



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

FRIDAY, 16 JULY 2010
9.00 A.M.
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before the Judges:

Justice Julia Sebutinde, Presiding
Justice Richard Lussick
Justice Teresa Doherty
Justice El Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate

For Chambers:

Ms Erica Bussey

For the Registry:

Ms Rachel Irura
Ms Zainab Fofanah

For the Prosecution:

Mr Nicholas Koumjian
Ms Maja Dimitrova

For the accused Charles Ghankay
Taylor:

Mr Silas Chekera
Ms Logan Hambriek

1 Friday, 16 July 2010

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.02 a.m.]

09:02:28 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. We will start with the
6 appearances, please.

7 MR KOUMJIAN: Good morning, Madam President, and your
8 Honours. For the Prosecution this morning, Nicholas Koumjian and
9 Maja Dimitrova.

09:02:53 10 Before we break today, after we finish with the Defence
11 appearances, et cetera, I do have a small matter to bring up.

12 MR CHEKERA: Good morning, Madam President, your Honours
13 and counsel opposite for the Defence. Myself, Silas Chekera and
14 Ms Logan Hambri ck, my Lord.

09:03:14 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, of course, I note that Mr Griffiths
16 is not here but, basically, I would like to hear from the Defence
17 what has happened.

18 MR CHEKERA: Yes, Madam President, thank you.

19 For reasons that we have already put on the record, namely,
09:03:30 20 that lead counsel Mr Griffiths is indisposed, we regret that we
21 are unable to proceed with the trial today, and we would seek an
22 adjournment to the 26th of this month.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Chekera, I think it's important for
24 us, on the public record, to show or to confirm that Mr Griffiths
09:04:32 25 is indisposed, by reason of ill health, okay, and that he is
26 unable to be in court today because of that reason.

27 MR CHEKERA: Yes, Madam President.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: And I trust that he will take advantage
29 of the hiatus, namely, the recess, the one week recess that we

1 have, to recuperate.

2 MR CHEKERA: Indeed.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: However, we are also of the view that the
4 trial needs to move forward after the summer recess, that is, on
09:05:06 5 the 26th. And if for any reason lead counsel is not able to be
6 back on that date, we would like the Defence to have a
7 contingency plan, whereby either another counsel will take over
8 the examination-in-chief of the current witness, or you will be
9 able to interpose another witness. Either way, the trial must
09:05:31 10 continue on the 26th. This is the view of the judges.

11 MR CHEKERA: Yes, Madam President.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: And, of course, we do wish Mr Griffiths a
13 speedy recovery.

14 Mr Koumjian, you had a matter to raise.

09:05:48 15 MR KOUMJIAN: Yes, your Honours. Knowing that the break is
16 - this is the last day before the break, I wanted to inform the
17 Court that we received a phone call last night, and we anticipate
18 that witnesses or a witness for the Prosecution reopening will be
19 requesting a change of date. The request would still be within
09:06:10 20 the date of the Defence case. And, in fact, I would expect
21 certainly it will be within the testimony, in fact, before the
22 testimony is in fact completed of the current witness.

23 Reasons were given, but it was explained to the
24 representatives that this is a decision for your Honours and they
09:06:29 25 were encouraged to make a communication to your Honours as soon
26 as possible. So I would expect you would be receiving that,
27 hopefully, today. And I just wanted everyone, since I know some
28 plans are being made, to be made aware of that.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Koumjian, we've noted your submissions

1 and we appreciate the information that you have passed on to
2 everybody in the court. However, in the interest of a smooth
3 trial, and in the interests of keeping everybody properly
4 informed, you reckon that this information might well come when,
09:07:36 5 you know, the day is through and next week, of course, is where
6 everybody is on recess. Now, when this information does come
7 through, what the Court would require is for the Prosecution to
8 then sort the court order of your witnesses and to officially and
9 formally inform the Court and the side opposite of exactly when
09:08:01 10 these witnesses are going to be called.

11 It's in everybody's interest that we are certain of how
12 we're going to proceed after the recess, and that would be my
13 request and directive to the Prosecution.

14 The Court is adjourned to Monday, the 26th of July 2010,
09:08:30 15 after the recess. Thank you.

16 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 9.08 a.m.
17 to be reconvened on Monday, 26 July 2010 at
18 9.00 a.m.]

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