



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

MONDAY, 21 APRIL 2008
9.30 A.M.
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before the Judges:

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Justice Richard Lussick
Justice Julia Sebutinde
Justice Al Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate

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Mr Morris Anyah

For the Office of the Principal Defender:

Mr Silas Chekera

1 Monday, 21 April 2008

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.]

09:30:03 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. I will take appearances,
6 Ms Alagendra.

7 MS ALAGENDRA: Good morning, your Honours. For the
8 Prosecution is Mr Nicholas Koumjian, myself, Shyamala Alagendra,
9 Alain Werner and Maja Dimitrova.

09:30:22 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Ms Alagendra. Mr Anyah, good
11 morning.

12 MR ANYAH: Good morning, your Honours. Good morning, Madam
13 President. For the Defence: Myself, Morris Anyah, Silas Chekera
14 from the Office of the Principal Defender and Mr Lansana Kamara.

09:30:38 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. If there are no other matters
16 I will remind the witness of his solemn declaration.

17 Mr Witness, you recall that last week you took a solemn
18 declaration to tell the truth. I again remind you, as I've done
19 on other mornings, that that is binding and continues to be
09:30:59 20 binding upon you. You should answer questions truthfully. Do
21 you understand?

22 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Please proceed, Ms Alagendra.

24 WITNESS: TF1-334 [On former affirmation]

09:31:10 25 EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MS ALAGENDRA [Cont.]:

26 Q. Good morning, Mr Witness.

27 A. Good morning, my Lord.

28 Q. Mr Witness, before we continue from where you stopped on
29 Friday afternoon, there are a few matters I wanted to take you

1 back to with regards to your testimony on Friday and ask you a
2 few questions about those. Do you understand?

3 A. Yes, my Lord.

09:31:45

4 Q. Witness, you've testified about attacks which took place in
5 several towns and villages in Kono and you've given us time
6 frames for those attacks. There are some areas on which the time
7 frame when those attacks took place is not so clear and I want to
8 ask you some questions about those, okay?

9 A. Yes, my Lord.

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10 Q. The attacks that you described which took place in Njaiama
11 Sewafe, do you remember when it took place in terms of time?

12 A. When we were entering towards Kono, Koidu Town, together
13 with Johnny Paul Koroma, that was the first attack, Njaiama
14 Sewafe. That was in early, I think March, first week of March or
15 so, 1998.

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16 Q. Do you recall you testified about other attacks which took
17 place in Sewafe?

18 A. Yes, my Lord.

19 Q. Can you give us a time frame for that attack?

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20 A. Well, the other attacks that happened, that was around
21 June/July, around June/July 1998.

22 Q. You testified about attacks that took place in Yengema.
23 Can you give us a time frame when the attack in Yengema took
24 place?

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25 A. Well, the attack in Yengema was, I think, March/April 1998,
26 around that time.

27 Q. And you told us about attacks which took place in Koidu
28 Buma and that it took place on your way to Koidu Geiya. Do you
29 recall that?

1 A. Yes, my Lord.

2 Q. Can you tell the Court when the attack in Koidu Buma took
3 place?

4 A. Well, it was around May/June 1998.

09:34:21 5 Q. And the attack in Koidu Geiya, when did that take place?

6 A. Around that time frame, May/June 1998.

7 Q. During the time that you were in Kono, which you said was
8 from about March to June/July 1998, do you know if any attacks
9 took place in Gandorhun?

09:34:53 10 A. The only attack I can recall was when Rambo went to Geiya -
11 Gandorhun. That was the early time of the attack that we
12 attacked Koidu Town. We went on a visit when Rambo for the RUF,
13 we met him burning some areas in Gandorhun.

14 Q. When you say when "we went on a visit", who is the "we" you
09:35:22 15 are referring to?

16 A. I was there together with Hassan Papa Bangura. We went on
17 patrol within that area. We met Rambo burning part of Gandorhun.

18 Q. What was Rambo burning in Gandorhun?

19 A. Some houses within the Gandorhun area, Gandorhun Town, he
09:36:00 20 was burning some houses.

21 Q. When did this take place?

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause, Ms Alagenda.

23 Mr Interpreter, was it Gandorhun area, or Gandorhun Town?

24 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the witness first said
09:36:15 25 Gandorhun area and later he said Gandorhun Town.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see, thank you. Continue please.

27 MS ALAGENDRA:

28 Q. Witness, you have said that Rambo was burning houses within
29 Gandorhun area and you also said Gandorhun Town, which is it?

1 A. Well, the Gandorhun Town in general, because that was where
2 the battalion was based, in the town. He was there.

3 Q. Can you tell us when this took place?

4 A. This happened around March 1998.

09:36:57 5 Q. At the time you arrived in Gandorhun had the burning
6 already started?

7 A. Yes, we met them setting the houses ablaze.

8 Q. Who was setting the houses ablaze?

9 A. Commander Rambo himself was one, together with his men who
09:37:24 10 were on the ground.

11 Q. Can you remind us again which groups his men were from?

12 A. He had RUF and SLA members.

13 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagenda, which Rambo is this? Which
14 of the two Rambos we've heard of is this?

09:37:49 15 MS ALAGENDRA:

16 Q. Witness, you've testified about two Rambos and I think
17 earlier you did mention which Rambo you were talking about, but
18 can you remind us again, please, which Rambo?

19 A. RUF Rambo.

09:38:03 20 Q. Thank you, Mr Witness. Witness, you testified on Friday
21 that in Kono civilians and SBUs were being trained. Do you
22 recall that?

23 A. Yes, my Lord.

24 Q. You said there were some commanders who were involved in
09:38:26 25 this training.

26 A. Yes, my Lord.

27 Q. You named Junior Sheriff as one of those who was involved
28 in training civilians and SBUs.

29 A. Yes, my Lord.

1 Q. And you testified that you yourself were training civilians
2 and SBUs.

3 A. Yes, my Lord.

09:38:52

4 Q. Do you recall if there were any other persons who were
5 training SBUs and civilians?

6 A. Yes. In fact in the various battalions, the commanders -
7 the commanders in those battalions used to exchange SBUs and
8 civilians who were in our midst.

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9 Q. What do you mean by commanders in the battalions used to
10 exchange SBUs and civilians?

11 A. As I said, whenever we were to go on a patrol together with
12 Hassan Papa Bangura, we would meet most of those commanders in
13 the battalions. They were doing basic trainings, they were
14 training the SBUs and some of the civilians.

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15 Q. Can you give us the names of some of these commanders that
16 you saw training SBUs and civilians?

17 A. Well, like Savage was training SBU and civilians, Commander
18 Savage. We also had Tito who was in Yengema, he too was doing
19 training, and Amara Kallay too was also doing training which I
20 witnessed.

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21 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Witness, Amara who?

22 THE WITNESS: Kallay.

23 MS ALAGENDRA:

09:40:44

24 Q. Witness, do you know which groups were involved in training
25 SBUs and civilians?

26 A. Yes, my Lord.

27 Q. Which groups?

28 A. The SLA - the SLA group used to train and also the RUF
29 group used to train.

1 Q. Do you recall the names of any of the RUF commanders or
2 fighters who were training SBUs and civilians?

3 A. Yes, my Lord.

4 Q. Can you tell us the names, please?

09:41:17 5 A. Komba Gbundema trained SBUs and civilians. Emmanuel
6 Williams, aka Rocky, he too trained civilians. Commander Isaac
7 Mongor too also trained civilians and SBUs.

8 Q. How do you know this?

9 A. It was the frequent patrols that we made during those
09:42:02 10 times, because normally when we went on a visit or on a patrol at
11 their bases, at the various places where they were based, I will
12 meet those trainings going on.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Anyah, I see you're on your feet.

14 MR ANYAH: Yes, Madam President. I did not object when the
09:42:21 15 question was posed initially. It was posed in a compound nature,
16 SBUs and civilians, but now the responses have come forward, with
17 respect to Emmanuel Williams the witness specifically says only
18 civilians. With respect to the other two he says both SBUs and
19 civilians. I wonder if there could be some clarification whether
09:42:39 20 as to Williams he's also saying he trained SBUs as well.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Anyah. Ms Alagendra,
22 you've heard the objection.

23 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I will clarify that with the
24 witness:

09:42:54 25 Q. Witness, Emmanuel Williams, who was also known as Rocky,
26 what kind of civilians did he train?

27 A. He too trained SBUs. He had SBUs and civilians whom they
28 captured. He too trained them.

29 Q. Witness, on Friday you told the Court that in some areas

1 the SBUs were being used to amputate the limbs of civilians. Do
2 you recall that?

3 A. Yes, my Lord.

4 Q. And you said it happened in some areas.

09:43:37 5 A. Yes, my Lord.

6 Q. And you said, for instance, it happened in Yomandu.

7 A. Yes, my Lord.

8 Q. Apart from Yomandu, did amputations take place anywhere by
9 SBUs?

09:44:06 10 A. Just like I said, when Mohamed Savage used to do that
11 amputation he had SBUs who were with him, helping him with the
12 amputation.

13 Q. Were there any other areas that amputations took place?

14 A. Well, what I saw, this was the area, but except we went on
09:44:35 15 patrols at the RUF side - at the RUF end, that was where I would
16 see them doing amputations too.

17 Q. When you say "at the RUF end", what do you mean?

18 A. Well, like the Guinea Highway, they used to amputate there
19 which we witnessed and also within the Superman area, Dabundeh
09:45:11 20 Street. They captured a civilian which I witnessed and that
21 civilian was amputated.

22 Q. When you say "like the Guinea Highway, they used to
23 amputate", who used to amputate?

24 A. The RUF and the SLA who were within that area used to do
09:45:35 25 that.

26 Q. When did these amputations take place in Guinea Highway?

27 A. As far as I can recall, this was when the battalions had
28 been established, so when we would go on those patrols I would
29 witness these acts.

1 Q. Are you able to give a time frame for the Guinea Highway
2 amputations?

3 A. As I said, this was round March/April 1998.

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4 Q. When you say within the Superman area they captured a
5 civilian, who captured a civilian?

6 A. Well, this - we went on a visit and they said they had gone
7 on a patrol, they brought a civilian and we witnessed that
8 civilian being amputated.

9 Q. By who?

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10 A. By Superman's order there was an RUF who was ordered to
11 amputate the civilian.

12 Q. How do you know that it was an order from Superman?

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13 A. This happened in my presence in Koidu Town. We went on a
14 visit. We were standing there when they brought the person and
15 he said the person should be amputated and sent to go and tell
16 ECOMOG that it should serve as a warning for them not to come to
17 Kono.

18 Q. Who said that the person should be amputated and who sent
19 the person to ECOMOG?

09:47:33

20 A. Superman himself said so. He said, "Amputate that person
21 and let him go."

22 Q. Witness, you were testifying about what happened to women
23 during the time you were based in Kono.

24 A. Yes, my Lord.

09:47:55

25 Q. You told the Court that women were forced to have sexual
26 intercourse and to cook, pound rice and do laundry for the RUF
27 and SLA. Do you recall that?

28 A. Yes, my Lord.

29 Q. Do you recall where in Kono this was happening?

1 A. Well, this happened even at Masingbi Road, that is the
2 headquarters where I was based, and it also happened in the
3 various battalions that I named, because whenever you will go
4 there you will see each fighter had a wife.

09:48:52 5 Q. Can you tell us in which areas this happened?

6 A. Like Masingbi Road, that was one area that happened.
7 Yengema was another area, Bumpe is another area, Tombodu too was
8 another area and Jagbwema Fima as well.

9 Q. Can you give us a time frame when this was happening?

09:49:39 10 A. This happened from within March to June 1998.

11 Q. And this time frame that you've given us, March to July,
12 which area are you referring to?

13 MR ANYAH: I thought he said March to June.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, I have a note March to June as well.

09:50:05 15 MS ALAGENDRA: I beg your pardon, it was my slip:

16 Q. March to June 1998. In which areas was it happening in
17 this time frame?

18 A. Just as I said, it happened at the Masingbi Road, it
19 happened in Bumpe, Tombodu, Yengema, even at Superman's base,
09:50:38 20 Dabundeh Street, there also.

21 Q. Witness, on Friday you were telling the Court about an
22 incident where a bank was broken into and some money was taken.

23 A. Yes, my Lord.

24 Q. I'm going to read your answer back to you and ask you to a
09:50:58 25 clarify a few things. First you say, "They gave us information
26 that there was money. We went, we broke into the bank and we
27 took the monies, so the money was with Superman." Then further
28 down you say, "The money was with Superman, but when we moved to
29 Koidu Geiya and we captured there and whilst the ECOMOG jet was

1 bombarding Koidu Town, like I said, we saw Eldred Collins, Mammy
2 Sankoh and others, they came. So they had this money on them,
3 about six bags of money." I'm going to stop there for now,
4 witness.

09:51:53 5 Now, when you say, "They gave us information" --

6 MR ANYAH: I would be grateful if counsel could tell me the
7 page and which transcript she's reading from.

8 MS ALAGENDRA: Certainly, it's page 8017 and the first part
9 I've read is from line 8 to 10. The second part is from line 18
09:52:18 10 to 22.

11 MR ANYAH: Thank you, counsel.

12 MS ALAGENDRA:

13 Q. Witness, when you say, "They gave us information that there
14 was money", who gave you the information about the money?

09:52:36 15 A. Well, this time when we entered Kono some of the civilians
16 whom we captured gave us the information that there was money in
17 the bank.

18 Q. When you say "we" who are you talking about?

19 A. This information got to Superman and Superman invited Bazy
09:53:02 20 and Hassan Papa Bangura and informed them, because it was an
21 organised operation.

22 Q. "We went, we broke into the bank", who, do you recall,
23 broke into the bank?

24 A. Superman was present, I too was there, Bazy and Hassan
09:53:26 25 Papa Bangura too was present when the incident occurred.

26 Q. When you say, "We saw Eldred Collins, Mammy Sankoh and
27 others, they came, so they had this money on them, about six bags
28 of money", which money are you talking about that Eldred Collins
29 and Mammy Sankoh had on them?

1 A. It was this money, because Eldred Collins too was where -
2 was with Superman at Dabundeh Street, so they moved with this
3 money to Koidu Geiya.

09:54:20 4 Q. Where was Eldred Collins at the time the bank was broken
5 into?

6 A. He was in Koidu Town. He was at Superman's base. He was
7 in Koidu Town.

8 Q. Witness, on Friday you told the Court that after you
9 returned from the operation in Koidu Geiya you returned to
09:54:45 10 Masingbi Road and you saw that Bazzy had burned down the entire
11 Masingbi Road. Do you recall that?

12 A. Yes, my Lord.

13 Q. Can you give a time frame as to when this took place; the
14 burning of Masingbi Road?

09:55:01 15 A. This was in '98. It was a preparation to withdraw from
16 Kono - Koidu Town, May/June '98.

17 Q. Now, on Friday you also testified about food finding
18 patrols.

19 A. Yes, my Lord.

09:55:25 20 Q. Now, can you tell the Court who was involved in these food
21 finding patrols in terms of the groups?

22 A. This food finding, I too was involved. SLA, RUF, together
23 with the civilians whom we had, everybody was involved because
24 whenever we went on patrols we would use them to carry the loads.

09:55:55 25 Whatever we got, whether we got rice or whatever we got, we used
26 them to carry them.

27 Q. Who was used to carry the loads?

28 A. The civilians whom we went with.

29 Q. When did this take place, the food finding patrols?

1 A. This food finding continued. It is a continuous process.
2 From our entry into Koidu Town right up to our withdrawal it
3 continued to happen.

09:56:50 4 Q. Witness, you were testifying about your move to Mansofinia
5 and about a meeting that took place in Mansofinia. You told the
6 Court that during the meeting there was reorganisation of the
7 troops by Gullit, who is Alex Tamba Brima?

8 A. Yes, my Lord.

09:57:13 9 Q. And you were telling the Court about some orders that he
10 passed, do you recall?

11 A. Yes, my Lord.

12 Q. Now in your answer, which is at page 8053 and I'm referring
13 specifically to line 23, you said: "He said he's giving out a
14 warning to any civilians or fighters who'll attempt to escape."
09:57:45 15 Do you know what was meant by this?

16 A. Well, just as I said, he said anyone who made an attempt to
17 escape that person would be immediately executed.

18 Q. Did he say escape from what?

19 A. If the person escaped from the group. Whether the person
09:58:08 20 wanted to escape to anywhere, it doesn't matter.

21 Q. And in regard to this order, who were the civilians that he
22 was referring to?

23 A. As I said earlier on, these were the civilians we brought
24 from Makeni, Kono, that we brought to Mansofinia. They were the
09:58:36 25 ones who were with us.

26 Q. And in your testimony about the orders passed by Gullit
27 during this meeting, you spoke about orders to burn down houses
28 and to execute civilians?

29 A. Yes, my Lord.

1 Q. Did Gullit pass any other orders relating to civilians
2 during this particular meeting?

3 A. As we were going along, or I mean as he was saying in this
4 meeting he said as we'll be going along so he will continue to
09:59:19 5 give orders.

6 Q. Witness, at this time after he passed the orders, are you
7 able to recall the size of the group that was in Mansofinia?

8 A. Well, we were more than 500.

9 Q. And this 500 number that you're referring to, who does it
09:59:52 10 include?

11 A. Just as I said, it included the family members which we
12 coded. That was the captured civilians. Family members we
13 called them.

14 Q. Are you able to recall the number of fighters that was in
10:00:12 15 this group?

16 A. As far as I can recall we were about 300 or so, the
17 fighters.

18 Q. You testified that Five-Five came and joined the group in
19 Mansofinia and he came with some RUF and SLA fighters. Do you
10:00:35 20 recall that?

21 A. Yes, my Lord.

22 Q. Do you recall the number of fighters that Five-Five came
23 with?

24 A. As I said, it was almost the size of a battalion.

10:00:50 25 Q. And can you remind us what the figure is?

26 A. Five-Five brought with about 80 men and that comprised
27 their family that they brought too. They too had captured
28 civilians who were with them.

29 Q. When you say "their family", who are you talking about?

1 A. I am referring to the captured, because those guys too had
2 captured civilians who were in the group.

3 Q. Do you recall the number of fighters that Five-Five came
4 with?

10:01:32 5 A. As I said, it was about 80 men that they brought.

6 Q. And the number of civilians?

7 A. Well I cannot tell you the exact number, but there were
8 civilians among the fighters.

9 Q. And amongst these 80 fighters do you recall how many were
10:02:01 10 RUF?

11 A. No, I cannot recall, but there were RUF in the group. I
12 cannot tell you the number of RUF fighters just now, but it was a
13 mixed group.

14 Q. And these 300 fighters that you said were part of the group
10:02:22 15 in Mansofinia, does that include these 80 fighters that Five-Five
16 came with?

17 A. Well this was an addition of the fighters, but I'm
18 referring to the group which came from Kono. This is just an
19 addition. A reinforcement.

10:02:46 20 Q. So once Five-Five came and joined the group in Mansofinia,
21 what was the number of fighters in the group?

22 A. As I said, the number increased. We had about 400 or more
23 of fighters.

24 Q. Did anything happen after this meeting in Mansofinia?

10:03:20 25 A. As I said, after Gullit had made the appointment of company
26 commanders, military supervisors, he appointed the brigade
27 administrator too who was FAT Sesay, because he was directly
28 responsible to take details of fighters from both sides. So, he
29 ordered that the troops should be prepared to advance towards

1 Yayah so that we will take into the jungle.

2 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record Yayah is spelt
3 Y-A-Y-A-H:

10:04:11

4 Q. Witness, who ordered that the troops should be prepared to
5 advance towards Yayah?

6 A. It was Tamba Alex Brima.

7 Q. Where is Yayah?

8 A. It's in the Koinadugu District.

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9 Q. Now, what happened after Tamba Alex Brima said the troops
10 should be prepared to advance towards Yayah? What happened after
11 he said that?

12 A. The troop left. A Company and D Company took the lead.

13 Q. Were you with any one of these companies?

14 A. Well, within that time I was with the brigade.

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15 Q. And what does that mean, witness, in terms of where you
16 were in the arrangement of troops leaving Mansofinia towards
17 Yayah?

18 A. I did not get that question clearly.

10:05:26

19 Q. You said A Company and D Company took the lead and you were
20 with the brigade administration - I beg your pardon, with the
21 brigade. My question to you is where was your position in terms
22 of your physical position in the group that was moving out of
23 Mansofinia towards Yayah?

10:06:02

24 A. I was still with Hassan Papa Bangura as PS, but we were in
25 the middle.

26 Q. Who was leading Company A?

27 A. Captain Tito.

28 Q. And who was leading Company D?

29 A. Captain George Johnson, aka Junior Lion.

1 Q. And when the group left Mansofinia, did anyone remain
2 behind in Mansofinia?

3 A. Well, the organisation was like this: A Company -
4 D Company, took the lead while the brigade administration which
10:06:44 5 comprised the family members was in the middle. At the rear
6 there was C and B companies.

7 Q. In terms of what you've just told us, where was Gullit,
8 Bazy - I beg your pardon, where was Gullit?

9 A. Gullit was in the middle where the brigade administration
10:07:19 10 was.

11 Q. Where was Bazy?

12 A. Bazy too was in the middle.

13 Q. And where was Five-Five?

14 A. He too was in the middle at the brigade administration.

10:07:32 15 Q. And at the rear was there anyone leading Company C?

16 A. There was Captain Arthur and Captain Foday Bah Marah, C and
17 B companies.

18 Q. Foday Bah Marah, which company was he with?

19 A. B company.

10:07:59 20 Q. You may have told us this before, witness, but can you
21 remind us if Foday Bah Marah was known by any other name?

22 A. Yes, Bulldoze.

23 Q. When the group left Mansofinia, did anyone remain in
24 Mansofinia?

10:08:28 25 A. No.

26 Q. The whole troop, where did you move to?

27 A. We went straight to Yayah.

28 Q. Did anything happen when you got to Yayah?

29 A. From Yayah we entered through the jungle. We used the

1 footpath.

2 Q. Where did you go to?

3 A. We were heading towards the Bumbuna axis.

4 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record Bumbuna is

10:09:08 5 B-U-N-B-U-N-A:

6 Q. Witness, where is Bumbuna?

7 A. Bumbuna too is within the Koinadugu District.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagendra, I may have brought this up
9 before, it's the use of the word "footpath". The word "footpath"

10:09:27 10 to me connotes something at the edge of a road, but I suspect
11 that is not what the witness means.

12 MS ALAGENDRA: I will ask him what he means, your Honour.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

14 MS ALAGENDRA:

10:09:39 15 Q. Witness, when you use the word "footpath" what do you mean?

16 A. Well, like in the villages, these are bypass roads, bypass
17 routes that you use in the villages.

18 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, just for the record Bumbuna is

19 B-U-M-B-U-N-A:

10:10:18 20 Q. Where did you go to, witness?

21 A. We were pushing forward, trying to locate a base where we
22 would be able to settle.

23 Q. And what happened?

24 A. On the way going about three civilians attempted to escape
10:10:47 25 who were arrested then by Captain Tito and immediately after that
26 Gullit ordered their execution and they were shot to death as a
27 warning to the others.

28 Q. These three civilians who attempted to escape, who were
29 they?

1 A. These were the captured civilians who were with the troop,
2 that we referred to as family members.

3 Q. And how do you know about this incident?

10:11:33

4 A. I was at the headquarters when Tito brought them and said
5 they had attempted to escape, because he was in the lead, and
6 Gullit said they should be the example, so they should be
7 executed.

8 Q. When you say "they should be the example", can you explain
9 that? What does that mean?

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10 A. Since Gullit had already passed this order from Mansofinia,
11 he said, well, this was a demonstration that those people wanted
12 to challenge his order and that means the people wanted to die,
13 so they should die.

14 Q. What happened after this, witness?

10:12:20

15 A. The troop advanced towards the village where we stopped and
16 Gullit mounted the set where he got in touch with Superman and
17 Superman told him that it would be preferable for Gullit to
18 return with the troop to Kono, but Gullit reminded him that he
19 could not return because he was pressing ahead towards --

10:13:01

20 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness repeat.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pause, Mr Witness. You're going a little
22 quickly for the interpreter. He wants you to repeat part of your
23 answer. Continue from the part where you say, "Gullit reminded
24 him that he could not return because he was pressing ahead."

10:13:18

25 Continue from there, please.

26 THE WITNESS: Gullit said now he would not return because
27 he was pressing ahead for the north and he wanted to remind
28 Superman that he had the capability and force to disorganise
29 whatever attempts, or whosoever, so he was going ahead.

1 MS ALAGENDRA:

2 Q. What happened after this communication?

3 A. Well, Gullit switched off the set and said we should
4 prepare for the advance and he ordered that that village should
10:14:20 5 be burnt down, that the village should be put on fire and it was
6 B company and C company which were that rear, they set the
7 village on fire while the brigade moved.

8 Q. Witness, do you recall the name of this village?

9 A. No, I cannot recall, but it was within that Bumbuna axis.
10:14:46 10 I cannot recall the name of the village now.

11 Q. Who set the village on fire?

12 A. It was an order from Gullit, he called the B Company
13 commander and issued out the order.

14 Q. What was burnt in this village?

10:15:08 15 A. They set the houses on fire.

16 Q. Were there any civilians living in this village?

17 A. No, we did not meet civilians in that village.

18 Q. Now, you said the brigade moved. Where did the brigade
19 move to?

10:15:26 20 A. We moved towards a village together with the brigade and
21 captured one man called Tamba Sewa. They said he was a juju
22 priest.

23 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record Tamba Sewa is
24 T-A-M-B-A S-E-W-A:

10:15:53 25 Q. This village that you moved to, witness, where you met
26 Tamba Sewa, do you know which district it is?

27 A. It was in Koinadugu district. It was very close to
28 Bumbuna.

29 Q. Did anything happen --

1 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagendra, Tamba Sewa was a juju
2 priest, not a Jewish priest.

3 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, the witness did say juju:

4 Q. Just for the record, when you say "juju" what do you mean?

10:16:38 5 A. According to my idea, these are people they would go to to
6 worship, to prepare - I don't know how they call it. We used to
7 call it [indiscernible], they make some charms for you which
8 we'll use to fight. Charms that you use to fight.

9 Q. Thank you, witness. Did anything happen at this village?

10:17:12 10 A. Well, Tamba Sewa was arrested and he said - pleaded with
11 Gullit not to kill him. He said he would help the troop, he
12 would prepare something that everybody would have which will
13 disable the enemy from attacking us. He pleaded with Gullit that
14 they should not eat the goat, but the sheep and the ducks they
10:17:49 15 were free to eat and after that he prepared the charms which he
16 gave to every fighter. We tied the charm on our arms. From
17 there the troop left and headed towards Bumbuna Highway.

18 Q. What happened after that?

19 A. When we left that village we moved ahead and had an attack.

10:18:35 20 Q. Witness, can you give us a time frame now where we are at?

21 A. This was around July, July to August 1998. July, sorry,
22 1998. June/July 1998. June/July 1998, yeah.

23 Q. And where did you have an attack?

24 A. Just after the village where Tamba Sewa was, whilst we were
10:19:05 25 going we were attacked.

26 Q. Do you recall who attacked your group?

27 A. Yes, my Lord.

28 Q. Who?

29 A. This was the Executive Outcomes, the South Africans.

1 Q. Witness, please tell the Court what happened during this
2 attack.

3 A. We fought back and repelled and they captured one SLA. He
4 confirmed to us that they brought the South Africans, that they
10:19:45 5 were in that area to attack. Later Gullit called Tito, he called
6 Junior Lion saying that Tamba Sewa had told lies to the troop
7 because he knew about the presence of those people, so we should
8 reorganise and go back to the village where Tamba Sewa was and
9 burn that village down. So I left together with Junior Lion,
10:20:10 10 Tito and some other men. We went and set the village on fire and
11 returned. After that Gullit ordered that the soldier should tell
12 us exactly what they knew about the South Africans. This SLA
13 whom we captured had nothing good to tell us, so Gullit gave an
14 order that we should burn him alive, so we tied him and burnt
10:20:44 15 him.

16 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I'm sorry to interrupt, but I
17 did object to evidence pertaining to atrocities in Koinadugu
18 District last Friday and the Chamber overruled my objection. I
19 simply rise to make that a continuing objection for purposes of
10:21:04 20 perfecting the record, it is not to be disrespectful. My
21 training says that I should object whenever the same issue arises
22 again and I just register a continuing objection to this type of
23 evidence.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Your reply?

10:21:22 25 MR KOUMJIAN: Your Honour, may I reply for the Prosecution.
26 Your Honour, the Prosecution notes, first of all, in the
27 objection of last week Mr Anyah mentioned Rule 93 requiring that
28 the evidence of other crimes be disclosed pursuant to Rule 66.
29 In fact that has been done. The evidence that this witness is

1 testifying about, these crimes that are outside of the
2 indictment, are all contained in disclosures that were provided
3 to the Defence, including the witness's prior testimony which was
4 disclosed to the Defence.

10:22:04 5 In addition, your Honour, we wish to point out that this is
6 a case that's unlike other cases at the Special Court. The
7 accused in this case is not a commander on the ground. The
8 evidence that we seek to admit of crimes outside the indictment
9 is relevant for a number of reasons. First of all, the Defence
10:22:25 10 in this case - it is an element in this case, in all of the
11 charges of crimes against humanity, that there was a widespread
12 and systematic attack on the civilian population during the
13 period of the indictment, that there was a widespread and
14 systematic attack. All of these crimes are relevant to that
10:22:46 15 fundamental element to all of these charges.

16 Furthermore, because of the accused's position it's very
17 important, it's a critical element in our case, to prove that the
18 accused had notice of the atrocities that were going on and it is
19 - I believe I've been saying another - Rule 93 I'm referring to
10:23:09 20 regarding pattern evidence. It is our case that in fact the
21 evidence shows that the atrocities that were going on in Sierra
22 Leone were so widespread during the time of the indictment and
23 also, critically for our case, prior to the indictment period,
24 that throughout the indictment period the accused,
10:23:33 25 Charles Taylor, was aware of atrocities occurring by the RUF.

26 Furthermore, I think your Honours have seen in the evidence
27 that we have presented and we will continue to present, it is our
28 case that the RUF, which later allied itself with the AFRC, was a
29 terrorist army created by Charles Taylor, controlled by

1 Charles Taylor, created exactly in the image of his forces in
2 Liberia which committed a pattern of terrorists acts and that all
3 of this is relevant to the fundamental element of the intent of
4 the accused, his notice of the crimes and his, in fact, intent
10:24:17 5 that atrocities and terror be carried out in Sierra Leone.

6 So for all of these reasons we ask that the evidence we
7 admitted. I would note that your Honours are professional
8 judges. The probative value of this evidence, which we believe
9 is great, your Honours will consider and there's no lay jury
10:24:38 10 here. Your Honours, obviously this evidence is not sufficient
11 for any crime charged outside of the indictment. Any crime that
12 is not one of those charged within the indictment can only be
13 considered for the reasons that are probative and relevant and
14 your Honours, as professional judges, will not consider them for
10:24:55 15 inappropriate or prejudicial reasons. Thank you.

16 MR ANYAH: If it please the Court I beg the Chamber's
17 indulgence.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: We've canvassed this before, Mr Anyah.

19 MR ANYAH: I would beg the Chamber's indulgence to respond.
10:25:12 20 It is an important issue and counsel has said that disclosure has
21 been made to us. I will acknowledge on record that that has been
22 done. When I made the objection on Friday Ms Alagendra provided
23 two bases, perhaps three, but two in particular that stood out.
24 She said Rule 93, a persistent pattern of conduct, and she said
10:25:38 25 widespread or systematic attacks vis-a-vis crimes against
26 humanity, one of the categories of the charges in the indictment.

27 With regards to Rule 93, if your Honours look at that rule
28 there are two conditions, or preconditions if you will: One, it
29 speaks in the discretionary, that the Chamber may admit such

1 evidence; two, it applies an interest of justice standard. The
2 Prosecution has to make a showing. The Chamber doesn't just
3 accept it orally in the middle of a trial. It has to be in the
4 interests of justice and at the end of the day the Chamber still
10:26:13 5 retains the discretion whether or not to permit it.

6 With respect to crimes against humanity, with respect to
7 saying that this evidence is relevant to notice, placing our
8 client on notice vis-a-vis the widespread or systematic nature of
9 the attacks in Sierra Leone is misplaced. They have charged Kono
10:26:34 10 District, they have charged Koinadugu District, they have charged
11 the entire area around Freetown. All we are proposing is that
12 any allegations of atrocities, as far as notice is concerned, be
13 limited to those areas. The amount of atrocities and evidence
14 they have adduced so far is large enough to place anybody on the
10:26:50 15 face of the earth on notice. Why do they need to now go to
16 Koinadugu District? Everybody, whether our client or otherwise,
17 knew of what was going on in Sierra Leone, so why do they now
18 have to include additional districts in addition to the vast
19 areas they have compassed with this evidence?

10:27:13 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Anyah.

21 MR KOU MJIAN: Just for the record, I think I know the
22 answer, but I would request an opportunity to respond to the
23 unpermitted reply.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: We've had this out before, Mr Koumjian.
10:27:39 25 In fact, I was trying to cut Mr Anyah off.

26 MR KOU MJIAN: I saw that, that's why I asked. Thank you.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: We consider that this is evidence which
28 is relevant to the issue of widespread or systematic attack on
29 the civilian population and we allow the question.

1 MS ALAGENDRA:

2 Q. Mr Sesay, are you feeling all right?

3 A. My Lord, all of these days since I left here on Friday I've
4 had continuous cold and headache, so today I said maybe I'll try
10:34:29 5 and see if I could continue, but I'm still suffering from heavy
6 headache, serious one.

7 Q. Witness, are you able to continue?

8 A. I'm having continuous headache and I reported this after we
9 left court here on Friday, but they said doctors do not work on
10:35:01 10 Saturday. They just gave me a tablet that I used to suck. They
11 did a blood test on me, but I have not been given any result.
12 They said a doctor said everything is okay and I asked for the
13 result and nobody showed that to me and on Saturday I had a very
14 serious cold. It continued until Sunday night. I've been
10:35:32 15 suffering from serious cold and cough. Now I'm having serious
16 headache.

17 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I'm in your hands.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, you didn't really answer
19 Ms Alagenda's question, which is are you able to continue?

10:35:57 20 THE WITNESS: No, ma'am, I cannot, because I am still
21 suffering from this headache. It is really serious. I cannot
22 concentrate. I cannot go ahead.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: We will take an early break to allow the
24 witness to take some medication, Panadol or whatever is available
10:37:06 25 for him, and then check his situation and, in the circumstances,
26 maybe it would be wise for the Prosecution to alert their next
27 witness if he cannot continue. We will take an early break now
28 and allow the Prosecution to discuss this.

29 JUDGE LUSSICK: Just to make that clear, if the witness,

1 after taking a Panadol or whatever other medication is deemed
2 appropriate, is still not prepared to continue then the
3 Prosecution should have its next witness ready to give evidence.

10:37:47 4 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, we will make the necessary
5 enquiries. Thank you.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: We will take a 30 minute break. Please
7 adjourn court to 11.10.

8 [Break taken at 10.39 a.m.]

9 [Upon resuming at 11.12 a.m.]

11:11:00 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, I notice you are back in the
11 witness box and I take it you are ready to proceed?

12 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good. Just before we do that, you had
14 informed us, Mr Witness, before we took that short adjournment,
11:11:37 15 that there were no doctors available over the weekend. We have
16 been informed that you were taken to the hospital on Saturday and
17 checked and diagnosed and treated, and you were again taken to
18 the hospital here - not to the hospital, excuse me, to the doctor
19 here in the ICC this morning. So I am not quite sure, would you
11:12:05 20 like to clarify that for us, please?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Is it correct you were taken to the
23 hospital?

24 THE WITNESS: No, my Lord.

11:12:23 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see. I am talking about Saturday
26 morning now.

27 THE WITNESS: No, my Lord.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: When I say the hospital, I mean a
29 department, a medical department, within a bigger medical

1 facility.

2 THE WITNESS: My Lord, I was not taken to anywhere where
3 there was a medical facility. When I complained in the morning
4 they told me they would contact the doctor, so I should be on
11:12:57 5 standby. So I continued waiting and then they said they have
6 called the doctor and the doctor said this weekend, so they will
7 send some medicine for me.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see. This morning you saw the doctor
9 here at the court?

11:13:16 10 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord, this morning.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

12 MR KOU MJIAN: If I can just put on record that we were only
13 informed this morning of any illness of the witness and what I
14 was told is that the nurse would see the witness this morning,
11:13:32 15 but we were not informed that there was a potential illness
16 today, just for the Court's benefit.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you for that clarification,
18 Mr Koumjian.

19 MS MUZIGO-MORRISON: Madam President, I would like the
11:13:46 20 record to reflect that the witness by his own testimony had tests
21 run on him. He had his blood taken, but he was not availed the
22 results, according to him, and that could not have happened
23 anywhere else other than in a medical facility and according to
24 the Registry, the information we have is that they consulted the
11:14:16 25 emergency line, which is the procedure that is used in the
26 Netherlands when someone gets ill over the weekend. So it is
27 true that the witness had some medical tests run, had some
28 examination and he was told what was wrong with him.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see.

1 MS MUZIGO-MORRISON: He himself has confirmed with me that
2 he had medical tests run.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: He did refer to them in the course - he
4 did mention tests --

11:14:51 5 MS MUZIGO-MORRISON: Thank you.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: -- in the course of his initial complaint
7 prior to the short break. We will now continue with the
8 examination-in-chief, please.

9 MS ALAGENDRA: Before we proceed to the evidence of the
10 witness, if we can just clarify when these examinations were
11 done.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: I don't think that is really necessary,
13 Ms Alagenda, but if we decide we need more information we will
14 seek it.

11:15:15 15 MS ALAGENDRA: We are just a little bit concerned because
16 it is something that he said in court and judging from what was
17 said it may go towards an issue of credibility of some sort and
18 just on that very minor point, your Honour, I seek your
19 indulgence just for us to know when this medical examination -
11:15:34 20 where blood tests were taken.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: It will have to be established through
22 the witness, Ms Alagenda.

23 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, can I ask the witness, please?

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please do so.

11:15:49 25 MS ALAGENDRA:

26 Q. Witness, you have told the Court earlier that you went for
27 some blood tests and some examinations?

28 A. Yes, my Lord.

29 Q. When was this, witness?

1 A. That was the first week I entered the Netherlands. They
2 took me for a blood test but there was a problem. Then they took
3 me for another blood test, but up to this moment Rachel just
4 called and said the doctor said everything is okay, then I said
11:16:26 5 if only you can make me see the doctor's report for me to know
6 and let me see myself. Since then they told me they will let me
7 see it, but since then I have not seen it. They did blood tests,
8 stool tests, but I did not get any reply. They only said that
9 the doctor said everything is okay.

11:16:44 10 Q. When was this, witness? These two blood tests. Just give
11 us a time, please?

12 A. It was in this month that they did it. It was about two
13 weeks - two weeks back that the blood test was done on me and
14 stool tests.

11:17:07 15 Q. Thank you, witness. Your Honours, if we can proceed --

16 JUDGE LUSSICK: Witness, are you telling us you had no
17 medical treatment at all over the course of this last weekend?

18 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord, this last weekend that is on
19 Saturday when I complained about my being ill they only brought
11:17:29 20 some medicines and said the doctor sent it. Rachel said they
21 were going to take me to the doctor, but later they said that the
22 doctor said it is a weekend, but they brought some syrup that I
23 started using, he said for the cough, so that is what I started
24 using this morning before I came here.

11:17:51 25 JUDGE LUSSICK: This Court has been told that you were
26 taken to a hospital over the weekend and examined. That's not
27 true, is that what you're saying?

28 THE WITNESS: My Lord, they did not take me to any hospital
29 on Saturday. I continued to remain in the place where I am

1 I lodged. It was only this morning when I complained in the place
2 where I am staying that Mr Alex took me to the nurse here.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagendra, please proceed with the
4 examination-in-chief.

11:18:47 5 MS ALAGENDRA: Thank you, your Honour:

6 Q. Witness, I am going to go back to the last answer that you
7 gave the Court with regards to the Executive Outcomes and I want
8 to clarify a few issues which arose as a result of your answer,
9 okay?

11:19:05 10 A. Yes, my Lord.

11 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record I am referring
12 to line 17 of page 24:

13 Q. You said, "We fought back and repelled and they captured
14 one SLA." Who captured an SLA?

11:19:28 15 A. Well, it was the troop that I was with that captured the
16 SLA.

17 Q. Now, witness, throughout your testimony you have been
18 referring to your group as a mix of SLA and RUF. Now this SLA
19 that you are referring to --

11:19:48 20 A. Yes, my Lord, it is the same group.

21 Q. -- was he an SLA from your own group?

22 A. Yes, it was a mixed group. SLAs were there and RUF were
23 there. That is the group where I was.

24 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, if I can just repeat the
11:20:10 25 question because I think something hasn't gone across.

26 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Witness, are you saying you captured
27 one of your own members?

28 THE WITNESS: No, no, my Lord. This was one of the SLAs
29 that was with the government that were with the Executive Outcome

1 in Bumbuna.

2 MS ALAGENDRA:

3 Q. When you say, "He confirmed to us that they brought the
4 South Africans, they were in that area to attack", who is the
11:20:48 5 they that brought the South Africans and who were in the area to
6 attack? Can you explain that?

7 A. Well, according to the SLA they were the surrendered men
8 who were with the government and who came and settled in Bumbuna
9 with the Executive Outcome. So they got the information that our
11:21:12 10 troop were heading towards that area and that was why they
11 organised together with the Executive Outcome to attack the
12 troop.

13 Q. Who organised together with the Executive Outcomes to
14 attack the group?

11:21:31 15 A. Well, those were the SLAs and the Executive Outcomes, they
16 were around that area. They were guarding the Bumbuna
17 hydroelectric area.

18 Q. Witness, when you refer to the SLAs that were with the
19 government, which government are you referring to?

11:21:55 20 A. This was the Government of the Sierra Leone People's Party
21 at that time and it was former President Dr Ahmad Tejan Kabbah
22 who was the head.

23 Q. Witness, at time this SLA was being burnt, were you
24 present?

11:22:16 25 A. It happened in my presence because I was standing there
26 looking.

27 Q. And when you say, "This SLA whom we captured had nothing
28 good to tell us", what do you mean by that?

29 A. Well, the information that Gullit wanted from him was not

1 actually given to us, so Gullit said that this was a betrayal and
2 that since the man has come to attack us it means they do not
3 want our group to exist, so he said the man should die.

11:23:07 4 Q. When you say, "It means they do not want our group to
5 exist", who is the they you are talking about?

6 A. Well, the group that was fighting against the government.
7 That is the AFRC and the RUF group.

8 Q. "They do not want our group to exist", who did not want
9 your group to exist?

11:23:36 10 A. Well, according to him he said the SLA went and joined the
11 government, so they did not want our group to exist and that they
12 had joined the government and we were in the bush, so they did
13 not want our group to exist.

14 Q. Witness, you have made reference to a group of South
11:23:58 15 Africans called Executive Outcomes. What is that group, witness?
16 Can you explain?

17 A. Well, as far as I know that was a group that was brought by
18 the government and who were guarding that Bumbuna hydroelectric
19 area.

11:24:23 20 Q. And how do you know they were called the Executive
21 Outcomes?

22 A. Well, they were in existence since the days of the NPRC.
23 They were a mercenary group that were brought by the NPRC to
24 fight against the RUF. That was during the NPRC regime. So that
11:24:49 25 group continued to exist. They had had an agreement with
26 government and they continued to exist and they were giving
27 support to the SLPP government.

28 Q. How do you know that this group that you were attacked by
29 at this village close to Bumbuna, that they were the Executive

1 Outcomes?

2 A. Well, we knew actually at first that they had a base there,
3 but according to the soldier that was captured, he also confessed
4 to us that they came together with them.

11:25:37 5 Q. Witness, when the soldier was tied and set on fire what
6 were you doing?

7 A. I never had any objection because it was an order from the
8 commander that was leading the troop and that was Tamba Alex
9 Brima.

11:26:06 10 Q. Were you one of those who tied him and set him on fire?

11 A. No, I was standing when he was held and he was tied and
12 fire was set on him.

13 Q. What happened to the soldier?

14 A. Well, according to what I saw, he screamed to death. He
11:26:31 15 was shouting because they hang him over - they hanged him over
16 woods that were set on fire, so he was screaming.

17 Q. Did he survive?

18 A. My Lord, he burnt to death. We were there until he burnt
19 to death.

11:26:55 20 Q. What happened after this, witness?

21 A. Well, after that we prepared for another advance towards
22 the northern part until we arrived in one area between Bombali
23 and Koinadugu District which is called Kamagbengbe. It was that
24 area, Kamagbengbe.

11:27:26 25 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record that is spelt
26 K-A-M-A-G-B-E-N-G-B-E:

27 Q. Witness, is that the name of the village that you went to?

28 A. Yes, my Lord.

29 Q. Did anything happen on the way to Kamagbengbe?

1 A. Well, the only thing was that we were able to capture
2 Kamagbengbe and after we had captured Kamagbengbe the troop
3 stopped and Gullit called the company commanders. He also called
4 the military supervisors and the deputy chief in command was
11:28:28 5 present, Five-Five too was present, and it was at that time he
6 said now that we are close to the highway it will be better for
7 the troop to use a two-way attack. So he said he will lead one
8 troop that will attack Kamabai and the troop - the other troop
9 will attack Karina.

11:28:58 10 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record Kamabai is
11 spelt K-A-M-A-B-A-I and Karina is K-A-R-I-N-A:

12 Q. Witness, where is Kamabai?

13 A. Kamabai is in the Bombali District.

14 Q. Karina?

11:29:22 15 A. Karina also is in Bombali District.

16 Q. Please continue, witness. What happened? Did he say
17 anything else, Gullit, after talking about this two-way attack?

18 A. So at that time the commanders raised concern that if the
19 troops moved to Kamabai then we will be divided, wherein it will

11:29:54 20 be difficult for us to meet together. So they said it would be
21 better for us to use Karina and it was at that time that Gullit

22 said that since Karina is a strategic point where there were

23 Mandingos living and that is where President Kabbah came from,
24 according to him. He said it would be better for us to go and do

11:30:16 25 a big demonstration in Karina and through that demonstration the

26 international community and the government will know that we are

27 existing and they would recognise us. He said because if we went

28 to Karina we would burn Karina down, we will amputate people in

29 Karina and above all we will be able to capture able civilians

1 and then move forward. So after Gullit had said these words we
2 reorganised and left Kamagbenge and advanced towards Karina.

3 Q. Witness, I will take you back to what you have just said.
4 Now, you have said that Gullit said Karina was a strategic point.
11:31:14 5 Do you know why, or did he say why it was a strategic point?

6 A. Yes, my Lord. According to him he said Karina is a
7 Mandingo place and that is where the former President Ahmad Tejan
8 Kabbah is from, so he said if we hit there then we will be
9 recognised automatically by the international community and the
11:31:48 10 government, that we have reached that area.

11 Q. You said one of his orders, apart from amputation and
12 burning, was to capture able bodied civilians. Did he say
13 anything else about civilians?

14 A. Well, as far as I can recall he said we should capture
11:32:14 15 them, he said the able bodied ones. He said those who were not
16 fit should not join the movement, they shouldn't join the troop.
17 They should die.

18 Q. Did he say how they would die?

19 A. Well, since we had barrels he said we should shoot them to
11:32:38 20 death.

21 Q. What happened after this meeting, witness?

22 A. Well, after this meeting we had to organise and that was
23 the time we mixed the troops. Both the RUF and the SLA moved.
24 We advanced to attack Karina.

11:33:07 25 Q. Earlier on when you were talking about groups advancing
26 into a location, it was to Yayah village, and you said company A
27 and company D took the lead.

28 A. Yes, my Lord.

29 Q. On this occasion moving towards Karina, do you recall who

1 was taking the lead?

2 A. D company took the lead and Tito too was leading, so the
3 brigade stopped by and it was at the rear, but they took some men
4 from B and C company to take the lead because we had information
11:33:57 5 that there was a military strategic point there.

6 Q. What was your role in this advance into Karina?

7 A. Well, I joined the advanced team. I was together with
8 Bazzy to advance on Karina.

9 Q. Did the troops advance into Karina?

11:34:23 10 A. Yes, my Lord. The troops advanced to Karina, but to our
11 surprise we did not meet any military check point nor military
12 presence, but indeed we attacked. Myself together with the
13 troops, we entered and attacked Karina.

14 Q. Witness, what was the first thing that happened when your
11:34:49 15 troops entered Karina?

16 A. Well, the first thing that happened was that I was with
17 Bazzy when we entered a house where we met six to seven young
18 girls and young women, so they were crying and when we entered
19 the house they were crying. Bazzy said we should execute them,
11:35:20 20 but the girls said that we shouldn't execute them. They said
21 they are ready for us to take them along, but Bazzy said no. He
22 said we should close all the doors and set the building on fire,
23 so we set the building on fire. They were screaming in there and
24 they were there until they died in there. So myself, Bazzy and
11:35:38 25 the CSO, we moved forward.

26 Q. Witness, do you know why is it that these girls were not
27 captured and they were executed instead?

28 A. Well, we had had orders from above that we should
29 demonstrate in Karina and in that demonstration we should kill,

1 except if you had sympathy to spare somebody, but they said we
2 should kill and destroy Karina.

3 Q. Do you recall the age group of these girls?

4 A. As far as I can recall, actually somewhere within the age
11:36:21 5 of 8 to 15, the ones that I saw. There were about six of them in
6 there.

7 Q. And all six of them they were within this age group?

8 A. No, no, they were all not very young, but actually they
9 were young girls.

11:36:43 10 Q. How many did you see that were between 8 and 15?

11 A. There were about six in the place like I told you.

12 Q. But out of the six how many were within the age group of 8
13 and 15?

14 A. Well, I did not ask them so I am unable to tell, but if you
11:37:12 15 look at their faces, look at their height, you will know that
16 they were actually young girls.

17 Q. Witness, at the time you entered Karina with your group,
18 would you be able to estimate the number of civilians that were
19 in Karina?

11:37:36 20 A. My Lord, the civilians were many in Karina because
21 according to the ones we captured they said most of the civilians
22 who escaped from Kono and other areas, they came and settled in
23 Karina and they said Karina was a safe place. So there were many
24 civilians there, so most of them came there to gain safety. They
11:38:01 25 said they escaped from Kono and other areas and that was
26 according to the civilians that we captured.

27 Q. When they said Karina was a safe place, what did that mean?
28 Do you know?

29 A. Well, actually we had not concentrated in the north. There

1 were all other government forces present in that area, so there
2 was safe for them. That was our first time that we took an
3 advance towards the north and that Karina area.

4 Q. What else happened in Karina?

11:38:49 5 A. Well, so many other things happened in Karina that I saw
6 with my own eyes.

7 Q. Can you take your time to tell the Court, please, what
8 happened in Karina?

9 A. Well, in Karina, when I left together with Bazzy and others
11:39:11 10 and advanced, I also met with Gullit and he was standing by the
11 mosque in Karina and he was telling the people the people - the
12 people were speaking Limba and then he told them that they were
13 lying. He said all of them were Pa Kabbah's people, so he took
14 out a pistol that he was using and he shot at about 11 of them to
11:39:36 15 death, after which the next thing in Karina was that a lot of
16 burning and looting was going on, burning of houses that I saw
17 with my eyes. What I also saw was that kids were taken from
18 their mothers, from their parents, and they were sent into houses
19 that were set ablaze and they all burnt in there. What I also
11:39:59 20 saw was that Changa Bulanga, who was Savage, Osman Sesay, he was
21 made task force commander as the advance was going on. He had a
22 cutlass. He had - there was Money Milk who also had machetes.
23 They were amputating people. What I also saw --

24 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record I did hear the
11:40:26 25 witness say kids were taken from their parents's back, but that
26 did not come out through the translation. If I can revisit that
27 area, your Honour.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes.

29 MS ALAGENDRA:

1 Q. Witness, you said children were taken from their parents.
2 Can you explain what you mean by that?

3 A. Well, most often the country women will strap their
4 children on their backs, so they snatched the kids from them and
11:41:01 5 then they sent them into the blazing fire. That I saw with my
6 eyes.

7 Q. What do you mean by they sent them into the blazing fire?
8 What did they do to these children?

9 A. Well, the houses that were burning - because when the
11:41:18 10 troops came everybody was engaged who was burning a house, who
11 were burning houses, those who were shooting people and those who
12 were - the kids who were strapped on their mothers's backs, they
13 were taken from them and then sent into the blazing fire.

14 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I want a clarification.

11:41:40 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Witness, the word we hear is
16 "sent". What do you mean they were "sent" into the blazing fire?

17 MS ALAGENDRA: Perhaps it is a Krio word if I may check.

18 THE WITNESS: Well, they were forcefully taken from their
19 mother's back and they were thrown into the fire.

11:42:07 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

21 MS ALAGENDRA: What happened to these children who were
22 thrown into the fire?

23 A. My God, they were burnt to death because the houses were
24 burning down, so they were burnt to death. Nobody escaped.

11:42:22 25 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Sorry, Ms Alagenda, there was an
26 individual who was with Savage, but I didn't quite get the name
27 and it is not on the record. Who was this individual who was
28 with Savage?

29 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour:

1 Q. You have said that you saw Changa Bulanga, who was Savage,
2 Osman Sesay. It is not clear whether it is one person, who is
3 the person and how many people. Can you be a bit more specific?

4 A. I said Osman Sesay, who was with Savage, he later took the
11:43:09 5 name. He later took Savage's name: Changa Bulanga. He was
6 later made task force commander whilst we were leaving
7 Mansofinia, so he took Savage's name, Changa Bulanga.

8 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Was Savage Changa Bulanga, or was Osman
9 Sesay Changa Bulanga?

11:43:44 10 MS ALAGENDRA: What I understand is Changa Bulanga was a
11 nickname that Savage had as well and this Osman Sesay has taken
12 his name, Changa Bulanga and Savage:

13 Q. Witness, can you clarify that for us?

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagenda, you shouldn't be giving
11:43:57 15 evidence from the Bar table. Please have the witness clarify.

16 THE WITNESS: My Lord, it was Savage who was called Changa
17 Bulanga, but when we retreated to Mansofinia Savage did not come
18 with us, so Osman Sesay, who was initially with Savage, he now
19 took the name Changa Bulanga, which was initially Savage's name,
11:44:29 20 so we were now calling him Changa Bulanga.

21 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: The question I asked earlier has not been
22 answered. Was this Changa Bulanga with anybody else who had
23 machetes? I am looking at page 45, line 10, a sentence currently
24 reading, "He had there was money me who had machetes", whatever
11:44:52 25 that means.

26 MS ALAGENDRA:

27 Q. Witness, the record is not clear on what you were trying to
28 say about this person Osman Sesay, who took the name Changa
29 Bulanga. Could you start from there?

1 A. I said Osman Sesay who had now taken Savage's name, Changa
2 Bulanga, he had machetes and another person, Money Milk, we all
3 withdrew together. He also had machete and Guitar Boy also and I
4 also spoke about Arthur. He also had machete.

11:45:37 5 Q. What were these people doing?

6 A. What I saw with my eyes was that these people were so busy
7 amputating people and they said they should go and tell Pa
8 Kabbah. They voted for Pa Kabbah, let them go and tell them.

9 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record it is Morning
11:46:00 10 Milk, not Money Milk and it's Arthur, A-R-T-H-U-R:

11 MR ANYAH: Well, I'm sorry, I thought I heard Money Milk.
12 Can the witness say if it's Morning or Money instead of counsel
13 saying which one it is?

14 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I am just repeating what I
11:46:24 15 heard. It's not my evidence:

16 Q. Witness, can you spell Morning Milk? Can you spell Morning
17 or whatever the name was that you mentioned?

18 A. Well, that was his popular name by which we called him,
19 M-O-L-A-Y-M-I-L-K. That is how he was called, Money Milk.

11:46:50 20 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Witness, did you say Morning Milk or
21 Money Milk?

22 THE WITNESS: M-O-N-E-Y, Money Milk.

23 MS ALAGENDRA: It's my hearing then, your Honour. I
24 apologise:

11:47:07 25 Q. Witness, can you just spell Arthur for us that you were
26 referring to here, just for us to be clear?

27 A. Well, that was Captain Arthur who was the company commander
28 for C Company. A-R-T-H-U-R.

29 Q. Witness, do you recall the number of civilians whose limbs

1 were amputated in Karina during this attack?

2 A. My Lord, I can't recall because the population was many.
3 They were amputating people. I can't actually recall the number
4 of people.

11:47:51 5 Q. Witness, this incident that you are talking about which
6 took place in the mosque in Karina, how do you know about it?

7 A. I told you that when I left Bazzy and when I was advancing
8 towards Gullit's side I saw him talking to the people in front of
9 the mosque and he did this thing in my presence.

11:48:19 10 Q. And Gullit, was he talking to a particular person, or he
11 was talking to the people that were there?

12 A. Well, the imam who was leading the people, he was called
13 the imam, that was the person he was talking to.

14 Q. Do you recall the conversation he was having?

11:48:49 15 A. Like I said, when Gullit was talking to the Pa, the Pa was
16 speaking Limba and then Gullit said that the man was lying and
17 that in fact the man was a Mandingo man and he said they were Pa
18 Kabbah's people, they were praying for Pa Kabbah he said so for
19 that reason he was going to kill them. He said they were there
11:49:10 20 praying for Pa Kabbah.

21 Q. The 11 people that were killed in the mosque, who were
22 they?

23 MR ANYAH: I'm sorry, I understood the witness to say the
24 shooting took place in front of the mosque. Outside the mosque,
11:49:24 25 not inside the mosque.

26 MS ALAGENDRA: I understood it to be otherwise, but I will
27 clarify with the witness:

28 Q. Witness, can you clarify the incident at the mosque, can
29 you tell us where the killings took place?

1 A. Well, the mosque that was there, you know in the village
2 the mosque actually was not a structure erected. It was
3 something outside where the people were praying. So you could
4 stand in front of them there and talk to them, because the place
11:50:02 5 was just a round place and he was standing there talking to the
6 people. So after that response he took out his pistol and he
7 started shooting at the people.

8 Q. And these people he started shooting at, were they the
9 people that were in the area where the praying was taking place
11:50:24 10 or meant to take place?

11 A. The place I am talking about, they were praying there, yes,
12 they were praying there.

13 Q. Now you have said houses were set on fire in Karina. Those
14 houses, were they empty when they were set on fire?

11:50:53 15 A. Well, what I saw was that people were running, so they were
16 just setting fire on the houses because it was advance and put
17 fire. That was what was going on. So you will hear people
18 screaming in the houses.

19 Q. When you say people were screaming in the houses, why were
11:51:15 20 they screaming?

21 A. Well, the houses were on fire, so you will hear people
22 shouting inside, but there was no way out for them to get out and
23 it was a surprise attack. It was early in the morning. So it
24 was the time that people woke up to pray in the morning, that
11:51:36 25 early in the morning.

26 Q. Do you know what, if anything, happened to those people who
27 were inside the houses when they were set on fire?

28 A. They all died in there because if you came out we were
29 going to kill you. So they all died inside the houses. If by

1 mistake you came outside we were going to kill you.

2 Q. Did anything else happen in Karina, witness?

3 A. Well, what I also saw was that the fighters were raping.

4 Some of the men would just take the girls and take them to a

11:52:19 5 corner. All of those things happened in Karina. I saw them with
6 my eyes.

7 Q. Who were the men that were raping the women?

8 A. The SLA troop and the RUF troop that entered there. Some

9 of the men, when they held the girls they took them to the

11:52:38 10 corner. I saw it with my eyes.

11 Q. Where were the commanders when these girls were being
12 raped?

13 A. Well, everybody was scattered about. The commanders were
14 in the town. So everybody was busy. The commanders were there.

11:52:59 15 If the commanders saw somebody who was not performing duties he
16 would be angry with you, so everybody was busy.

17 Q. What performing of duties are you talking about? What
18 duties?

19 A. If you are not burning a house you should be amputating
11:53:21 20 people. If you were not amputating people you should shoot
21 civilians to death. So if you are not doing that also you should
22 be seen looting properties, valuable properties that the
23 commander will see with you and he will be happy with you and
24 that was mostly money.

11:53:53 25 Q. Witness, can I just take a minute to check the record.

26 Witness, you have used the word "rape". For the record can you
27 tell the Court what do you mean when you use the word "rape"?

28 A. Well, it was an attack and during the attack you had not
29 married the woman and when you capture her then you start having

1 sex with her, then I can say it was rape.

2 Q. Do you recall how many women were raped in Karina?

3 A. My Lord, I cannot recall, but, like I said, the place was
4 highly populated so everybody was doing what you wanted to do.

11:54:49 5 Q. Apart from being raped, did anything else happen to the
6 women?

7 A. Well, what I also saw was that there were about 30 women
8 who were captured. They were stripped naked and then Woyoh who
9 was one of the military supervisor was in charge of those women,
11:55:21 10 so because of that some of the junior commanders said that the
11 women should cover themselves because some of them had their
12 charms on them. If they saw that their charms will not be
13 effective again. So they looked out for their lappas and then
14 they decided to give it back to them and to cover their bodies.

11:55:47 15 So from there we also captured some civilians, some children and
16 we retreated from Karina.

17 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, the word I heard the witness
18 use was charm, not Charles, just for the record.

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: He also used another word "lappas" or
11:56:11 20 something like that. I don't know what that is.

21 MS ALAGENDRA:

22 Q. Witness you used the word lappa. Can you spell it for the
23 Court?

24 A. Well, it is a Krio word. It is L-A-P-P-A. It is a cotton
11:56:30 25 that women normally use to cover themselves.

26 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, if I can just clarify that,
27 whether it is curtain or cotton.

28 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: A what, Mr Interpreter? It's a what?

29 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, I think the witness means

1 wrapper.

2 MS ALAGENDRA:

3 Q. Witness, can you just tell us again what is a lappa?

11:57:19

4 A. It was cotton clothing that they normally sew, that women
5 will have to cover themselves, to wrap it around themselves.

6 Q. You said earlier there were orders passed for civilians to
7 be abducted in Karina?

8 A. Yes, my Lord.

9 Q. Did that happen?

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10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Do you recall how many civilians were abducted from Karina?

12 A. As far as I can recall those women were about 30. They
13 also captured some other small boys and some adults. It was a
14 large number indeed. We had more than 50. More than 50

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15 civilians that we captured.

16 Q. And you also spoke about looting that took place in Karina?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Who was looting in Karina?

11:58:29

19 A. Well, everybody participated in the looting. People who
20 were taking items. Some people took clothings, but mostly it was
21 money. Food also. They looted food also, food items. We looted
22 food items in Karina.

23 Q. Who were all these items looted from, clothing, food and
24 other items?

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25 A. Those were the people we met in Karina. We took all those
26 looted items from them. Rice, good things. Just good things,
27 whatever that was a valuable, and money.

28 Q. And the civilians who were captured, you said they were
29 small boys and some adults. Do you recall the number of small

1 boys?

2 A. Actually I can't recall, but the boys were many because
3 they distributed them to the wives of the commanders.

4 Q. Why did they do that?

11:59:43 5 A. Well, they gave them the boys so that will stay with them
6 and to be doing small, small works for them so that later again
7 they would train them as SBUs.

8 Q. They, who is they you are talking about?

9 A. I am talking about the commanders, the SLA commanders and
12:00:06 10 the RUF men who were with the troop.

11 Q. And you said for them so they later would be trained as
12 SBUs. These boys, were they later trained as SBUs?

13 A. Yes, we had what we call giving personal training. If you
14 had a boy, you had the order to train him, especially on weapon
12:00:33 15 and guard duties. All of those things happened.

16 Q. This training of these boys that were captured from Karina,
17 where did that take place?

18 A. Well, when we got to Camp Rosos we trained people in Camp
19 Rosos. Training went on in Camp Rosos.

12:00:59 20 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I will be dealing with this
21 subject matter at a later point when we reach it:

22 Q. Witness, this attack on Karina, can you give us a time
23 frame when it took place?

24 A. Well, that was around July. July 1998.

12:01:28 25 Q. Now, you have said these women that were captured from
26 Karina, that they were being taken care of by Woyoh?

27 A. Well, yes, at that particular time in Karina it was Woyoh
28 who was in charge of them, but when we moved to another village
29 we handed them over to Five-Five.

1 Q. Just for now, can you just state the village where these
2 women were handed over to Five-Five to be in charge of them?

3 A. Well, it is a village just after Karina. I have forgotten,
4 but maybe I will recall it later, but it was a village just after
12:02:14 5 Karina, just when we retreated from Karina.

6 Q. Witness, how long did your troops stay in Karina?

7 A. We did not stay in Karina. After we had done all these
8 demonstrations, we moved to another village around Karina. We
9 formed a temporal base that was called TB. That was after
12:02:42 10 Karina.

11 Q. Witness, TB is a name of the base, or does it mean
12 temporary base? Can you clarify that for us.

13 A. No, well, after any operation we had what we called TB,
14 temporal base, and after some time we reorganise again and then
12:03:06 15 we will move. It was just a military code.

16 Q. Do you remember the place where you set up this temporal
17 base?

18 A. Well, it was a village just after Karina. It was not that
19 far. We settled there for some time and then after the place was
12:03:27 20 bright enough --

21 Q. Yes, what happened when the place was bright enough?

22 A. Well, that moment we settled there and then later Woyoh
23 bring these women to Five-Five and then Five-Five called on
24 commanders. He said whosoever needed a wife, he should come and
12:03:52 25 sign and you should make sure that you protect that woman very
26 well. So junior commanders as well, within the two forces, they
27 also came and took the women, even Woyoh himself. It was from
28 Karina that he got his own wife that he was with. Then later
29 these ones were shared amongst commanders who were interested.

1 Q. Witness, when you --

2 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I heard the witness consistently using
3 the word "woman", but the interpreter changing from "woman" to
4 "wife", "wife" to "woman". I am not sure if there is a
5 difference.

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6 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, can I ask the witness to
7 explain that difference if there is one:

8 Q. Witness, you have used the word "wife" and "woman". Do you
9 mean something different when you speak about a woman, as opposed
10 to a wife?

12:04:56

11 A. Well, what I explained was that the young women who were
12 captured in Karina, when they brought them to Five-Five,
13 Five-Five said whosoever wanted one he should come and sign, you
14 should come and sign for the women to him. So you shall agree
15 with what he will tell you. Then Five-Five decided to hand over
16 these women to the commanders who came for them and I said even
17 Woyoh had one and she was with him as wife in the bush.

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18 Q. When you use the word "wife", what do you mean?

19 A. Well, this woman was responsible for cooking for him. At
20 night they were together and in terms of having sexual
21 intercourse, that was the woman that he was using. That was the
22 woman that satisfied his needs in the jungle.

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23 Q. These women who became wives, did they have a choice do you
24 know?

25 A. My Lord, it was not choice making. They were captured
26 people.

12:06:09

27 Q. When you say that Five-Five said whosoever needed a wife he
28 should come and sign and you should make sure as well - make sure
29 that you protect that woman, what did that mean?

1 A. When I said protection at that time, what I mean is that
2 you shouldn't allow her to escape to go anywhere and you should
3 be amongst the troops and he said any time that woman was needed,
4 when they call upon her she has to be present.

12:07:10 5 Q. What do you mean by any time that woman was needed? What
6 does that mean?

7 A. Well, in case there was any complaint from anybody, because
8 there were times we will organise and then Five-Five will call
9 all the women and address them because they had their mammy
10 queen, so in case they needed anyone for any questioning, you the
11 commander who had taken the woman should be in place to produce
12 her.

13 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, the word used was "mammy
14 queen". It is not appearing on the record:

12:07:42 15 Q. Witness, you used the word mammy queen. That is spelt
16 M-A-M-M-Y queen. What does that mean, mammy queen?

17 A. Well, this was an elder amongst the captured women that was
18 chosen that will be there in case there was any disciplinary
19 action to be taken against any woman. It is was the mammy queen
12:08:19 20 that was there to oversee the activities of those women and that
21 was the responsibility given to the mammy queen in the jungle.

22 Q. Do you know what kind of disciplinary action, if any, was
23 taken against women?

24 A. Well, what I saw was, for example, if the man brought a
12:08:44 25 complaint to Five-Five that he was suspecting the woman to be in
26 love with another soldier amongst the troop, disciplinary action
27 would be taken and if she disobeyed the man for some other
28 activities, like for instance refusing to cook for the man, or to
29 refuse to have sexual intercourse with the man, the commander, or

1 whosoever commander that was with you, took the report to him,
2 disciplinary action would be taken against you.

3 Q. What kind of action was taken against the women?

4 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I thought he said against the officer
12:09:26 5 concerned. He said "against you", meaning who?

6 MS ALAGENDRA:

7 Q. Witness, can you clarify against who the disciplinary
8 action was taken?

9 A. Well, the woman whose complaint was lodged by the officer.
12:09:45 10 She was the person that action would be taken against.

11 Q. Did this happen at the time?

12 A. Well, like for instance when we finally settled in Camp
13 Rosos, those things used to happen. We had a place where we had
14 a big box. Sometimes when a woman was complaining and if she was
12:10:14 15 found guilty Five-Five will send her to the mammy queen and you
16 will be in the box for two or three days and sometimes they will
17 beat you up. If they said they were going to give you a dozen
18 lashes, they will give it to you. If you were to be given 24
19 lashes, it would be given to you and from there they will put you
12:10:32 20 into a very big box and you will be there until the time that
21 they have decided to keep you there for, after which you will be
22 taken out.

23 Q. And this "you" you are talking about, witness, who would be
24 put into a box, who is the "you"?

12:10:53 25 A. Well, for instance if a commander reported the wife that
26 was given to him and the wife was found guilty, that was the
27 action that they took against her, whosoever was found guilty.
28 If the woman reported, against whom the complaint was lodged, was
29 found guilty, that was what they did to her.

1 Q. What is this box you are referring to, that the woman would
2 be put inside a box, what is this box?

3 A. Well, like in Camp Rosos, the village where we were based,
4 those were the boxes that people used in farms. Sometimes when
12:11:38 5 they harvested their rice they will put it in those boxes. That
6 is a box that normally takes more than 50 bags of rice, so those
7 were the boxes in which we locked the women who were in
8 discipline in the camp.

9 Q. Do you recall an instance when a woman was actually locked
12:12:04 10 in a box like this?

11 A. Yes, I recall at one time Bajehjeh, who was another
12 commander and he was a support firer - it is not the main
13 Bajehjeh that I am talking about. He was called Junior Bajehjeh.
14 He complained his woman to Five-Five. He said he suspected that
12:12:29 15 she was in love with somebody else and Five-Five did some
16 investigation and he found the girl guilty. The girl was beaten
17 up and she was locked in the box.

18 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, just to clarify, the word is
19 Bajehjeh is B-A-J-E-H-J-E-H and the witness said, "It is not the
12:12:58 20 Med Bajehjeh I am talking about", M-E-D, but it is Junior
21 Bajehjeh.

22 THE INTERPRETER: The witness said not the "main" Bajehjeh,
23 not "med".

24 MS ALAGENDRA:

12:13:12 25 Q. Witness, can you clarify that for us? You said it is
26 Junior Bajehjeh, but it is not something Bajehjeh.

27 A. As time went on, when we went to Colonel Eddie Town
28 reinforcement came from --

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah?

1 MR ANYAH: Yes, Madam President, I was seeking
2 clarification. The witness was asked for an instance where
3 someone was placed in a box of this nature and he gave an example
4 of Camp Rosos. This is the same place he said - and I am reading
12:13:46 5 from page 60, line 18, the answer was, "Well, like in Camp Rosos,
6 the village where we were based." This is the same camp to which
7 a few minutes ago counsel had asked the question about Small Boys
8 Unit and when the transition was made in their training, captured
9 small boys being trained in Small Boys Units. Counsel said she
12:14:09 10 would get to it. I am not sure whether we have left the villages
11 after Karina and are now at Camp Rosos as being the temporal time
12 frame for the use of these boxes as a disciplinary measure and in
13 answer to the question counsel just posed last, the witness
14 started speaking of one time in Bajehjeh.

12:14:33 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, I think Bajehjeh was a person rather
16 than a place.

17 MR ANYAH: I understand, but there is an answer he gave
18 that he started talking about an additional location that I am a
19 trying to find in the transcript. So I am not sure where we are
12:14:50 20 now and I am just seeking some additional foundation.

21 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, if I can briefly respond.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Ms Alagenda.

23 MS ALAGENDRA: He is talking about Camp Rosos and my
24 questions are following from certain answers the witness is
12:15:06 25 giving, to get it clear, but I am going to go back to the
26 location where we left and I will also elicit from the witness
27 exactly where this took place and whether it took place anywhere
28 else so there is no confusion as to where things are happening.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Ms Alagenda. Please do so.

1 MS ALAGENDRA:

2 Q. Witness, you were about to clarify for us the name you said
3 before Bajehjeh. You said this is not something Bajehjeh, this
4 is Junior Bajehjeh. Just give us the name, witness?

12:15:45 5 A. Well, it was Junior Bajehjeh that I said complained against
6 his wife that he had in the jungle.

7 Q. Witness, you said this is Junior Bajehjeh, it is not
8 something Bajehjeh?

9 A. Yes.

12:16:06 10 Q. Is there another Bajehjeh that you wanted to tell us about,
11 just the name?

12 A. Yes, we had another Med Bajehjeh that later came and joined
13 us.

14 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours it was Med that he said, M-E-D:

12:16:27 15 Q. Witness, the incident which you witnessed where the woman
16 was put into a box and locked in there, do you recall for how
17 long this woman was left in the box?

18 A. Well, as far as I can recall that lady spent about two days
19 in the box. It depended on how long they said you should be in
12:16:55 20 there.

21 Q. Witness, you said this incident took place in Camp Rosos?

22 A. Yes, my Lord.

23 Q. Were actions of this nature against women against whom
24 there were complaints being taken anywhere else outside of Camp
12:17:17 25 Rosos or apart from Camp Rosos?

26 A. Well, it only happened in Colonel Eddie Town also. There
27 also we had a very big box for disciplinary action for women
28 and in fact even for fighters themselves.

29 Q. Now Camp Rosos, when was the group in Camp Rosos? Can you

1 give us a time frame?

2 A. In Camp Rosos we were there around July/August up to
3 September in 1998, we were in Camp Rosos.

4 Q. And Colonel Eddie Town, when were you there?

12:18:07 5 A. We were in Colonel Eddie Town from late September, October,
6 November and December 1998.

7 Q. So would that mean you were there from September to
8 December 1998, late September to December?

9 A. From September to December 1998.

12:18:31 10 Q. Witness, going back to Karina, you said you left Karina,
11 you went to another village?

12 A. Yes, my Lord.

13 Q. Do you recall the name of that village?

14 A. Yes, just as I said, as we were based in that temporal base
12:18:53 15 we left there and then we went to a place called Mandaha.

16 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Mandaha is spelt

17 M-A-N-D-A-H-A:

18 Q. Witness, where is Mandaha?

19 A. Mandaha is within the Bombali District, not too far from
12:19:16 20 Karina.

21 Q. Do you recall when you reached Mandaha?

22 A. Like I said, the same day we demonstrated in Karina we
23 advanced and went to that temporal base and then later we
24 advanced and we went and rested in Mandaha.

12:19:36 25 Q. Did anything happen as you went to Mandaha?

26 A. Well, we rested and towards the morning hours we were
27 attacked. We had an attack from the forces that were within that
28 area.

29 Q. Which forces were within the area that attacked you?

1 A. Well, they are had the Gbethis. They were within that
2 area. They and the Kamajors, they were within that area.

3 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Gbethis is spelt
4 G-B-E-T-H-I-S:

12:20:21 5 Q. Witness, who are the Gbethis?

6 A. Well, this was an auxiliary force that the SLPP government
7 also formed to fight against us, those of us who were in the
8 jungle, to fight against the RUF and the SLA who were in the
9 jungle.

12:20:40 10 Q. What happened during this attack?

11 A. During this attack we repelled the Kamajors and the Gbethis
12 and we captured two of them and we brought them to Gullit and
13 Gullit ordered their execution and we executed them. We
14 decapitated them and then we placed - we displayed their heads on

12:21:20 15 sticks in Mandaha. Also the troops were now - the troops
16 divided. Some of our men ran away and it was during that time
17 that we lost Money Milk, Guitar Boy and the radio communicator
18 and a few of them ran away. And whilst we had repelled the
19 attack we tried to trace these people, but we did not see them.

12:22:02 20 Q. Witness, when you say, "We decapitated them", who is we?

21 A. Well, like I said, the troop which was a mixed troop, the
22 SLA and the RUF who were in Mandaha, after we had repelled the
23 Gbethis and the Kamajors and we captured two of them and it was
24 an order from Gullit asking for us to execute them. Then we
12:22:32 25 executed them and displayed their heads.

26 Q. Did you participate in this execution?

27 A. No, I did not participate, but I was present when it
28 happened because it happened in the presence of the whole
29 brigade.

1 Q. Do you know why their heads were displayed?

2 A. Well, these men came and attacked us and some of our men
3 were now scattered about, they ran away, and we wanted to create
4 fear so that if any other one of them saw this kind of thing they
12:23:10 5 will say, "No, we shouldn't trace these people."

6 Q. If any other one of whom saw this kind of thing? You saw
7 any one of them. Who is them?

8 A. Well, the Gbethis and the Kamajors or whosoever who decided
9 to attack the troops that we were moving with.

12:23:36 10 Q. Did anything else happen after this?

11 A. Well, like I said, after that Gullit asked us to organise a
12 patrol so that we will go and check and look out for these
13 people, the names that I called, but we did not see them. But
14 when - when we did not see them we decided to move ahead.

12:24:04 15 Q. Which people are you talking about, the people who ran
16 away?

17 A. Like I said earlier, Money Milk, Guitar Boy and the radio
18 communication man, they all ran away.

19 Q. Do you know the name of the radio communication man who ran
12:24:25 20 away?

21 A. No, I can't recall his name.

22 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, the record seems to have the
23 name Keita, but I don't recall the witness saying that name so I
24 actually wanted to clarify that. It's line 2, your Honours, page
12:24:42 25 66. He just said radio communication man, not Keita. It is page
26 66, line 2. "Morning Milk, Guitar Boy and the radio commune" and
27 the word Keita is there.

28 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I didn't hear any such name. I just
29 heard the radio communication man.

1 MS ALAGENDRA: Exactly. That's what I heard, but I just
2 wanted the record to be clear that he did not mention the name
3 Kei ta.

4 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Is there a name?

12:25:28 5 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, it is spelt on the record as K-E-I-T-A.

6 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I don't see it. What page, what line are
7 you referring to?

8 MS ALAGENDRA: It is 66. Maybe it is a different font.
9 Page 66, your Honour.

12:25:43 10 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Yes, yes. Radio communication man.

11 Guitar Boy and the radio communication man.

12 MS ALAGENDRA: I just wanted that to be clear, that there
13 was no name given.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: It is page 65, line 22 on my record and I
12:26:03 15 am sure Madam Court Attendant will note it and will be picked up
16 later. Thank you. Please proceed, Ms Alagenda:

17 MS ALAGENDRA:

18 Q. Witness, where did your troop move after this?

19 A. Well, our troops left towards Gbendembu.

12:26:29 20 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, that is spelt

21 G-B-E-N-D-E-M-B-U:

22 Q. Where is this, witness, Gbendembu?

23 A. Gbendembu is within the Bombali District.

24 Q. Did anything happen on the way to Gbendembu?

12:26:52 25 A. As far as I can recall, Gullit captured some civilians, I
26 think about three of them, so Gullit called one of our men who
27 was called Lansana Conteh but I have forgotten his aka and he
28 said he should amputate about three of them and then he wrote a
29 note.

1 Q. Who said they should be amputated, the civilians?

2 A. It was Gullit who gave the orders.

3 Q. Continue, witness?

4 A. Gullit said after they had captured the civilians towards

12:27:44 5 Gbendembu he said they should amputate them and then he wrote a
6 letter and when they read that letter in our presence and it was
7 the political adviser Coachy Borno who wrote it and he said that
8 was a warning to the people of Makeni that the junta forces were
9 on their way, so if they do not support us the way they see these
12:28:09 10 people physically appear would be the same way that they will
11 suffer. So they did that and then they hung the letters over
12 their necks and then they freed them and they went. So later we
13 captured Gbendembu Town.

14 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I will just spell Gbendembu
12:28:33 15 again because the spelling is different, G-B-E-N-D-E-M-B-U. And
16 Coachy Borno, Coachy is spelt correctly, Borno is B-O-R-N-O:

17 Q. Witness, you have said that the political advisor Coachy
18 Borno wrote the letter and he said that was a warning to the
19 people.

12:29:07 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: I heard the witness say Makeni although
21 it is not written that way on the record.

22 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honours, I heard Makeni as well:

23 Q. First witness, I want to clarify with you this warning was
24 for the people of which place?

12:29:28 25 A. Well, according to Coachy Borno, when he wrote he said it
26 was for the people in Makeni, Makeni Town, for them to know that
27 the junta forces were now within their midsts and that if they
28 continued to support ECOMOG and failed to support us they will be
29 faced by that same action just as the people who brought the

1 letter and that I called - they recalled the commander who did
2 the amputation. He was than Lansana Conteh and he was aka
3 Freaky.

4 MS ALAGENDRA: Lansana Conteh is L-A-N-S-A-N-A and alias

12:30:18 5 Freaky, F-R-E-A-K-Y:

6 Q. Witness, can you clarify for us who said that that
7 amputation was a warning to the people of Makeni? Who said that?

8 A. This was what Gullit ordered Coachy Borno to write to the
9 people in Makeni.

12:30:43 10 Q. These three civilians who were amputated, were they male or
11 female?

12 A. They were male.

13 Q. Do you remember their age group?

14 A. They were adults, 20 and above.

12:31:04 15 Q. What happened after these amputations?

16 A. They were released and moved ahead and we advanced towards
17 Gbendembu and we captured Gbendembu.

18 Q. Did anything happen when you captured Gbendembu?

19 A. Well, Gbendembu, we just captured there, captured some
12:31:30 20 civilians that we met there, burnt the town and advanced towards
21 Foro Loko. We looted in Gbendembu and advanced towards Foro
22 Loko.

23 Q. How many civilians were captured in Gbendembu?

24 A. I can't recall the number now, but we captured some
12:31:48 25 civilians in Gbendembu.

26 Q. What was the age group of these civilians?

27 A. There were some young ones, but those who were fit were the
28 ones we saw. I cannot recall their ages now, but some were very
29 young.

1 Q. The gender of the civilians captured?

2 A. Like Gbendembu it was women. We saw women.

3 Q. Was it only women?

4 A. Yes, they were women, a few women that we saw.

12:32:35 5 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Is that saw, or captured? I thought the
6 question was captured.

7 MS ALAGENDRA:

8 Q. Witness, these women that you saw, what happened to them?

9 A. We saw and captured them.

12:32:50 10 Q. And you said burnings took place in Gbendembu. What was
11 being burnt in Gbendembu?

12 A. Well, the houses in Gbendembu were burnt down.

13 Q. Who was burning the houses?

14 A. This was the two forces: The SLA and the RUF. We did
12:33:17 15 that.

16 Q. And you said you looted Gbendembu. Who looted Gbendembu?

17 A. We, the SLA and the RUF who came. We looted Gbendembu.

18 Q. What was being looted?

19 A. Mostly we looted things of value. Whatever we saw that was
12:33:38 20 of value, we looted. Money was also very important, rice too.
21 Some other places we took goats, sheep.

22 Q. And you said from there the troops moved to Foro Loko, am I
23 correct?

24 A. Yes, my Lord. We moved to Foro Loko.

12:34:03 25 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Foro Loko is F-0-R-0-H, Loko
26 is L-0-K-0:

27 Q. Am I right, witness?

28 A. I heard you say F-0-R-A-Y, but it is F-0-R-0.

29 Q. Where is Foro Loko?

1 A. That too it is within - they call the place Sanda Tendaren,
2 but it is within the Bombali District actually. It is within the
3 Bombali District, but they call the area, the chiefdom, Sanda
4 Tendaren, but I don't know how to spell it.

12:34:49 5 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, can I come back to you with a
6 spelling on that, please:

7 Q. Witness, you did say you can't spell it, right?

8 A. I can spell the Sanda, but Tendaren, I don't know how to
9 spell it, but there was Sanda Magbolontor, Sanda Tendaren, those
12:35:09 10 two areas.

11 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I will come back to the Court
12 with the spelling a bit later:

13 Q. Did anything happen in Foro Loko?

14 A. Well, in Foro Loko we captured two police officers who were
12:35:28 15 at the check point because it is a crossroad. There were two
16 police officers at the junction who Tito brought in front of
17 Gullit and they too had nothing good to tell us, so they were
18 supporting the government. So Tito shot both of them to death.

19 Q. When you say "they did not have anything good to tell us",
12:35:55 20 what do you mean?

21 A. Well, there were certain questions which Gullit put to them
22 and they said they could not give answers to them. They said
23 they were police officers and they had just come to that place,
24 to the check point, and Gullit said the people - the officers did
12:36:17 25 not want to co-operate, so that means they were supporting the
26 government, so he shot them and killed them, both of them.

27 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I heard the witness say
28 something --

29 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, correction from the

1 interpreter. He asked Tito to shoot them.

2 MS ALAGENDRA: I also heard the witness say something about
3 enemy positions, which I would like him to repeat again:

12:36:48

4 Q. Witness, can you repeat again, please, your answer as to
5 what do you mean when you say, "They don't have anything good to
6 tell us"? Can I ask you to go a bit slower when you answer
7 questions. Please proceed, witness.

12:37:11

8 A. As I said, Gullit questioned them so that they will tell us
9 the positions of Gbethis, the Kamajors and the ECOMOG forces who
10 were within that area, but the police officers said they did not
11 know anything about that, they were just police officers who were
12 sent there, at the check point, and Gullit said the officers had
13 nothing to tell us that was of vital importance so that meant
14 they were supporting the government. So he asked Tito to execute
15 them and Tito in turn shot them to death.

12:37:33

16 Q. These two police officers, were they armed?

17 A. No, my Lord. They were just at the check point.

18 Q. Did you go anywhere else after that?

12:38:01

19 A. Well, from that Fro Loko we moved towards Matinka. That
20 was within the Bombali District, Matinka.

21 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Matinka is M-A-T-I-N-K-A:

22 Q. Did anything happen in Matinka?

23 A. In Matinka we were just based there for a short while. We
24 just rested there. We just rested there.

12:38:26

25 Q. Did you go anywhere after Matinka?

26 A. Well, from Matinka we moved towards Matiti. The place is
27 called Matiti.

28 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, that is spelt M-A-T-I-T-I:

29 Q. Witness, where is Matiti?

1 A. That too is within that Bombali District, around the Sanda
2 area.

3 Q. Did you go anywhere after Matiti?

4 A. Yes, from Matiti we went towards Mateboi.

12:39:08 5 MS ALAGENDRA: That is spelt M-A-T-E-B-O-I, your Honours:

6 Q. Witness, where is Mateboi, in which district?

7 A. That too is within the Bombali District, around the Sanda
8 area.

9 Q. Did anything happen on your way to Mateboi?

12:39:30 10 A. The only thing that happened, a password went as we were
11 approaching, which was "check back", "back clear", when they say
12 there was enemy threat at the rear, so the troop stopped. So
13 Gullit called the operation commander, that was Hassan Papa
14 Bangura, and called Junior Sherri f too, who was the deputy

12:40:04 15 operations. He said as we had had the information they should
16 organise a troop that should go back and see as far as towards
17 Matiti and Matinka area, to see if there was anybody following us
18 and I too was appointed, Junior Sherri f and others. We went as
19 far as Matiti, but we got to a village towards Matiti. We heard

12:40:43 20 some noise. We attacked, but we could not see any civilian, or
21 anybody else. The people ran away and Gullit had ordered us
22 while we were coming that if we saw any threat we should burn
23 down the villages, so when we got to that place, when the people
24 ran away, Junior Sherri f ordered that we should burn, so we
12:41:07 25 started burning from Matiti right up to towards Mateboi.

26 Q. Witness, I will take you back a little bit. Now, you have
27 spoken about a password. Can you explain where this password
28 came from?

29 A. This was a password that when we were advancing it was in a

1 distance, this was in Mansofinia, that was the password we were
2 using: "Check back", "back clear". That is if you were not in
3 the troop and we identified you, like for now if I said "check
4 back" and you could not respond the "back clear", that means you
12:41:56 5 are an enemy force and you should be killed, but with this
6 response, "check back", "back clear", then I will know that you
7 are a member of our group. That was how the password was used.

8 Q. Now, you said that you, Junior Sherri f, went back and you
9 burnt some areas. You said from - was it Matinka up to Mateboi?

12:42:38 10 A. I said from Matiti, Matiti. We were to go as far as
11 Matinka, but a village close to Matiti we heard some sound, the
12 village.

13 Q. Do you know the name of this village?

14 A. No, my Lord, I don't know the name of the village.

12:43:05 15 Q. And what did you say happened in this village?

16 A. Well, actually we made a counter attack, but the people ran
17 away. We did not even shoot. They ran away. So we burnt down
18 that village and we retreated to Mateboi.

19 Q. You have said that you started burning from Matiti right up
12:43:34 20 towards Mateboi.

21 A. Yes, my Lord.

22 Q. So can you be a bit more clear on that. What villages were
23 burnt?

24 A. Like Matiti we burned it down. The village that was close
12:43:55 25 to it too we burnt that down. We burnt about three villages
26 towards Mateboi, Matiti and two other villages.

27 Q. And what did you burn in these villages?

28 A. Since we had suspected some movement and there was threat,
29 we burnt the houses. We burned the houses in the villages.

1 Q. What happened after this, witness, after the burnings in
2 these villages?

3 A. The mission was accomplished and reported back to Gullit -
4 I mean to the operation commander who took us to Gullit and said
12:44:38 5 the men had accomplished the mission, there is no threat in the
6 rear. So the troop moved, went and settled in Mateboi itself.

7 Q. Did anything happen in Mateboi?

8 A. What happened in Mateboi was Gullit said he still was not
9 satisfied, so we were to go to Foro Loko again, because we said
12:45:10 10 we heard - the civilians that we saw there, he said he did not
11 trust that they were civilians, so we were to go to Foro Loko.

12 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the witness has mentioned a
13 person. I am not certain. Something like [indiscernible]. Can
14 he repeat?

12:45:27 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause, Mr Witness. The interpreter
16 did not hear a name properly. Could you repeat the name? I
17 understand it was somebody like Foday Bah Marah. Did you name
18 that person?

19 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord.

12:45:42 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please repeat the name for the
21 interpreter.

22 THE WITNESS: I said Foday Bah Marah, aka Bulldoze.

23 MS ALAGENDRA:

24 Q. Yes, witness, please proceed. What happened?

12:46:02 25 A. We left and came as far as Foro Loko, but as we were
26 approaching Foro Loko the Gbethis and Kamajors within that area
27 disrespected our movement and they attacked. As they attacked us
28 while we were retreating we were burning some villages from Foro
29 Loko, we burnt about two villages from Foro Loko, so we came to

1 Mateboi and reported to Gullit and told him exactly what had
2 occurred.

3 Q. Who was in charge of this operation, witness?

4 A. It was Foday Bah Marah who led the operation to Foro Loko.

12:46:58 5 Q. You said you went back and you reported to Gullit and told
6 him what happened?

7 A. Yes, we reported back to the operation commander and he
8 took us to Gullit and told him exactly how far we went with the
9 operation.

12:47:16 10 Q. Did Gullit say anything?

11 A. Well, he was very pleased because he said that was good.
12 He said as long as you knew that there was an enemy position and
13 you burnt down the village nobody will be able to base there.

14 Q. Did Gullit say anything else after this?

12:47:41 15 A. The only thing he said was that somebody should go ahead
16 and search for a suitable place where we would base, so there was
17 a Temne man amongst us who we called Captain Olangba, he was a
18 support firer. He used to operate HMG.

19 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, the witness said Temne man,
12:48:09 20 T-E-M-N-E, and Olangba, the name of the person, that is spelt
21 O-L-A-N-G-B-A:

22 Q. Witness, who is Olangba?

23 A. Olangba was an SLA and he was a support firer who came
24 together with Five-Five from Mongo Bendugu to join us at
12:48:38 25 Mansofinia.

26 Q. You were telling us something about this man named Olangba,
27 witness. Can you continue?

28 A. Well, as I said, Olangba was a Temne man. He knew the
29 area, so Gullit sent him to go and see if he could get a suitable

1 place for us to base. So later Ol angba went and returned and
2 said he had seen a village, a nice village, surrounded by water.
3 There is a river within - around the village, so he said we
4 should go there and base. He said the place was called Rosos.

12:49:26 5 So the troop left, we went and captured Rosos and we were based
6 there.

7 Q. Just for the record, witness, can you tell us where Rosos
8 is?

9 A. As I said, yes, my Lord.

12:49:47 10 Q. Now earlier in your testimony when you were talking about
11 the women being put into boxes and the training of SBUs, you
12 referred to a place called Camp Rosos?

13 A. Yes, my Lord.

14 Q. Can you tell us the difference if any between Camp Rosos
12:50:07 15 and this place Rosos?

16 A. No, when we had gone there and we were based that's why we
17 called the place Camp Rosos, but it's the same place.

18 Q. When you arrived in Camp Rosos --

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: What district is this? I thought you
12:50:27 20 asked the witness to say where this is located? Did he give us
21 an answer.

22 MS ALAGENDRA: No, he didn't. I will repeat that question:

23 Q. Witness, where is Rosos?

24 A. Rosos is in the Bombali District around the Sanda area, as
12:50:42 25 I said, Sanda.

26 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, that is a spelling I will come
27 back to, Sanda. I will just make a note of that, your Honour:

28 Q. Witness, did anything happen in Camp Rosos when the troops
29 arrived there?

1 A. Well, after the arrival at Camp Rosos Gullit invited
2 company commanders, the military supervisors including the
3 operation commander who was Pa Hassan Papa Bangura, and Gullit
4 said now that we have come to Rosos, Rosos should be a no go zone
12:51:38 5 for any civilians. Civilians should go off. In fact it should
6 be 50 miles off. That's what he said, 50 miles off. No
7 civilians should be within that Rosos area, so nobody should be
8 able to know our camp.

9 Q. Witness, can you explain what is meant by "no go area"?

12:51:59 10 A. Well, Gullit said we should not bring in any civilian into
11 the camp, especially those who were not with us, wherever they
12 were, any village within that area, we should destroy and execute
13 anyone we caught within that area. So later Junior Sherriif said,
14 "Well, Papay, it looks like this one is jar-jar" and he said,
12:52:27 15 "Well now that's good. You have got a name for this operation.
16 So we are going to call this operation Operation Jar-Jar." That
17 means - jar-jar - that means we should jar-jar the area. That
18 means we should call the operation Operation Jar-Jar.

19 Q. I am going to stop you just there. Jar-jar, is this a
12:52:46 20 word?

21 A. Well, in the jungle the word - the meaning that I got about
22 jar-jar was when you go - like, for example, you went to a place,
23 you would loot anything that you meet, that's - do some other
24 things, that's what we refer to as jar-jar.

12:53:06 25 Q. Can you spell jar-jar for us?

26 A. According to the way I spell it it's J-A-R apostrophe
27 J-A-R.

28 Q. Witness, you have said jar-jar means looting and some other
29 things. What other things come within jar-jar?

1 A. Like, for example, wherever we went, if they said jar-jar
2 if you had looted the next thing you will do was to burn down the
3 place. That is complete jar-jar. If we caught civilians we were
4 to execute them. That is what we meant by jar-jar.

12:53:57 5 Q. What if anything happened after Junior Sherri f said this?

6 A. Well, they distributed the battalions in the various areas
7 so as the distribution was going on they were carrying on the
8 orders, the orders were being carried out. Any company that was
9 sent to a particular village, you would do exactly as the order
10 said, make sure that the place was free of civilians and the
11 place was burnt down.

12 Q. Who distributed the battalions in the various areas?

13 A. The company. The company, sorry. I'm sorry, because at
14 this time we hadn't formed a battalion yet. It was a company.

12:54:53 15 Q. Who was distributing these companies in the various areas?

16 A. Well, this was an order from Gullit and the operational
17 commander who was doing that.

18 Q. And you say they were carrying on the orders, who was
19 carrying on the orders?

12:55:09 20 A. The company commanders and their men who were in the
21 villages, because I too was sent at that time to go and reinforce
22 B Company, because since that area around that Mateboi end, I
23 went there to reinforce for some time and the place is called
24 Batmise.

12:55:35 25 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Batmise is spelt

26 B-A-T-M-I-S-E:

27 Q. Witness, are you able to recall the areas to which the
28 companies were distributed to?

29 A. Well, as far as I can recall I know of - D Company was at

1 the headquarters, Rosos, C Company was towards Batkanu area, they
2 covered that area. A Company was towards going towards Colonel
3 Eddie Town. That was where A Company was based. And B Company
4 as I said was at Batmise, that was the road which we used to come
12:56:38 5 within that Mateboi axis.

6 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Batkanu is spelt
7 B-A-T-K-A-N-U:

8 Q. Witness, at this point do you remember who was heading
9 Company A?

12:56:56 10 A. Yes, it was Captain Tito.

11 Q. And Company B?

12 A. It was Captain Foday Bah Marah.

13 Q. Company C?

14 A. It was Captain Arthur.

12:57:13 15 Q. And Company D, the one you said was at the headquarters in
16 Rosos?

17 A. It was Junior Lion, George Johnson. He was heading the
18 company.

19 Q. At this point in Rosos do you recall if Bazzy received any
12:57:32 20 appointment?

21 A. As I said, the brigade continued, the administration
22 continued where Bazzy was still the deputy chief in command and
23 member of the brigade administration.

24 Q. The Company D that was now based in the headquarters who
12:58:01 25 you've said was being led by George Johnson, at this point who
26 was George Johnson reporting to?

27 A. It was under the strict supervision of the operation
28 commander, but was supervised by Bazzy also. He was a military
29 supervisor for Company B.

1 Q. Now you have said you were deployed to Batmise village?

2 A. Yes, my Lord.

3 Q. Did anything happen when you went there?

4 A. Well, yes, an incident happened at Batmise that I can
12:58:48 5 recall.

6 Q. Can you tell the Court about that incident?

7 A. Well, at one time we were in ambush and six civilians came
8 to the village and we captured them and took them to the
9 commander who was Foday Bah Marah. So Foday Bah Marah said that,
12:59:18 10 well, since Gullit had ordered that no civilian should come to
11 that area and we should not take them to the headquarters, he
12 executed them, six of them, and he took mattresses made of grass
13 and put them on top of these people and set them ablaze.

14 Q. You said he executed them. Who executed these six
12:59:51 15 civilians?

16 A. Foday Bah himself shot them.

17 Q. Did anything else happen in Batmise?

18 A. That's one of the things that I know happened and I know
19 there was patrolling too. The whole brigade. Food finding
13:00:23 20 patrol.

21 Q. Who was doing the food finding patrol?

22 A. This was the combined troop that was there, the SLA and the
23 RUF, and it was an order from the headquarters to go on food
24 finding patrols.

13:00:44 25 Q. What or who are you referring to when you say headquarters?

26 A. I am talking about where the brigade administration was
27 where Gullit, who was the chief in command, was based.

28 Q. Witness, you have spoken about food finding patrols when
29 you were testifying about Kono.

1 A. Yes, my Lord.

2 Q. In relation to where you are now, which is Rosos, can you
3 tell the Court what was involved in a food finding patrol?

4 A. Yes, my Lord.

13:01:26 5 Q. Please do so, witness.

6 A. Well, during these food finding patrols, especially in that
7 area, we will go and search in the bush where the civilians had
8 kept their things. We would also go and search for cattle that
9 they had in that area and in this same food patrol if we met

13:02:01 10 civilians we would execute them. If we met any village and we
11 suspected that villagers would want to settle there, we would
12 burn down that village and whatever we met, whether it was rice,
13 or anything that was edible, we will take it from civilians.

14 Some civilians, when we caught them, we bring them close to the
13:02:28 15 camp and we execute them because there was an order that we
16 should not bring civilians right into the camp.

17 Q. Witness, so why did you capture the civilians if you
18 couldn't take them into the camp.

19 A. Well, as I said, if the loads was too much, like for
13:02:53 20 example we have too much of rice, or cattle, we would use the
21 civilians to carry them for us and if we come close to the camp
22 we will execute them.

23 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, the word that the witness used
24 earlier is "cattle", I think, not "carton".

13:03:24 25 Q. Am I correct, witness, is that the word you are using?

26 JUDGE LUSSICK: I heard "cattle".

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: I heard it about three times.

28 MS ALAGENDRA:

29 Q. Do you recall, witness, how many food finding patrols were

1 conducted during the time whilst the troops were based in Rosos?

13:03:57 2 A. My Lord, right up to the time we left that place, say
3 almost until around September/October - September, yes, the end
4 of September going to October. We had continuous food finding
5 patrols, organised food finding patrols.

6 Q. Now, you have talked about civilians who were used to carry
7 these looted items of food and they were being killed when you
8 reached closer to Camp Rosos. During this entire period when
9 food finding was going on, while the troops were based in Camp
10 Rosos, can you give the Court an estimate of the number of
11 civilians killed in this way?

12 A. My Lord, I cannot give the estimate, but the patrols that I
13 witnessed there were killings and then there were some other
14 patrols where some other people will go, but we were just obeying
13:04:48 15 the orders given to us by Gullit, but for me, whatever patrol I
16 was part of and we captured civilians, just after they would have
17 brought our loads for us we would execute them.

18 Q. Do you recall how many patrols you went on?

19 A. My Lord, I went on several patrols from Camp Rosos, because
13:05:16 20 after I went and spent some time at Batmise, Commander Bomb Blast
21 withdrew me to come to the headquarters and during that time we
22 used to go on patrols frequently in those villages, areas like
23 Timbo and some other places.

24 Q. Can you name that place again, witness? You named a place.

13:05:38 25 A. Timbo, Royanka, Rokulan, these are all villages that we
26 went on patrol.

27 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, can I get assistance from the
28 witness to spell these words, please:

29 Q. Witness, can you spell Timbo?

1 A. T-I-M-B-O, Timbo. Rokulan is R-O-K-U-L-A-N.

2 Q. And you named another place.

3 A. Royanka, R-O-Y-A-N-K-A.

4 Q. In which district are these areas in?

13:06:23 5 A. They were all in the Bombali District within that Sanda
6 axis.

7 Q. The food finding patrols that you were involved in during
8 this period, do you recall an estimate of the number of civilians
9 who were killed?

13:06:45 10 A. No, I cannot recall because like some of the villages that
11 I told you, I went there on patrols and that was just meet with
12 the civilians, so some of these civilians when you - maybe they
13 will just bump into us and we will attack them and they will drop
14 off their loads and we will take them.

13:07:09 15 Q. Witness, do you recall --

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagendra, I just want to put you on
17 notice that we have a few minutes left on the present tape and it
18 will take a few minutes to change the tape over, so we will
19 receive an indication when they are changing the tape over and we
13:07:24 20 will have to pause.

21 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour:

22 Q. Witness, do you recall any particular areas that operations
23 were conducted in while the troops were based in Rosos?

24 A. I did not get the question clearly.

13:07:49 25 Q. While the troops were based in Rosos, apart from the
26 operations you have already told us about, which is the food
27 finding and the operation in Batmise, are there any other
28 operations that you recall taking place while the troops were
29 based in Rosos?

1 A. Yes, my Lord.

2 Q. Where did it take place?

3 A. Well, we had an operation which we planned for Gbomsamba.

4 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Gbomsamba is

13:08:34 5 G-B-O-M-S-A-M-B-A:

6 Q. Where is Gbomsamba?

7 A. Gbomsamba too is in the Bombali District.

8 Q. When did this operation take place?

9 A. It was early September/October, one of them, 1998.

13:08:59 10 Q. How do you know about this operation?

11 A. Gullit called company commanders and the operation
12 commander and they met the supervisors and said it looked like we
13 were a bit quiet, so the troop needed to go and hit a town so
14 that they will know that the troops are not idling, and that he
15 had had a piece of information that the ECOMOG forces were based
16 in Gbomsamba.

17 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I think the tape has probably
18 run out.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagenda, if you wish to take a seat
13:09:48 20 whilst it is being changed over. Mr Witness, they are just
21 changing the tape. It will take a few minutes.

22 MS ALAGENDRA: The witness wants to say something.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am sorry. I am sorry, Mr Witness, I
24 missed you there.

13:10:44 25 THE WITNESS: Yes, Madam, I would like to use the gents.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Would someone please assist the witness
27 to leave, thank you.

28 [In the absence of the witness]

29 I understand, Ms Alagenda, that the tape is in position

1 and as soon as the witness is also in position we will resume.

2 [In the presence of the witness]

3 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, if I may.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please proceed. Are you ready now,

13:14:59 5 Mr Witness?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord.

7 MS ALAGENDRA:

8 Q. Witness, you were telling us just now as to how is it that
9 you knew about the operation in Gbomsamba. Do you think you

13:15:10 10 could start your answer again.

11 A. Yes, my Lord.

12 Q. Please do so.

13 A. Just as I explained, Gullit called on the operation
14 commanders, the military supervisors and company commanders and
13:15:31 15 he said for some time now the troops have been silent, so we
16 should try and hit a strategic military position, so that since
17 we had been out of communication and that our communications man
18 had ran away they would be able to hear about us through the
19 international media and he said he had had information that the
13:15:57 20 ECOMOG forces were based in Gbomsamba, so he would want the troop
21 to go and hit Gbomsamba.

22 Q. Witness, I want to clarify something with you. When he
23 said so they would be able to hear about us through international
24 media, who was he talking about would be able to hear about you?

13:16:25 25 A. Well, one, he said since we had been out of communication
26 the brothers in Koinadugu, Kailahun and all our bases around Kono
27 will know that, yes, the troop that is ahead is attacking because
28 we never had communication. So that if that went over the
29 international media they will know that he is actually doing very

1 well in the area where he has based.

2 Q. And by he who are you referring to?

3 A. Well, he was talking about himself, he himself Gullit who
4 was leading the troops.

13:17:12 5 Q. And who were the brothers he was referring to in Kailahun
6 who would hear about him?

7 A. Well, just like I said, you had SLA and RUF based in
8 Kailahun, Kono too you had SLA and RUF based there, in Koinadugu
9 also there were RUF and SLAs there. So they will be able to know
13:17:35 10 that we are --

11 Q. That you are?

12 A. That the troop that was ahead that he was leading, they are
13 still alive and that they are doing effective work.

14 Q. When Gullit was talking about an operation in Gbomsamba did
13:17:57 15 he say what was to happen during this operation?

16 A. Just like I said, later when he addressed the commanders,
17 various company commanders came with their men from the various
18 villages. We had a place where Gullit went and addressed the
19 men. That is the troops, both the RUF and the SLA who were based
13:18:28 20 there. He said now you should go to Gbomsamba and that Bazy who
21 was the second in command will go with you, the troops, and that
22 you should make sure that you raid Gbomsamba and burn Gbomsamba
23 down, because since the government was going over the
24 international media and saying that they have flushed all the
13:18:54 25 junta forces, he said when you get there you should burn,
26 amputate and kill so that they will really know that you have
27 entered that place. So this is the order that I am giving you.
28 When you get there you should demonstrate and that when you do
29 this the ECOMOG will not be able to counter the reports. They

1 will know that indeed you have done it.

2 So he said the Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara who was second in
3 command should lead the troops and Five-Five also went. You had
4 Hassan Papa Bangura too. He was also part of that operation.

13:19:35 5 Junior Lion and the others who were chosen, they all went on that
6 operation, Captain Arthur. They all went.

7 Q. Did you go on this operation?

8 A. Yes, my Lord, I was part of the operation.

9 Q. What happened in Gbomsamba?

13:20:05 10 A. Well, we left Camp Rosos and we headed to Camp Rosos and we
11 attacked Gbomsamba.

12 Q. I'm just going to stop you.

13 A. When we attacked --

14 Q. Your answer seems to have come out, "We left Camp Rosos and
13:20:21 15 we headed to Camp Rosos and we attacked Gbomsamba." Can you just
16 repeat that again, please?

17 A. I said we left. It was a mistake on my part. I said we
18 left Camp Rosos and moved towards Gbomsamba.

19 Q. Did the group you were with arrive in Gbomsamba?

13:20:50 20 A. Yes, my Lord.

21 Q. Did the operation as ordered by Gullit take place?

22 A. Yes, my Lord.

23 Q. Do you recall what happened during that operation?

24 A. Well, during the operation we encountered some resistance
13:21:12 25 from the ECOMOG force wherein the civilians in Gbomsamba ran away
26 and indeed we pushed the ECOMOG forces and we captured the
27 ground. We burnt down some houses in Gbomsamba and we got few
28 ammunition from the ECOMOG forces and indeed we captured about
29 five Nigerian soldiers and we executed them, after which we

1 retreated from Gbomsamba.

2 Q. Who executed these Nigerian ECOMOG soldiers?

3 A. Well, this was an order from Bazy and he said they should
4 execute them.

13:22:06 5 Q. Bazy passed the order. Who executed them?

6 A. Well, it was - it was an SLA from amongst the two troops
7 that went. I cannot recall the name actually, but he was a man
8 from amongst the SLA that he asked to shoot them.

9 Q. Witness, in your testimony on Friday you spoke about the
13:22:39 10 distribution of ammunition that was received from Kailahun after
11 the Koidu Geiya operation. Do you recall that?

12 A. Yes, my Lord.

13 Q. You also testified that at the time your group pulled out
14 from Masingbi Road and moved to Tombodu, that ammunition which
13:23:04 15 was distributed was still with the group. Do you recall that?

16 A. Yes, my Lord.

17 Q. By this time can you tell the Court anything about that
18 particular set of ammunition that was distributed?

19 A. Well, this ammunition were the ones that we were using,
13:23:33 20 because since we left Freetown we did not actually have
21 ammunition with us. So it was this ammunition that we got later
22 that reached us in Kono that we were using. As were coming on
23 the way this was the ammunition we were using to attack.

24 Q. And when you say "as we were coming on the way", coming on
13:23:54 25 the way to where?

26 A. Well, the various areas that I had named before from
27 Mansofinia to Kamagbengbe, Karina, Mandaha, Gbendembu, we came up
28 to Rosos and as we went along with the operation it was that
29 ammunition that we had. We never had any other supply. The one

1 that we brought from Kono was what we were using.

2 Q. Witness, what happened after the operation in Gbomsamba?

3 A. Well, we retreated to Rosos and we were warmly received by
4 Gullit and he was very much happy because we brought some
13:24:49 5 logistics like rice, tomato, salt, pepper. All of the things
6 that we were short of in the camp, we were able to get them and
7 we brought them.

8 Q. Did anything happen after the group arrived in Camp Rosos
9 and after you were received by Gullit?

13:25:17 10 A. Well, the only thing is that Gullit received the troops and
11 then we explained to him exactly how we demonstrated according to
12 his order what we did in Gbomsamba.

13 Q. What, if anything, happened after this?

14 A. Well, the only thing that happened was that later Arthur
13:25:45 15 came after the operation. He came from Mateboi and he said he
16 went on patrol and he discovered a mic that we would use on our
17 sets.

18 Q. Witness, let me take you back a little bit. When I was
19 talking about the ammunition just a minute ago your answer - the
13:26:14 20 last answer in relation to this issue you gave was, "The one that
21 we brought from Kono was what we were using"?

22 A. Yes, my Lord.

23 Q. Can you remind us again what was the ammunition you brought
24 from Kono?

13:26:32 25 A. Well, this was the supply that we received when Mosquito
26 called us to go and clear Koidu Geiya. And then this ammunition
27 came from Kailahun, according to Mosquito he said they came from
28 Liberia, and those were the ammunition that were distributed to
29 us when we came back to Koidu Town to push the ECOMOG forces in

1 Kono.

2 Q. Now you were talking about a boy who said he came - he went
3 on patrol and discovered a mic. Who is this boy you are talking
4 about?

13:27:19 5 A. No, I was talking about Captain Arthur. At that time that
6 we were at the headquarters in Rosos when he came and met the
7 operations commander and said he has the mic, because at that
8 time we were just monitoring now, because the man who was on the
9 radio had actually ran away since Mandaha, so the mic that we
13:27:48 10 were now using to monitor was not working, so Arthur went and
11 discovered this mic in Batkanu and then he brought it to
12 Commander Bomb Blast, after which Bomb Blast took it to Gullit
13 and then it was handed over to the radio man that we had who was
14 Jalloh and then he tried to fix it up and then when he fixed it
13:28:19 15 he resumed communication.

16 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record Jalloh is spelt
17 J-A-L-L-O-H. Also, your Honour, I have just got my eye on the
18 clock, if this is an appropriate moment?

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, indeed, Ms Alagenda, this is an
13:28:37 20 appropriate time. We will adjourn until 2.30. Mr Witness, we
21 are going to take the lunchtime adjournment. We will resume
22 court at half past 2. Please adjourn court.

23 [Lunch break taken at 1.30 p.m.]

24 [Upon resuming at 2.30 p.m.]

14:29:41 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagenda, when you are ready we will
26 proceed.

27 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, just two brief issues. Back
28 to the record again. Your Honour, again it seems to have come
29 through as "Yeaten clock". It should be "eye on the".

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am not sure where that one is,
2 Ms Alagenda. Could you help me?

3 MS ALAGENDRA: Just before we ended, your Honour, where
4 I said I had my eye on the clock.

14:30:18 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Oh, yes, indeed. I see it. Yes.

6 MS ALAGENDRA: And, your Honour, there is a spelling that
7 I told the Court I will get back on.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, indeed.

9 MS ALAGENDRA: Sanda Tendaren, which is S-A-N-D-A
14:30:30 10 T-E-N-D-A-R-E-N.

11 Your Honours, with that I will proceed with the examination
12 of the witness, if I may?

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please do so.

14 MS ALAGENDRA:

14:30:46 15 Q. Witness, just before we broke for lunch you were telling
16 the Court about a microphone that was found on an operation in
17 Batkanu by Captain Arthur and that the mic was fixed up and after
18 it was fixed you said he resumed communication. Also you told
19 the Court that the name of the radio man with the group at the
14:31:26 20 time was a Jalloh?

21 A. Yes, my Lord.

22 Q. Can you clarify when you said "he fixed it" and "he resumed
23 communication", who is the "he" that you are referring to,
24 witness?

14:31:47 25 A. I was - I spoke about the radio man. After he had fixed
26 the mic, Gullit resumed communication with the other commanders.

27 Q. Do you know which other commanders communication was
28 resumed with?

29 A. Well, as far as I know he resumed communication with - he

1 spoke with Mosquito, he also spoke with SAJ Musa and also when
2 the communication resumed he also spoke to Issa Sesay and also
3 Brigadier Mani.

14:32:38 4 Q. Witness, in your testimony you have referred to two
5 Mosquitos. Which Mosquito are you referring to in this instance?

6 A. I am talking about General Mosquito, who was - whom we
7 referred to as Sam Bockarie.

8 Q. Witness, how do you know that communications resumed?

14:33:08 9 A. Well, after Jalloh had fixed up the mic they were doing
10 monitoring and so there was a time he called because they had
11 what they prepared for communication. He called Bomb Blast. He
12 came to the radio set where he was. At the time Bazzy was
13 present, Five-Five too was there and some other military
14 supervisors. They were all there when the communication resumed.

14:33:46 15 Q. Who is the "he" you are referring to?

16 A. I said when communication started Gullit started
17 communicating with commanders.

18 Q. And who is the person you say he called Bomb Blast?

19 A. There was the runner who was there. Whenever there was a
14:34:16 20 communication, the runner would take the paper to the commander
21 and in that light the commander will invite the other commanders
22 that so and so person wants to talk to you.

23 Q. How do you know this?

24 A. Well since I was with Commander Bomb Blast when this runner
14:34:42 25 came and called him, so it was true that I was able to know that
26 communication had started and that he had wanted to talk to
27 Mosquito and the others.

28 Q. Who sent the runner to Bomb Blast?

29 A. It was Gullit who sent the runner to call Bomb Blast and

1 the other commanders.

2 Q. What happened when the runner informed Bomb Blast that
3 Gullit wanted him?

4 A. Well, I left together with Bomb Blast and the other
14:35:27 5 securities that were with him. We went to where the set was,
6 which was not far away - which was not too far away from where we
7 were.

8 Q. When you arrived there, did a communication take place?

9 A. Yes, like I have said, Gullit called on the various
14:35:47 10 commanders like I have said the names I have already mentioned.

11 Q. You have given us a few names, witness. Who was the first
12 person that Gullit spoke to?

13 A. Gullit spoke to Mosquito and briefed him exactly on the
14 operations in the north and also informed him about the Gbomsamba
14:36:18 15 operations, that the troop he led attacked Gbomsamba and told him
16 the extent to which he was leading the operation now that he had
17 based in Rosos.

18 Q. Apart from the Gbomsamba operation do you know if Gullit
19 and Mosquito spoke about any other operations?

14:36:45 20 A. Well, Gullit made mention of the various areas he covered
21 up to where he was in Rosos. He spoke about the operations we
22 undertook when we were on the way.

23 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagenda, this resumption of
24 communication, where exactly does it take place?

14:37:16 25 MS ALAGENDRA:

26 Q. Witness, can you clarify for the Court where these
27 communications are taking place from?

28 A. It was at Rosos.

29 Q. Can you also give us a time frame now when communications

1 resumed?

2 A. Well, this was between July to August in 1998.

3 Q. Was there a response from Mosquito after Gullit briefed him
4 about all the operations on the way?

14:37:51 5 A. Yes, indeed. He responded.

6 Q. Do you know what the response was?

7 A. Well, he said what he was thinking of was that Gullit had
8 surrendered with the troops, but now that Gullit was on the air
9 and have explained himself, that they lost the communication man
10 and some other things, he said Gullit will get the full support
11 at whatever time he needed.

12 Q. Was anything else discussed between Gullit and Mosquito
13 during this communication?

14 A. Like I have said just now, he only explained to him and
14:38:42 15 Mosquito's response was that he was happy that they've started
16 communication and that Gullit was doing well and that whatever
17 assistance Gullit needed, Gullit should contact him and then he
18 will follow up.

19 Q. Was there a communication after this communication?

14:39:05 20 A. Well --

21 MR ANYAH: I would object to the leading and I would also
22 object to the vagueness in the question. Who is now
23 communicating when she says, "Was there a communication after
24 this communication"?

14:39:27 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagendra, you have heard the
26 objection.

27 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, once I establish that there
28 was another communication then I will find out between who it
29 was.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, you said leading. I am not
2 sure that I agree that that's a leading question. What aspect of
3 it is leading? I suppose it implies there was a communication.
4 Is that what you're saying?

14:39:50 5 MR ANYAH: Yes, Madam President.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: In that case, yes, I agree with you
7 there. That is it implies that there was another communication.

8 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I am a bit unclear as to that
9 because the witness just testified before this about
14:40:06 10 communications resuming with - he has named four other
11 commanders, so that is already in evidence. So he has spoken
12 about one communication now, so I was going to move on to the
13 next communication.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: But it implies there was actually
14:40:29 15 communications. The question really is were there any and that
16 has to be clarified. And the other aspect of your objection,
17 Mr Anyah, just let me find it. You were saying it was vague.

18 MR ANYAH: Yes.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: If you cope with the leading aspect first
14:40:49 20 and then that might overcome the vagueness too, because there is
21 no indication of time or anything else in that question,
22 Ms Alagenda, but deal with the leading aspect and let's look at
23 it.

24 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honours:

14:41:03 25 Q. Witness, just to take you back you testified earlier that
26 when communications resumed in Rosos that there were
27 communications now with other commanders and you named Mosqui to,
28 SAJ Musa, Issa Sesay and Brigadier Mani. Do you recall?

29 A. Yes, my Lord.

1 Q. Now, the communication that you spoke about with SAJ Musa,
2 when did that take place?

3 MR ANYAH: Sorry --

4 THE WITNESS: Well, like I've said --

14:41:43 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pause, Mr Witness.

6 MR ANYAH: My recollection of the record is that there was
7 a communication between Sam Bockarie and Gullit. I don't recall
8 there being a communication on the record between Gullit and SAJ
9 Musa.

14:41:58 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: There was something about - Ms Alagenda,
11 there was some reference to SAJ.

12 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, there is, your Honours. What I am
13 doing is I am going into details of the communications now.

14 I have dealt with the first name the witness has given which is
14:42:12 15 Mosquito and dealt with the detail. Now I am moving to the next
16 name which the witness says there was communication with which is
17 SAJ Musa and now I want to go into detail with that
18 communication, your Honour.

19 MR ANYAH: I understand the basis on which counsel is
14:42:27 20 proceeding. I withdraw the objection.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Anyah.

22 MS ALAGENDRA:

23 Q. Witness, I will repeat my question to you. You have spoken
24 about communications taking place with SAJ Musa?

14:42:43 25 A. Yes, my Lord.

26 Q. How do you know that communications took place with SAJ
27 Musa?

28 A. Well, like I have said, on this particular day when Gullit
29 called the commanders and communicated he also spoke with SAJ

1 Musa.

2 Q. Was it the same day as the earlier communication you spoke
3 about?

14:43:22

4 A. Yes. On that same day he spoke to SAJ, Brigadier Mani and
5 Issa Sesay as well.

6 Q. Do you recall what he spoke to SAJ Musa about?

14:43:51

7 A. Well, as far as I can recall he informed SAJ Musa about -
8 I mean about the development, because he said since they had felt
9 that he had surrendered, he said no, he said it was the
10 communication man that ran away when we were attacked at Mandaha,
11 but he said he is still doing very well at the northern path. He
12 also indicated some of the attacks and spoke about the Gbomsamba
13 attack. He said he led the troops to attack Gbomsamba.

14:44:17

14 Q. Witness, when you say, "He said since they had felt that he
15 had surrendered, he said no", can you be a bit more clear as to
16 who is saying what in relation to that content?

14:44:40

17 A. Well, Gullit said that to SAJ Musa. He said because when
18 there was monitoring they were saying that he had surrendered, he
19 had surrendered and that's the reason why he is trying to tell
20 him. Gullit and the troops that he led who left Mansofinia, who
21 came from Kono to Mansofinia, they said he had surrendered with
22 them, but that was not the way it happened. He said he only lost
23 the communication man.

24 Q. Who said that Gullit had surrendered?

14:45:07

25 A. Well, when we heard them say that he was monitoring, all
26 the stations we were monitoring were saying that; that Gullit had
27 taken men from Kono and they have gone to Mansofinia and they've
28 moved ahead. So it was their belief that he had gone and
29 surrendered with his men.

1 Q. At this time during this communication do you know where
2 SAJ Musa was?

3 A. Well, at the time SAJ Musa, according to communications, he
4 had withdrew towards Koinadugu. There was a village going
14:45:56 5 towards Koinadugu. I will recall the name later, but he was
6 based in that area.

7 Q. Witness, when you say Koinadugu are you referring to a
8 particular place in the district?

9 A. Well, you have Koinadugu Town, there was a - there is the
14:46:18 10 town, there they based.

11 Q. Is there anything else you recall about this communication?

12 A. Well, he was only trying to brief the commanders exactly
13 about what happened and where he was at the time.

14 Q. You have also spoken about a communication with Issa Sesay?

14:46:48 15 A. Yes, my Lord.

16 Q. Who was the person who was communicating with Issa Sesay?

17 A. Well, also Gullit spoke to Issa Sesay and he also allowed
18 Bomb Blast to talk to Issa as well because they were close
19 friends, so both of them discussed.

14:47:14 20 Q. Who were close friends?

21 A. Well, Issa Sesay and Bomb Blast were close friends.

22 Q. Witness, how long after the communication between Gullit
23 and SAJ Musa did the communication between Gullit and Issa Sesay
24 take place?

14:47:35 25 A. If I am taking it systemically it is after Mosquito had
26 spoken, then he spoke to Issa. After Mosquito had spoken to
27 Gullit then he said, "There is a brother here, Issa", then Gullit
28 too said, "Hassan Papa Bangura too is with us here". There the
29 discussion started. Then he called SAJ Musa and then Brigadier

1 Mani .

2 Q. Witness, at the time of the communication where was
3 Mosquito, do you know?

4 A. Well, according to the communication at the time he was
14:48:21 5 based in Kailahun. He said Buedu was his headquarter.

6 Q. And where was Issa Sesay?

7 A. He too was in Kailahun. He was very close to the radio set
8 Mosquito used to communicate in Buedu.

9 Q. How do you know Issa Sesay was very close to the radio set
14:48:44 10 of Mosquito?

11 A. Well, like I have said, as Mosquito was speaking he said,
12 "The brother is here with me, Issa." He said he too was worried.
13 Then Gullit told him that Bomb Blast too is around, so that made
14 Bomb Blast and Issa to speak.

14:49:13 15 Q. And in relation to the communication between Gullit,
16 Mosquito and Issa Sesay, when did the communication between
17 Gullit and SAJ Musa take place?

18 A. Well, it was just after Gullit had spoken to the men, then
19 he told the radio man to call Koinadugu, to tune Koinadugu, and
14:49:47 20 also talk with SAJ and Brigadier Mani .

21 Q. Do you recall if the communication between Issa Sesay and
22 Gullit - whether anything else was said?

23 A. Well, like I have said, this was the only thing Gullit
24 briefed because he came up and briefed them about the positions
14:50:13 25 of the troop and the extent to which he was.

26 Q. What do you mean by, "The extent to which he was"?

27 A. I said he told them about the activities of his operation
28 and the issue about the radio man escaping, like I have said
29 earlier.

1 Q. The activities of which operation?

2 A. Well, since we left Mansofinia and the areas we went
3 through up to Rosos which was the present base.

4 Q. Now, you have told us about an operation in Karina when you
14:51:08 5 left Mansofinia on the way to Rosos. Did Gullit brief Issa
6 Sesay, or Mosquito, about the operation in Karina?

7 MR ANYAH: Objection. Counsel has asked the question over
8 and over again. The witness's memory is not prompted and now we
9 are having injected into the question Karina. I am objecting
14:51:29 10 because it is leading.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: It is leading, Ms Alagendra.

12 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, if I can just clarify an issue
13 that this witness is testifying about operations which took place
14 on the way from the time they left Karina - I beg your pardon,
14:51:46 15 until they left Mansofinia and ended up in Rosos and I wanted to
16 cover whether certain operations which he has testified about --

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, you can put it without naming the
18 particular place and thereby leading the witness.

19 MS ALAGENDRA:

14:52:00 20 Q. Witness, do you recall which operations Gullit informed
21 Mosquito and Issa Sesay about?

22 A. Well, like I have said just now, he briefed him about the
23 operations when we left Mansofinia up to the operation at
24 Gbomsamba. All the operations we undertook on our way. He
14:52:27 25 briefed him on that.

26 Q. Just so we are clear, can you call out some of the
27 operations which he briefed them about?

28 A. Well, he spoke about the operation at Karina. He - sorry,
29 at first he spoke about Karina and then Mandaha and then he also

1 told him about Gbendembu because all of that was over the air.
2 He went to the extent of telling him about Rosos, where we were,
3 and also briefed him about Gbomsamba. He told him that his
4 troops attacked Gbomsamba, which was a military strategic area.

14:53:16 5 Q. You say he spoke about the operation at Karina. What did
6 he say about the operation in Karina?

7 A. Well, Gullit told Mosquito that he attacked Karina.

8 Q. Did he say anything else about Karina?

9 A. Like I have said he explained exactly what happened, that
14:53:43 10 his troops attacked Karina, because through the monitoring they
11 never knew the troop that attacked Karina, so he went over the
12 air and told them that he attacked Karina together with his men.

13 Q. When you say he explained exactly what happened, can you be
14 a bit more clear as to what he explained happened?

14:54:05 15 A. Well, he didn't go into the details of what happened. He
16 only said, "I led the troop that left Mansofinia, attacked
17 Karina, Gbendembu and then came to Rosos where we have our base
18 now, then also I ordered the troops to attack Gbomsamba as well."

19 Q. This briefing, witness, can you be clear as to who he was
14:54:35 20 giving this briefing to?

21 A. Like I have said, Mosquito was the first person he briefed
22 and then also he spoke with Issa, Brigadier Mani and also
23 mentioned that to SAJ Musa.

24 Q. Are you saying that he said the same things?

14:55:01 25 A. Well, he gave them - because it was a radio communication
26 he didn't give them the details. He only briefed them about the
27 areas his troop attacked.

28 Q. The communication between Gullit and Brigadier Mani, when
29 did that take place?

1 A. Like I have said, it was on the same day because he was
2 eager to talk to so many people. It was the same day that Gullit
3 spoke to Brigadier Mani.

14:55:45 4 Q. Witness, in terms of chronology, which communication took
5 place first between Gullit and who?

6 A. Well, the first communication took place between Gullit and
7 Mosquito and then Issa and then the second one was SAJ Musa and
8 Brigadier Mani.

14:56:11 9 Q. Was it the same conversation he had with SAJ Musa and
10 Brigadier Mani?

11 A. Yes, he briefed them about - he only gave them a briefing
12 about where the troop were.

13 Q. At the time of the communication, were SAJ Musa and
14 Brigadier Mani together?

14:56:30 15 A. Well Brigadier Mani was also in that Koinadugu area but
16 they were not together, but he too was within the Koinadugu
17 District.

18 Q. So who did Gullit speak to first, SAJ Musa or Brigadier
19 Mani?

14:56:49 20 A. He spoke to SAJ Musa, after which he spoke to Brigadier
21 Mani.

22 Q. Do you recall what the communication was between Gullit and
23 Brigadier Mani?

14:57:07 24 A. Well, as I have said, he only explained to him that he did
25 not surrender and that he was still with the troop that he was
26 leading.

27 Q. Witness, after these communications that took place on that
28 day, do you recall if there were any other communications that
29 took place while you were in Camp Rosos?

1 A. Yes, as far as I can recall communications too took place,
2 but those that I was present they also spoke about other radio
3 communication that the radio runner went and called the
4 operations commander that SAJ had wanted to talk to them.

14:57:53 5 Q. When did this communication take place?

6 A. Well, it took some time after the first communication when
7 this second communication took place.

8 Q. Can you give us an estimate of time between the first
9 communication and this second communication?

14:58:12 10 A. It was not up to two weeks when the second communication
11 took place.

12 Q. And who was the second communication between?

13 A. Well, Gullit spoke to SAJ Musa and Superman.

14 Q. How do you know about the second communication?

14:58:36 15 A. Well this one Gullit sent for Hassan Papa Bangura,
16 I escorted him to where the set was and some senior commanders
17 were with them when Gullit was communicating.

18 Q. Were you present during the communication?

19 A. Yes, I was there.

14:59:05 20 Q. Do you recall what the communication was about?

21 A. Yes, I can recall.

22 Q. Can you tell us what the communication was between Gullit
23 and SAJ Musa at this time?

24 A. Well, as far as I can recall, SAJ Musa told Gullit that now
14:59:32 25 the troop that were with Superman at Komba Gbundema were with him
26 at Koinadugu and they were heading for - they had gone and
27 captured Mongo Bendugu.

28 Q. Who had captured Mongo Bendugu?

29 A. Well, he said it was a combined force where SAJ, Superman,

1 Komba Gbundema went together and attacked Mongo Bendugu. He said
2 they had recaptured there and they had the plan to go ahead and
3 capture Kabala.

15:00:21 4 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagendra, Komba Gbundema is the name
5 of a person, not a place, yes?

6 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour.

7 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Yes, so it was with Superman and Komba
8 Gbundema.

9 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour, that is what it should be:

15:00:38 10 Q. Did he say anything else, SAJ Musa?

11 A. Well, he only said they had captured some arms and
12 ammunition. He said because Superman came and reinforced him
13 from Kailahun, so they had a joint operation and so they have
14 been able to destabilise the Guineans at Mongo Bendugu and they
15:01:10 15 were heading for Kabala.

16 Q. Did he explain how he was going to attack Kabala?

17 A. Well like I have said he said they will use tactics
18 pretending as if they were going to surrender, because now that
19 they have captured Mongo Bendugu they were moving with their
15:01:36 20 tactics to pretend that they were going to surrender so that in
21 that they will be able to capture Kabala.

22 Q. Was there any other communication after this communication
23 between Gullit and SAJ Musa?

24 A. Well, also Super spoke to Gullit. He spoke to Bazy and
15:02:05 25 Bomb Blast.

26 Q. Witness, when you say "Super", who are you referring to?

27 A. I am talking about Denis Mingo, Superman.

28 Q. Were you present during the communication between Superman
29 and Gullit?

1 A. Yes, my Lord. Like I have said, it was during the same
2 communication when he was talking to SAJ then Superman too spoke
3 to confirm what SAJ Musa had discussed.

4 Q. Do you recall what Superman spoke?

15:02:44 5 A. Well, he said he came and reinforced SAJ. He said when he
6 reinforced him they were able to push forward, so he was
7 admonishing him not to relax as well. So, he said he was now
8 with SAJ Musa and they were heading for Kabala.

9 Q. Who said?

15:03:13 10 A. Superman. He was talking to Gullit, saying all of what
11 I have said.

12 Q. When you say "so he was admonishing him not to relax as
13 well", can you explain what you mean by that?

14 A. Well, Super said now that they were pushing forward to
15:03:36 15 towards Kabala he said Gullit too should not be relaxed. He too
16 should be pushing forward to weaken the positions of the enemy,
17 he said, because at any time they will prepare for a brigade
18 advance to Freetown.

19 Q. Who would prepare for a brigade advance to Freetown?

15:03:59 20 A. Superman, SAJ Musa and the others said they would join up
21 and whatever reinforcement they will receive they will get a
22 brigade advance towards Freetown.

23 Q. Do you recall what happened after these communications?

24 A. Well, as far as I can recall, after this communication
15:04:32 25 Gullit called on the commanders like I have said, the company
26 commanders, the military supervisors, and said that now he said
27 the troops should advance. He said another military operation
28 should be conducted. He said this time round he had wanted the
29 troop to hit Gbinti to attack Gbinti.

1 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Gbinti is spelt G-B-I-N-T-I:

2 Q. Witness, where is Gbinti?

3 A. Gbinti is between Kambia District and Bombali District. In
4 between that area, Kambia District and Bombali District.

15:05:29 5 Q. Did he say who was to be attacked in Gbinti?

6 A. Well he said the troops should go and attack because
7 according to him he said the information he had received there
8 was a military position there, so he said we should be organised
9 and then go and attack Gbinti immediately.

15:06:00 10 Q. When he said there was a military position there, what
11 military position was he talking about? Did you know?

12 A. He said ECOMOG. According to the information he said he
13 received, ECOMOG were based in Gbinti.

14 Q. Witness, do you know where Gullit got this information,
15:06:20 15 that ECOMOG was based in Gbinti?

16 A. Well, I actually didn't know where he got the information.
17 This was an information he gave to us.

18 Q. Did you at some point later come to know where he got this
19 information from?

15:06:41 20 A. Well, the only thing we learnt was that he used to get
21 information from the team at the rear doing the monitoring.

22 Q. Witness, did you want to take some water with your pills?

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think the witness has some water in
24 front of him.

15:07:06 25 MS ALAGENDRA: I just wondered whether he wanted me to
26 pause.

27 THE WITNESS: It's okay. It's for sucking.

28 MS ALAGENDRA:

29 Q. When you say he got the information from the team at the

1 rear who was doing the monitoring, who is this team you are
2 referring to?

3 A. Well, he didn't disclose that. He only said he got an
4 information from the rear that Gbinti was another strategic
15:07:43 5 location, so it was a place we should attack.

6 Q. What happened after Gullit gave orders for an operation in
7 Gbinti?

8 A. Well, he called on the various commanders to contribute men
9 from the various companies and to prepare for the attack and
15:08:11 10 Gullit had to muster the men, including the presence of Bazy,
11 Five-Five and the military supervisors and also the operation
12 commanders and the company commanders. He said now the troops
13 were to use the same tactics that Superman and SAJ Musa had
14 planned, so we too should pretend as if we are going to surrender

15:08:48 15 at Gbinti, so when ECOMOG will see that men were coming to
16 surrender then automatically we will launch our attack. He said
17 if our troop arrived in Gbinti we should make sure we burnt down
18 Gbinti so that ECOMOG will not go on the air and deny the claim.
19 He said because ECOMOG had been going over the air and their
15:09:18 20 spokesman had been saying they had dislodged the junta forces.
21 So if we go there and burn down Gbinti, there was no way they
22 were going to deny that fact.

23 Q. Did he say anything else?

24 A. He only said that we should not carry civilians to the camp
15:09:43 25 when we were about to leave. He said when we arrived there
26 whatever thing we were able to loot, we should loot them and then
27 bring them along.

28 Q. When he said you should not carry civilians to the camp
29 what did he mean by that, do you know?

1 A. Well, earlier Gullit had declared Rosos as a no go area for
2 civilians and that we were not to bring civilians to the camp.
3 He reminded us about it, that we should not bring civilians to
4 the camp.

15:10:22 5 Q. What was to happen to the civilians then if you were not to
6 bring them to the camp?

7 A. Well, he had said whosoever we had captured should be
8 executed, he should not be brought to the camp.

9 Q. What happened after this muster?

15:10:48 10 A. After the muster Five-Five was chosen to lead the operation
11 to Gbinti.

12 Q. Did the operation take place?

13 A. Yes, my Lord. On that day I was there as well, I was with
14 Five-Five. We left for Gbinti.

15:11:09 15 Q. What was the size of the group that attacked Gbinti?

16 A. We were about 150 manpower that left for Gbinti.

17 Q. Did you arrive in Gbinti?

18 A. Yes, my Lord. We arrived in Gbinti and pretended as if we
19 were going there to surrender, but then we attacked.

15:11:45 20 Q. What happened during the attack on Gbinti?

21 A. Well, the ECOMOG troops resisted at first, but later they
22 retreated from Gbinti, so they and the civilians left and then we
23 captured Gbinti.

24 Q. When you say you captured Gbinti, what did you do?

15:12:13 25 A. Well, in the capturing of Gbinti we were able to loot and
26 burn some houses in Gbinti.

27 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagenda, did the witness say, "So we
28 and the civilians left" or "they and the civilians left" meaning
29 ECOMOG.

1 MS ALAGENDRA: He said "they", your Honour. That's what
2 I heard.

3 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Okay. So line 24 should change.

4 MS ALAGENDRA:

15:12:53 5 Q. Witness, apart from burning of the houses in Gbinti did
6 anything else happen to the houses?

7 A. Well, the other houses we, we wrote some things on the wall
8 saying Five-Five heading for Freetown, RUF, SLA, NPFL heading for
9 Freetown. We wrote that on them.

15:13:29 10 Q. Did you also write these things on the walls?

11 A. Yes, all of us did this writing on the walls because Gbinti
12 was actually big. Those areas that we did not burn down, we
13 wrote on them.

14 Q. Now when you wrote "NPFL" on the walls what did that mean?

15:13:55 15 A. Well, we were writing this to create fear in the people
16 that preparation is under way to head for Freetown.

17 Q. The NPFL that was written on the wall, what did it mean?

18 A. Well, it was the National Patriotic Front of Liberia.

19 Q. Why was "NPFL" written on the walls?

15:14:24 20 A. Well, one we wanted to create fear in the civilian
21 population and the ECOMOG, that preparation of these troops that
22 I have named for Freetown.

23 Q. Witness, you named three groups, RUF, SLA, NPFL. So when
24 you say you, "Wanted to create fear in the civilian population
15:14:54 25 and ECOMOG that preparation for these troops that I have named
26 for Freetown", which troops are you talking about?

27 A. Well, I am naming the mixed troops because later on
28 reinforcement came, as I have said, but these were the troops
29 that were present when we tried, like I said, to create fear in

1 the civilians and the ECOMOG forces.

2 Q. Was there NPFL amongst your group?

3 A. Well, the only thing is that, as I said, Super and SAJ had
4 told us that preparation was going to be under way to reinforce
15:15:53 5 us. At this time that we were in Rosos NPFL was not with us,
6 until later when we got reinforcement from Koinadugu, from SAJ
7 Musa and Superman. It was later that those people joined us.

8 Q. Which people joined you?

9 A. Well, we had former NPFL fighters who were Liberians who
15:16:21 10 had joined us.

11 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I will be dealing with this
12 issue in detail when we arrive at that point:

13 Q. Witness, you said another reason why you wrote - you and
14 the others wrote "NPFL" on the wall was to create fear in the
15:16:36 15 civilian population and ECOMOG. Do you know why writing "NPFL"
16 would create fear among the civilian population and ECOMOG?

17 A. Well, as far as I know, initially when I just joined the
18 army the fighting that we used to do, when people heard that NPFL
19 and RUF were coming they would be afraid. Even ECOMOG was afraid
15:17:02 20 and they will be moving. So we used that as a method, as a
21 tactic to create fear in the people and also in ECOMOG.

22 Q. Do you know why when people heard that the NPFL and RUF
23 were coming they would be afraid?

24 A. Well, initially when I was fighting with the Sierra Leone
15:17:30 25 Army the way they used to kill, burn and do other things made
26 people to be afraid. So when you hear that they were coming you
27 will move away, be you a civilian or a soldier.

28 Q. The way who used to kill and burn and do other things?

29 A. The NPFL and the RUF fighters who were fighting at that

1 time, 1991, '92, that time.

2 Q. Did anything else happen during the operation in Gbinti?

3 A. Well, as I said, people ran away from us. We looted and
4 got some military uniforms and other things and withdrew from
15:18:13 5 Gbinti.

6 Q. When you withdrew from Gbinti where did you go to?

7 A. Well, we came back to Camp Rosos.

8 Q. Witness, earlier on this morning when you were testifying
9 you spoke about civilians and SBUs being trained in Camp Rosos.

15:18:40 10 Do you recall that?

11 A. Yes, my Lord.

12 Q. I would just like to ask you a few questions in relation to
13 that. The SBUs that were being trained in Camp Rosos, do you
14 recall the age group?

15:18:58 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What was the age group?

17 A. Most of them were within the age of eight to ten, 12 years.
18 They were the ones who we trained. We had other brave men, young
19 men who we also trained.

15:19:17 20 Q. Are you able to estimate in total how many SBUs were being
21 trained in Camp Rosos?

22 A. Well, I can't recollect but we trained about 77 men -
23 sorry, I mean 77 people in Rosos, including - when I say 77,
24 among them we had SBUs whom we trained, but the SBUs were more
15:19:45 25 than the men.

26 Q. Who was doing the training?

27 A. Well, we had Junior Sheriff who was one of the training
28 instructors. I was there among, I was among them. We also had
29 Colonel Eddie, or at that time major, Major Eddie, and Five-Five

1 was the commander for the training.

2 Q. What kind of training were the SBUs and civilians
3 undergoing?

4 A. Well in the first place we trained them in tactics,
15:20:36 5 weaponry and we trained them in ambushes and we also gave them
6 drill - training in drills - and FIBUA, fighting in a built up
7 area. These are some of the trainings that they underwent.

8 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, FIBUA is F-I-B-U-A. It is an
9 acronym:

15:21:11 10 Q. Witness, when you started your testimony before this Court
11 you were asked questions about the training that you underwent
12 when you joined the military.

13 A. Yes, my Lord.

14 Q. And you spoke about FIBUA training, fighting in a built up
15:21:30 15 area, do you recall that?

16 A. Yes, my Lord.

17 Q. And now you have told us that the SBUs and civilians who
18 were being trained in Camp Rosos went through FIBUA training?

19 A. Yes, my Lord.

15:21:48 20 Q. Can you tell the Court if there was a difference between
21 the FIBUA training that you underwent and the training that was
22 given here in Camp Rosos?

23 A. Well since we were supported by the government it was
24 slightly different, but we were doing this like when you were
15:22:10 25 attacking a city and a built up area. That was why we were
26 giving them that training, because they were being prepared for
27 the attack on Freetown. That was why we were giving them those
28 basic trainings.

29 Q. And when you say tactics, what kind of tactics were you

1 training them in?

2 A. Well tactics involved firing and manoeuvring, you know?

3 Q. The SBUs and the civilians, did they undergo the same kind
4 of training?

15:22:51 5 A. Yes, my Lord, they underwent those trainings.

6 Q. What kind of weapons were the SBUs being trained to handle?

7 A. Oh, well most of them were trained in all the weapons. The
8 AK-47, we trained them to use it. Also LAR, light automatic
9 rifle, we trained them to use that. We even trained them to use

15:23:25 10 this - how to fix the belt, HMG how to shoot it, that is a heavy
11 machine gun, and also a GPMG, general purpose machine gun. We
12 trained them how to use that.

13 Q. How long did the SBUs and civilians undergo training in
14 Camp Rosos?

15:23:52 15 A. This was a three weeks training which we did with them at
16 Camp Rosos.

17 Q. What, if anything, happened to the SBUs and civilians after
18 the three weeks training?

19 A. After this training they were distributed to the various
15:24:15 20 companies that were at Camp Rosos.

21 Q. What was the role of the SBUs in these various companies?

22 A. Well, the SBUs we used them most times during the fighting.
23 That is the first thing. We also used them during ambushes, to
24 set ambushes, to be in an ambush. We used them also to go on
15:24:40 25 patrols. There were certain times when we didn't have enough
26 weapons we give them machetes and by the order of the commander
27 most times when we went they carried out amputations.

28 Q. When you say used them in fighting, what do you mean?

29 A. Well in fact for whatever patrol we had, be it food finding

1 or whether we were going as an attack force, we will go with the
2 SBUs and engage with them.

3 Q. What do you mean you would go with SBUs and engage with
4 them? Can you be a bit more clear, witness.

15:25:33 5 A. Well, just as I said, all the companies had SBUs who had
6 been trained, so whatever mission we had to undertake they would
7 be involved. They would be part of the troop that will go.

8 Q. And what would they do during the missions?

9 A. Well, they too played an active role. If they saw a
15:25:58 10 commander burning they too would burn, and sometimes when they
11 had a cutlass if it was to amputate they would be selected to
12 amputate the people.

13 Q. Witness, can you remind the Court again until when your
14 troop remained in Camp Rosos?

15:26:31 15 A. Well, we left Rosos around September to October 1998.

16 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I think the witness would like
17 to address you.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am sorry, Mr Witness, was there
19 something you wanted to say?

15:26:55 20 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord. I want to use the gents.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Please assist the witness.

22 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, if I may?

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please proceed, Ms Alagendra.

24 MS ALAGENDRA:

15:31:28 25 Q. Witness, I just want to clarify an answer that you gave
26 earlier on. You were talking about when the troops moved to
27 Rosos and Gullit passed an order that Rosos should be a no go
28 zone for civilians and you said that in fact it should be 15
29 miles off - 50 miles off no civilians should be within that Rosos

1 area. Your Honours, I am referring to page 80, line 1 - line 1
2 to 2. Witness, can you just repeat that number again, please.
3 How many miles off Rosos should be a no go area for civilians?

4 A. I said 15 miles off Rosos. 15.

15:32:31 5 Q. One-five?

6 A. One-five. Yes, one-five.

7 Q. Now, you said you left Rosos around September to October
8 1998?

9 A. Yes, my Lord.

15:32:51 10 Q. Why did your troop leave Rosos in September/October 1998?

11 A. Well, whilst we were based at Rosos later we came under
12 some serious bombardment from the Batkanu axis from the ECOMOG
13 troops that were based there. We continued to receive artillery
14 bombardment when they were bombarding us with heavy mortars - 120
15 millimetre mortars - after which the jets raided us and they
16 killed one of our radio men called Jalloh.

17 Q. Did anything happen as a result of the jet raids at Rosos?

18 A. Well Gullit called Major Eddie and told him because he had
19 come from that area, that Limba area, he said he should go in
15:34:13 20 search of a place so that we can change the location of the camp,
21 so Major Eddie went ahead whilst the troops were preparing to
22 depart Rosos. So Major Eddie came and told Gullit that he had
23 got a site that was towards - that was towards the Limba - Tonko
24 Limba area, so Gullit ordered that all the troops, including the
15:34:59 25 family members that I - as I have been mentioning earlier, should
26 leave Rosos to go to the town that had been found by Major Eddie.
27 Since we did not know the name of that town, we named it Major
28 Eddie Town.

29 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Tonko Limba is spelt T-O-N-K-O

1 Limba L-I-M-B-A:

2 Q. Witness, where is Tonko Limba?

3 A. Well, Tonko Limba is within Kambia. It is in the Kambia
4 District.

15:35:44 5 Q. And this place which became known as Major Eddie Town, do
6 you know its exact location?

7 A. Well, Major Eddie Town is between Sanda Magbolontor and
8 Tonko Limba Chiefdom. It is in between that area.

9 MS ALAGENDRA: Sanda Magbolontor is S-A-N-D-A and the next
15:36:17 10 word is M-A-G-B-O-L-O-N-T-O-R:

11 Q. Witness, this place that came to be known as Major Eddie
12 Town, did the name of this place change at some point?

13 A. Yes, my Lord.

14 Q. What did it change to?

15:36:44 15 A. Well, Gullit later changed the name to Colonel Eddie Town
16 when Major Eddie had a promotion of major, so we were not calling
17 it Colonel Eddie Town, we started calling it Colonel Eddie Town.

18 Q. Can you repeat that again, witness. When Major Eddie had a
19 promotion to which position?

15:37:11 20 A. To colonel, Colonel Eddie Town, Major Eddie Town, so they
21 changed the name because the man had been promoted to colonel.
22 The name also changed to Colonel Eddie Town.

23 Q. Did the troop move to Major Eddie Town?

24 A. Well, yes, the troop started moving to Major Eddie Town
15:37:46 25 whilst I, Bazzy, Junior Lion, Hassan Papa Bangura stayed behind
26 with some other men to ensure that everybody left Rosos for Major
27 Eddie Town.

28 Q. Did you and the group you stayed back with do anything
29 after everyone left Rosos for Major Eddie Town?

1 A. Well, the only thing was that afterwards we set Rosos on
2 fire and left for Major Eddie Town.

3 Q. Did anything happen after the entire troop gathered at
4 Major Eddie Town?

15:38:38 5 A. Well, Gullit ensured that he distributed the companies to
6 various villages.

7 Q. Do you recall which companies were distributed to which
8 village?

9 A. Well, I can't recall all the names, but I can recall for
15:39:16 10 instance the A Company was between Colonel Eddie Town and Medina.
11 That too is within that Tonko Limba Chiefdom. That was the route
12 where A Company was. D Company which was headed by Junior Lion
13 was between Colonel Eddie Town and Sanda Magbolontor. B Company
14 was at the headquarters. C Company was at another route that was
15:39:48 15 heading towards that Kantia.

16 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record Medina is
17 M-A-D-I-N-A. Kantia is K-A-N-T-I-A:

18 Q. Witness, can you remind us again when you say headquarters,
19 what do you mean?

15:40:08 20 A. Well, this was where the brigade administration was based,
21 where Gullit and his other colleagues, the 2IC, the military
22 supervisors, the operation commander, were based.

23 Q. Who are you referring to as 2IC?

24 A. Well, this was the second in command, Ibrahim Bazy Kamara.

15:40:39 25 Q. After the assignments to these various locations did
26 anything happen in Major Eddie Town?

27 A. Well, yes, in Colonel Eddie Town we received a call from
28 SAJ Musa.

29 Q. What kind of call?

1 A. Well, it was a communication whereby Gullit called upon
2 Commander Bomb Blast and others that SAJ Musa wanted to talk to
3 the senior commanders including Bomb Blast.

4 Q. What happened after Gullit called upon the commanders?

15:41:31 5 A. Well, I too left with Bomb Blast and we went to the radio
6 set to listen to the request Gullit had made.

7 Q. What happened when you and Bomb Blast arrived where the
8 radio set was?

9 A. Well, later Gullit called on SAJ and told him the
15:42:08 10 commanders were ready and he discussed with him.

11 Q. Were you present when the discussion took place?

12 A. Yes, my Lord.

13 Q. Do you recall what the discussion was about?

14 A. Well, SAJ Musa said that he would send some men to our
15:42:43 15 location and he said they would be led by Major O-Five and that
16 he was taking along some SLA mixed force. He said they were
17 heading towards our camp to reinforce us in preparation for the
18 Freetown invasion.

19 Q. Witness, Major O-Five, who was he?

15:43:11 20 A. Well, he was a commander that led the troop that left
21 Koinadugu that came to reinforce us at Colonel Eddie Town.

22 Q. Which group did he belong to, do you know?

23 A. Well, O-Five was an SLA. He led the troop, but later when
24 we arrived at that point he had people with him that he had come
15:43:41 25 with.

26 Q. Witness, you say that SAJ Musa informed Gullit that a group
27 led by Major O-Five and that he was taking along some SLA mixed
28 force. Did SAJ Musa explain the composition of the mixed force?

29 A. Well, as I said, because Superman was with him there, he

1 had Komba Gbundema and some RUFs and some Liberians who were
2 within that mix. He said they were coming to reinforce us, but
3 when 0-Five arrives he will muster them and explain to Gullit
4 those whom he will be sending. Since it was a radio
15:44:36 5 communication he will not disclose everything, but that they
6 should be in readiness to receive 0-Five together with some mixed
7 fighters who will be coming.

8 Q. When you say he said they were coming to reinforce us but
9 when 0-Five arrives he will muster them, who will muster who?

15:45:02 10 A. Well, since 0-Five was coming to our ground, that is
11 Colonel Eddie Town, he will give a report - a situation report.
12 He will muster his men and give report to the commander he will
13 meet there because that was the procedure that was in the camp;
14 whoever comes will muster his men and give a report to the
15 commander.

16 Q. Was anything else said during this conversation?

17 A. Well, as I said, he said it was in preparation for an
18 advance on Freetown.

19 Q. What, if anything, happened after this communication?

15:45:58 20 A. Well, after this communication Gullit restructured the
21 troops at Colonel Eddie Town wherein he said that now that a
22 reinforcement was coming, automatically the companies should be
23 transformed into battalions and he promoted commanders from major
24 to colonel.

15:46:35 25 Q. Do you recall the names of some of the commanders that were
26 promoted?

27 A. Yes, my Lord.

28 Q. Can you give us some of the names?

29 A. He promoted Junior Lion to major. He promoted Colonel

1 Eddie to Lieutenant colonel. He promoted Junior Sherri f to
2 major. He promoted Captain Ti to to major. Captain Arthur was
3 promoted to major. He promoted him to major. Captain Osman
4 Sesay whom we referred to as Changa Bulanga, he was promoted to
15:47:32 5 major. Captain Road Block, he too was promoted to major. He
6 also promoted Basky [phon], Sai du Kambolai who was a captain, he
7 too was promoted to major. He also promoted the adjutant who we
8 had at that time, Captain Charles. He promoted him to major. He
9 also promoted King who was the military police commander, he
15:48:08 10 promoted him to major and he promoted a few others to major.

11 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record Kambolai is
12 spel t K-A-M-B-O-L-A-I:

13 Q. Witness, when you testified on Friday - you told the Court
14 that the companies A, B, C and D were later changed into
15:48:47 15 battalions. Do you recall that?

16 A. Yes, my Lord.

17 Q. When did that happen?

18 A. Well, just after this communication when SAJ called for the
19 reinforcement that was coming in. It was in relation to that,
15:49:07 20 that that happened at Colonel Eddie Town.

21 Q. It was in relation to what?

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah?

23 MR ANYAH: I just point this out for counsel's benefit:
24 The witness said Colonel Eddie was promoted from colonel to
15:49:27 25 Lieutenant colonel. I don't know if counsel wants to leave that
26 like that.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is what I heard. I heard Lieutenant
28 colonel. Is that a demotion?

29 MR ANYAH: Yes, it is.

1 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, if I can clarify that.

2 I thank counsel for that:

3 Q. Witness, when talking about promotions could you repeat
4 again the promotion in relation to Major Eddie?

15:49:57 5 A. He was promoted from major to lieutenant colonel, but in
6 the military when somebody is a lieutenant colonel we will not
7 say Lieutenant Colonel Eddie Town, we will just cut it short
8 Colonel Eddie Town. That is how we named that place.

9 Q. Witness, I want to clarify your earlier answer when you
15:50:26 10 said - you were talking about when companies were changed into
11 battalions and your answer we have here is that, "It was in
12 relation to that, that that happened at Colonel Eddie Town."
13 It's not clear what you mean by that answer.

14 A. Well I said as a result of the communication that SAJ made
15:50:59 15 that a reinforcement was coming headed by O-Five. It was in
16 relation to that that the companies changed from companies to
17 battalions.

18 Q. Witness, are you all right to continue?

19 A. Yes. Yes, I am okay.

15:51:23 20 Q. Did anything happen after the rearrangement of the troops?

21 A. Well, yes, the battalions were formed and they were named
22 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th battalions.

23 Q. Witness, just to be clear, do you recall the names of the
24 commanders of those four battalions?

15:51:51 25 A. Yes, my Lord.

26 Q. Please tell the Court the names. 1st battalion?

27 A. 1st battalion you had Major Tito; 2nd battalion had Major
28 Bulldoze, Foday Bah Marah.

29 Q. 3rd battalion?

1 A. 3rd battalion had Major Arthur; and 4th battalion had Major
2 Junior George Johnson. Junior Johnson, AKA Junior Lion.

3 Q. Did anything happen after the renaming of the battalions?

4 A. Well, yes, later we also received another communication
15:52:55 5 that 0-Five and the others were preparing to leave so they had to
6 give the password, that is "Check back", "Back clear", and Gullit
7 gave the location that Gbendembu should be the meeting point.
8 That is he said he was going to dispatch a troop that will move
9 to collect 0-Five as they were coming, so we prepared - Gullit
15:53:26 10 prepared the troop headed by Junior Sherri f and that troop left
11 Colonel Eddie Town to receive 0-Five

12 Q. Witness, who was this communication between?

13 A. Well, this communication took place between SAJ Musa and
14 Gullit and Superman also communicated in that second
15:54:02 15 communication. He too spoke with Gullit.

16 Q. What did Superman say during this communication?

17 A. Well, he too said that he had sent men - he had released
18 some men who were coming with 0-Five and these men will also be
19 in preparation for the advance on Freetown.

15:54:32 20 Q. And you said Gullit responded that he was going to dispatch
21 a troop to go and collect 0-Five?

22 A. Yes, my Lord.

23 Q. And you said the group he said would be led by Junior
24 Sherri f?

15:54:53 25 A. Yes, my Lord, Junior Sherri f.

26 Q. Did a group go to Gbendembu for this purpose?

27 A. Yes, my Lord. The group left and I joined the group, the
28 group that was to meet with 0-Five, but on our way going we
29 arrived in a town called Gbonkobama - Gbonkobama, yes. It too is

1 within that Sanda area, Bombali District.

2 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Gbonkobama is spelt

3 G-B-O-N-K-O-B-A-M-A:

4 Q. Did anything happen in Gbonkobama?

15:55:51 5 A. Well in Gbonkobama we encountered some resistance from some
6 forces that were based there and we later learnt that they were
7 the Gbethis and the SLAs that were fighting alongside the
8 government, but we fought very hard and dislodged them from
9 Gbonkobama and burnt down the town and looted everything that we
15:56:16 10 were able to lay hands on in Gbonkobama. So this delayed the
11 advance to meet O-Five, so after we had got those items we
12 returned to Colonel Eddie Town to explain to Gullit.

13 Q. Witness, what was burnt in Gbonkobama?

14 A. Well, in Gbonkobama we burnt down the houses we found
15:56:44 15 there. The place that they attacked us, we burnt down the entire
16 Gbonkobama.

17 Q. Were there any civilians there at the time?

18 A. No, my Lord, the civilians ran away. They ran away.

19 Q. Now from Gbonkobama before you reached Colonel Eddie Town,
15:57:02 20 did you go to any other place?

21 A. Well we attempted to go further, but we decided - because
22 we hadn't a communication set so Junior Sherri f said we should
23 return because otherwise we will be facing similar attacks. We
24 should return to Gullit so that they will give us a set in order
15:57:28 25 to enable us to get communication with O-Five. So, we returned
26 to Colonel Eddie Town.

27 Q. What, if anything, happened when your group returned to
28 Colonel Eddie Town?

29 A. Well we returned and explained to Gullit, because we came

1 with these items. We explained to Gullit that this was what had
2 happened and so Gullit reorganised us and gave the radio set.
3 This time we went along with Major King, who was the military
4 police commander. He led the troop to return and get in touch
15:58:07 5 with Major O-Five.

6 Q. Did you go to Gbendembu?

7 A. Well, yes, we finally arrived at Gbendembu and got in touch
8 with O-Five.

9 Q. On the way to Gbendembu did you hear anything?

15:58:29 10 A. Yes, my Lord.

11 Q. What did you hear?

12 A. Well, we listened over because we were very busy with radio
13 - the hand sets that we had, not the communication - to listen to
14 news. On our way going we heard one spokesman, who was

15:58:57 15 Lieutenant - sorry, Eldred Collins who had gone over the
16 international media and declared Operation No Living Thing.
17 Spare No Soul? No, No Living Thing.

18 Q. Can you repeat what was the operation that was declared by
19 Eldred Collins?

15:59:16 20 A. Operation Spare No Soul, something like that. That was
21 what he declared over the media. The international media. The
22 BBC.

23 Q. Witness, you just said something. You said you were very
24 busy with the radio and you are not talking about a communication
15:59:38 25 radio, but you are talking about a hand radio?

26 A. Well these radio communications were the hand radio
27 communication to listen to news, because we were very much - most
28 times in the jungle we all had a radio to listen to what was
29 happening. For instance, when we attacked when they say it is

1 all over we are happy so that every commander or junior commander
2 had that. When we went looting we would look for that. So, we
3 had these radios when we heard this announcement.

16:00:24 4 Q. When you say "We were very busy with the radio", why were
5 you very busy with this radio?

6 A. Well, this was another source for us to hear. For
7 instance, when we want to hit somewhere and it is announced over
8 the international media we were able to listen. That gives us a
9 lot of zeal to advance.

16:00:48 10 Q. Now, can you remind us again. You say Eldred Collins was
11 the spokesman. Spokesman for who?

12 A. Eldred Collins was the spokesman for the RUF, so he went
13 over the air and declared Operation No Living - sorry, Spare No
14 Soul.

16:01:15 15 Q. How did you know it was Eldred Collins that was speaking on
16 this?

17 A. Well, according to the person who was interviewing him as
18 I can recall, that is Robin White, asked him who he was and he
19 said he had received an order from the commander, Sam Bockarie,
16:01:38 20 that since the ECOMOG did not want to recognise the fighting
21 forces in the jungle now they were declaring Operation Spare No
22 Soul, wherein an order has been given to the fighters to kill as
23 they please until the fighting forces are recognised; that is the
24 AFRC and RUF that were fighting.

16:02:04 25 Q. Did Eldred Collins say anything else during this interview?

26 A. Well, as I said, this was the most important thing that he
27 said because they do not want to recognise the junta forces that
28 had gone into the jungle, so for that reason they have declared
29 Operation Spare No Soul until the two forces - the junta forces

1 that were fighting - are recognised.

2 Q. Did you hear anything else over the radio after this?

3 A. I can't remember, but after this we advanced towards
4 Gbendembu and got in touch with O-Five.

16:03:05 5 Q. Did you meet with O-Five?

6 A. Yes, my Lord. When we gave our password and located the
7 area, that is Gbendembu where we were to meet, we finally met
8 with O-Five through the password that we were using.

9 Q. Can you repeat what was the password that was used?

16:03:28 10 A. It was "Check back", "Back clear".

11 Q. What was the password that your group gave?

12 A. Well we were saying "Check back", because there was a
13 distance from where we saw them. We really recognised them, but
14 that was the password which we had. We will shout "Check back"
15 and they will wave at us and say "Back clear". Straight off we
16 will know that they were our men.

17 Q. What happened when you met with O-Five and his group?

18 A. Well, when we met with O-Five and his group we embraced one
19 another. O-Five had a lot of population with him. During that
16:04:28 20 time he had some small boys - some SBUs - that he came with. He
21 told us that, "Gentlemen", he said, "you have heard of what
22 happened in Kamalo". I have forgotten to mention that. That was
23 the second announcement that was over the international media.
24 He said, "I and my men attacked Kamalo", and I with my own very
16:04:54 25 eyes I saw the civilian - the civilian populous that he had
26 captured and I think other people with some looted items that we
27 had brought from Kamalo because that was the route they used.
28 They came through Kamakwie to Kamalo up to the place where we
29 were.

1 Q. Witness, you said that was the second announcement that was
2 over the international radio that you forgot to mention. When
3 did this announcement take place?

16:05:32 4 A. Well, this happened just after Eldred Collins had gone over
5 the air. The other announcement which we heard was the attack on
6 Kamalo which the government confirmed that people were attacked
7 in Kamalo and killed.

8 Q. Witness, until today you have spoken about two
9 announcements by Eldred Collins; one in 1997 and one just a few
16:06:00 10 minutes ago where he announced Operation Spare No Soul?

11 A. Yes, my Lord.

12 Q. After which one of Eldred Collins's announcements did the
13 announcement about Kamalo attack take place?

14 A. Well, it was after this Operation Spare No Soul. That was
16:06:31 15 when the Kamalo attack happened.

16 Q. I am talking about when you heard the announcement,
17 witness. You said you heard the announcement about the Kamalo
18 attack?

19 A. Well, yes, this was an announcement that the correspondent
16:06:53 20 who was in Freetown sent to the BBC. That is after Eldred
21 Collins had gone over the area and declared Operation Spare No
22 Soul.

23 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record Kamalo is spelt
24 K-A-M-A-L-O:

16:07:05 25 Q. Witness, where is Kamalo?

26 A. Kamalo is in the Bombali District.

27 Q. This announcement about the operation in Kamalo, did you
28 hear it yourself?

29 A. Yes, my Lord. I myself heard it, because we were much more

1 concerned. And when we met with O-Five also they were discussing
2 the Kamalo attack, so we just confirmed it.

3 Q. What was the announcement you heard about the Kamalo
4 attack?

16:07:44 5 A. Well, according to the correspondent from Freetown, he said
6 the junta forces, that is the AFRC and the RUF, had attacked
7 Kamalo and killed people, burnt down houses and destroyed some
8 vehicles that were going on the highway. He said so, according
9 to the report, all the civilians had run away from that Kamalo
10 and that Kamakwie area. They have all run away.

11 Q. You said later when you met with Major O-Five he confirmed
12 that it was his group that was involved in this attack on Kamalo,
13 am I right?

14 A. Yes, my Lord. And, you know, even the children who were
16:08:42 15 captured, the civilians, because most of them were speaking
16 Temne, they proved to us that they had been captured in Kamalo.
17 Apart from that I can remember that that was the time that they
18 brought Father Mario. Father Mario yes.

19 Q. Who brought Father Mario?

16:09:07 20 A. O-Five. O-Five's group brought Father Mario from Kamalo.
21 He was the Catholic priest in Kamalo.

22 Q. Do you recall what nationality Father Mario was?

23 A. Well, I don't actually know but he was a white man. He was
24 just a Catholic priest, but I do not know what country he came
16:09:34 25 from.

26 Q. You said that both the civilians and O-Five briefed your
27 group about what happened in Kamalo.

28 A. Well, from my own interview that I did with those I saw,
29 the civilians, they too were saying it that, yes, it was Kamalo

1 and Father Mario who was in Kamalo confirmed that, yes, he was
2 captured in Kamalo.

3 Q. Were you told what else happened during the attack on
4 Kamalo by Major 0-Five's group?

16:10:12 5 A. Well, they said they captured people, they captured some
6 children and also they burnt houses in Kamalo, burnt vehicles and
7 killed people, because that was in confirmation of Operation
8 Spare No Soul. They were happy about that.

9 Q. Who was happy about what?

16:10:41 10 A. Well, 0-Five said they were happy because we overheard the
11 announcement Operation Spare No Soul and since the government
12 doesn't want to recognise them they wouldn't have any people to
13 rule over.

14 Q. What did he mean by, "They wouldn't have any people to rule
16:11:00 15 over"?

16 A. Well, they said because people were supporting the
17 government, that is what would make them be called a government,
18 but when there were no people you would have nobody to rule, so
19 that will force them to recognise us.

16:11:20 20 Q. Did he explain how would there be no people to rule over?

21 A. Well, as Operation Spare No Soul had been declared he said
22 there is no mother, there is no father. Wherever we attacked we
23 should kill, you see.

24 Q. Witness, what was the size of the group that 0-Five came
16:11:48 25 with? Do you recall?

26 A. Well, 0-Five's group that he came with together with the
27 civilians they were above 200. Above 200, those who came.

28 Q. Do you recall the number of fighters in this group?

29 A. Yes, there were more than 150, well armed.

1 Q. Do you remember what groups these fighters belonged to that
2 were in 0-Five's group?

3 A. Yes, my Lord.

4 Q. Can you tell the Court, please.

16:12:40 5 A. Well, 0-Five came with SLAs, some RUFs, STFs and some
6 Liberian guys, some Liberian fighters who were former NPFL
7 fighters. They were all in this group that came.

8 Q. When you say STF, what do you mean?

9 A. Well, this was a special task force that was working in
16:13:09 10 line with the Sierra Leone Army in those days. They too had
11 joined the army in the bush.

12 Q. The special task force, do you recall what nationality they
13 were?

14 A. They were Liberians.

16:13:31 15 Q. Now you speak about former NPFL fighters being in Major
16 0-Five's group?

17 A. Yes, my Lord.

18 Q. Can you remind us again what you mean by NPFL fighters?

19 A. Well, this was the former National Patriotic Front of
16:14:01 20 Liberia fighters who had integrated into the AFL. They are the
21 ones I am talking about.

22 Q. What does AFL mean, witness?

23 A. Armed Forces of Liberia.

24 Q. How do you know that they were NPFL or AFL fighters in
16:14:27 25 Major 0-Five's group?

26 A. Well, after we had met and we were taken back to the camp,
27 it was through that that I knew these men.

28 Q. Before we go to the details of how you came to know, can
29 you tell us the names of some of the RUF that came with

1 Major O-Five?

2 A. Well, they had one of their commanders called Stagger,
3 Captain Stagger. He was one of them who came, and some others
4 whose names I cannot recall, but he was the commander who was
16:15:33 5 heading the RUF.

6 Q. Do you know who Captain Stagger was?

7 A. Captain Stagger was an RUF man, RUF fighter, who had come
8 from - who had come with the reinforcement.

9 Q. Are you able to recall the names of any of the other men
16:16:05 10 that came with Major O-Five?

11 A. Well, Foyoh was another person who came with O-Five. There
12 was Bobby Sherri f who also came with O-Five. Med Bajehjeh also
13 came with O-Five. Those are some of the commanders who came with
14 O-Five, those whom I can recall. I think we also - he also had
16:16:48 15 Washington, Dukul ay, these were Liberian guys who were among the
16 fighters who came.

17 Q. Witness, Major O-Five, did he have any security detail with
18 him?

19 A. Well, the only thing - the only time I heard the security
16:17:30 20 details was at the time he was introducing the men. They were
21 mustered and they were being introduced to the commander, that is
22 Gullit.

23 Q. Do you recall some of the men that O-Five introduced?

24 A. Well, he introduced Stagger, as I said, he introduced the
16:17:54 25 entire troop, the SLAs, the STF members and former NPFL fighters
26 whom he said had joined. He explained later when we get to that
27 details - that detail. He said they had come to reinforce. They
28 were awaiting the advance on Freetown.

29 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Did you spell Dukul ay for us, please?

1 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Dukulay is D-U-K-U-L-A-Y.
2 Foyoh is F-0-Y-0.

3 THE WITNESS: H.

4 MS ALAGENDRA: Sorry, F-0-Y-0-H:

16:18:54 5 Q. Witness, you were saying that O-Five mustered his men and
6 he was introducing them to Gullit. How do you know this?

7 A. Well, we had a field at Colonel Eddie Town when the troops
8 that O-Five came along with - after we had arrived, because we
9 are not yet at that point. But when we arrived at Colonel Eddie
16:19:22 10 Town at the field the brigade administrator will come, that is
11 F-80, he will take note of whoever had come. It was through that
12 that O-Five gave reports on the various men, the manpower that he
13 had come with. It was from there that I knew the people whom he
14 had come with.

16:19:44 15 Q. Witness, after your group met with O-Five in Gbendembu
16 where did you go to?

17 A. Well, we left Gbendembu and moved towards Kantia where we
18 established a temporary base to rest.

19 Q. When you say we, who are you referring to?

16:20:16 20 A. I, Major King, O-Five and the troops that had met together
21 where we rested and created a temporal base.

22 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Kantia is K-A-N-T-I-A:

23 Q. At this time when the two groups merged and you came
24 together to Kantia, did anything happen in Kantia?

16:20:48 25 A. Well, yes, because Major King, who was the military police,
26 informed O-Five that Gullit had given an order that we should not
27 allow any more civilians in the camp, but O-Five said those
28 civilians he had brought them so he would not - he didn't want to
29 leave them to go away, so he will select among them to find out

1 those who were not strong enough. So he took out 15 of them and
2 shot them to death in all of us, our presence.

3 Q. Did anything else happen in Kantia?

4 A. Well, after this he sorted out the men and we prepared and
16:21:48 5 later left Kantia and advanced to Colonel Eddie Town.

6 Q. Witness, you said earlier that among the people in 0-Five's
7 group there were SBUs?

8 A. Yes, my Lord.

9 Q. When you say SBUs in that context, what do you mean?

16:22:12 10 A. Well, this was the Small Boys Unit. He had them. Some
11 were carrying weapons, AK, and some were carrying loads. They
12 were all in the group.

13 Q. Do you know where those SBUs were from?

14 A. Well, most of them whom I saw according to 0-Five they had
16:22:43 15 been with them since Koinadugu. He had taken them from there.
16 That was where they were doing their own training. He said that
17 was where he had taken them from.

18 Q. Do you recall how many SBUs were with 0-Five?

19 A. I can't recall the number, but there were many because most
16:23:07 20 of the fighters who came had SBUs.

21 Q. Do you recall the age group of these SBUs that came with
22 0-Five?

23 A. They were small boys. Some were around eight, nine, ten.
24 They were small boys actually. You will see them. You know that
16:23:30 25 they were small boys.

26 Q. Were there women amongst the group that came with 0-Five?

27 A. Yes, my Lord. They came with women.

28 Q. Do you know where these women were from?

29 A. Well, according to them they had been with some of them in

1 Koinadugu and the others said they had captured them from Kamalo.
2 They too were with them.

3 Q. Witness, do you know whether the group that O-Five came
4 with and O-Five, where they went to - the places they went to -
16:24:18 5 before they came and met your group in Gbendembu?

6 A. Well according to O-Five they had come from that Koinadugu
7 axis, passed through Kamakwie to Kamalo and headed towards where
8 we were to meet; that is Gbendembu.

9 Q. Now, you said earlier that when O-Five's group came and
16:24:48 10 they met with Gullit there was a muster that was called and
11 O-Five explained the information about the people in his group?

12 A. Yes, my Lord.

13 Q. Where were you when this took place?

14 A. Well, we came with these men from there because they were
16:25:19 15 not just distributed. They came directly to the field. From
16 there Commander Gullit came, the military supervisors, including
17 the operations commander, and they sent for the battalion
18 commanders to come. Not the battalion, but the commanders were
19 sent for. All of them came to the camp to see O-Five and the men
16:25:48 20 that he had come with.

21 Q. When O-Five was explaining the details of the group he came
22 with, where were you?

23 A. I was with the brigade. I was with Commander Bomb Blast at
24 the brigade. We were there. We were standing there. We came
16:26:13 25 with them, after which - after the recall I was with the brigade.

26 Q. Do you recall what O-Five said about his group?

27 A. Well he mustered them afterwards, because we went through
28 the parade drills and reports to - I reported to the commander,
29 who was Gullit, and he told him that these were the men that he

1 had come with. He introduced them. They talked about the STF
2 and the other Liberians. He said, "These Liberians ...", he
3 said, "... it was Superman who came from Kailahun to reinforce
4 them. He brought them. He brought these Liberians to reinforce
16:27:01 5 them in Koinadugu". After they had done those two operations,
6 that is Mongo Bendugu and Kabala, he said it was in preparation
7 that SAJ said he was going to send them so that they will be in
8 waiting as well for the Freetown invasion. So, he introduced all
9 of them to Commander Gullit and all of us who were standing there
16:27:27 10 saw it all.

11 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I was going to ask the witness
12 some more clarification from his last answer which would take
13 well beyond the three minutes we have left, your Honour.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: In those circumstances this may be an
16:27:43 15 appropriate time to adjourn, Ms Alagenda.

16 Mr Witness, we are now going to adjourn until 9.30 tomorrow
17 morning. I again remind you, as I have done on other afternoons,
18 of your solemn declaration and that you must not discuss your
19 evidence. Do you understand?

16:28:01 20 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Have a good rest.

22 THE WITNESS: Amen.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please adjourn court until tomorrow
24 morning at 9.30.

16:28:10 25 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.30 p.m.
26 to be reconvened on Tuesday, 22 April 2008 at
27 9.30 a.m.]

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