54:59 20 assure them of our cooperation at all times and of our

assistance

21 just as we expect a lot of assistance from them, the conduct

of

22 those of the Defence as well.

23 MR CAMMEGH: Of course, and I should thank Your Honours

for

24 Your Honours shall I say words of encouragement during this

minor

09:55:23 25 dispute. They were very gladly received.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: We were happy it was resolved at that
27 level and that we didn't have to come in. That was what we
were
28 expecting and we are happy it has happened that way. Right, I
29 think this said, we would have to move back to the closed
session

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CLOSED SESSION

1 in order to continue our proceedings.

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83 Exhibit No. 274

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WITNESSES FOR THE DEFENCE :

WITNESS: DIS-281

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CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR CAMMEGH

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CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR HARRISON

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