



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

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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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