



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

TUESDAY, 22 APRIL 2008
9.30 A.M.
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before the Judges:

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

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For the accused Charles Ghankay
Taylor:

Mr Morris Anyah

For the Office of the Principal
Defender:

Mr Silas Chekera

1 Tuesday, 22 April 2008

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.]

09:31:01 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. I think appearances are as
6 yesterday.

7 MS ALAGENDRA: That is correct, your Honour.

8 MR ANYAH: That is correct, Madam President.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. If there are no other matters
09:31:46 10 I will remind the witness of his solemn declaration? No.

11 Mr Witness, good morning. I again remind you, as I have
12 done on other mornings, that you have taken a solemn declaration
13 to tell the truth and that you should answer questions
14 truthfully. Do you understand?

09:32:04 15 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Ms Alagenda.

17 WITNESS: TF1-334 [On former affirmation]

18 EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MS ALAGENDRA [Cont.]:

19 Q. Good morning, Mr Witness.

09:32:13 20 A. Good morning, my Lord.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter, I think the witness is
22 not getting an interpretation. Is that correct, Mr Witness?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter, are you hearing me?

09:32:31 25 THE INTERPRETER: The interpreters are in the booth. Let
26 me just check.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you very much. Please pause while
28 the interpreters are checking. Mr Interpreter, we are just
29 checking if the witness is on the right channel. Are the

1 interpreters in position?

2 THE INTERPRETER: The interpreters are in the booth, your
3 Honour.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. I am informed that the
09:33:30 5 interpreters are in the booth. Mr Interpreter, would you say
6 something now to the witness so that we can make sure he is
7 hearing you clearly.

8 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, Mi ss.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Al agenda, please proceed.

09:33:45 10 MS ALAGENDRA: Thank you, your Honour:

11 Q. Good morni ng, Mr Wi tness.

12 A. Good morni ng, my Lord.

13 Q. Are you feeling better thi s morni ng?

14 A. I say thanks to God. It is better.

09:34:03 15 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, before I proceed wi th
16 exami ni ng the wi tness, I have gone through the transcripts of the
17 proceedings of yesterday and I just wanted to put on record that
18 the spelli ng of Foroh Loko is not correct on the transcript. It
19 should be F-0-R-0-H and the transcript has stopped wi th F-0-R-0.

09:34:24 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think I did hear it spelt that way, so
21 in fairn ess to the transcribers --

22 MS ALAGENDRA: It could have been my fault.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: That wi ll be noted and picked up in due
24 course. Please proceed.

09:34:35 25 MS ALAGENDRA: Mr Wi tness, before we continue from where
26 you stopped yesterday evening, there are a few matters which I
27 wanted to clari fy wi th you which arose from your testimony
28 yesterday. Mr Wi tness, you were testi fyi ng about an attack which
29 took place in Karina yesterday. Can you tell us for how long

1 were the troops that you were with in Karina for this attack?

2 A. Well, we spent about - because we came there around 5, we
3 were there up to 7, to 8, before we left Karina. It was about
4 four hours, or so.

09:35:37 5 Q. Which time of day was this 5?

6 A. A.m.

7 Q. And you were there until 7 or 8, which time of day?

8 A. Yes, 7 or 8 a.m., my Lord.

9 Q. Witness, I asked you a question yesterday as to who was
09:36:05 10 taking the lead as your troops were entering Karina and you gave
11 us an answer which does not seem to be so clear on the record. I
12 am just going to read your answer back to you. Your answer was,
13 "D company took the lead" --

14 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I would be grateful to have the
09:36:24 15 page number of the transcript.

16 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, certainly. I apologise. I am looking
17 at page 41 of the draft transcript from lines 10 to 15.

18 MR ANYAH: I have the final version.

19 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, if I can go ahead with the
09:36:47 20 question and ask a colleague to help me with getting the page
21 out:

22 Q. Mr Witness, your answer was:

23 "D company took the lead and Tito too was leading, so the
24 brigade stopped by and it was at the rear, but they took some men
09:37:13 25 from B and C company to take the lead because we had information
26 that there was a military strategic point there."

27 Witness, just to be clear can you explain, when your troops
28 were entering Karina who took the lead?

29 A. Well, like I said, because of this information that we

1 received that a military point was ahead, the brigade was at the
2 rear for some time because they were with their family members.
3 D company, A company and I said Tito and some battalion --

09:38:06

4 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the witness is going too
5 fast for the interpreter.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, the interpreter is trying to
7 keep up with you. If you could speak a little slower to allow
8 him to interpret.

9 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord.

09:38:20

10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Perhaps you said, "D company, A company
11 and I said Tito and some battalions". Please pick up from there.

12 THE WITNESS: Like I said, D company, A company and some
13 men that were chosen from the other companies to take the advance
14 to Karina and indeed we did move, myself, together with Bazy,
15 and attacked Karina, but since there were no enemy positions in
16 Karina the brigade at the rear came and joined us in Karina.

09:38:54

17 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, this is at line 18 to 24 at
18 page 8090 of the transcript:

09:39:47

19 Q. Witness, yesterday you were testifying about the women who
20 were with the troops in Camp Rosos and you explained that there
21 was a procedure whereby disciplinary action was taken against
22 women and you explained an incident about a woman who was put
23 into a box. Do you recall that?

24 A. Yes, my Lord.

09:40:18

25 Q. Witness, during the time that the troops were based in Camp
26 Rosos, do you recall how frequently this happened?

27 A. Well, this was something that was happening in the other
28 battalions. They too had this disciplinary action like I have
29 said. It was something that used to happen. It happened. Most

1 times it did happen at Camp Rosos.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, I understand counsel is
3 asking you can you remember how often it happened?

09:41:13

4 THE WITNESS: Well, it happened not too often, but it did
5 happen.

6 MS ALAGENDRA:

7 Q. Witness, you also testified that this thing --

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah?

09:41:28

9 MR ANYAH: Just in reference to the last series of
10 questions about Karina, the reference I got from counsel, I
11 visited the page and I have a different page number for the
12 questions as to who was leading and not leading the convoy and I
13 am wondering if we were discussing the same set of questions.

09:41:54

14 Counsel indicated the page number being 8090 and in the
15 transcript I am looking at the series of questions appear on 8071
16 and it was there posed to the witness, "Who was leading the
17 convey amongst the various companies?"

18 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, if I can just correct that.

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Is that to Karina in particular?

09:42:14

20 MR ANYAH: Yes, Justice Sebutinde. I will read the excerpt
21 that I have.

22 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I think I may have made a
23 mistake if I can just correct that, the page number.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: In the page number?

09:42:28

25 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour. It should be 8092 from
26 line 2.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: The interest is to ensure that the proper
28 transcript was put to the witness, that is regardless of what
29 page number.

1 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, in that respect what I read
2 out to the witness is what I am referring to. I do apologise for
3 that, your Honour.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Have you been able to find it, Mr Anyah?

09:43:16 5 MR ANYAH: Yes, indeed I have, but the subject matter is
6 discussed earlier in the transcript and I was focused on the
7 initial series of questioning about the same subject matter. So
8 it appears twice in the transcript.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: You have heard counsel say that it - the
09:43:32 10 question that was put is as in the transcript and I want to
11 ensure fairness and propriety and there doesn't appear to be an
12 objection.

13 MR ANYAH: No, there does not. Thank you, Madam President.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed.

09:43:45 15 MS ALAGENDRA:

16 Q. Witness, you testified yesterday that the same thing
17 happened in relation to women where disciplinary action was taken
18 and they were put into boxes in this regard in Colonel Eddie
19 Town. Do you recall that?

09:44:11 20 A. Yes, my Lord.

21 Q. In respect of Colonel Eddie Town, can you tell the Court
22 how often this happened?

23 A. Well, it used to happen. It was not too often, but it used
24 to happen. Complaints used to come and then disciplinary action
09:44:38 25 taken. Five-Five would refer them to the mammy queen and for the
26 most times they will be placed in a box.

27 Q. Witness, at Colonel Eddie Town do you recall what rank
28 Foday Bah Marah was?

29 A. Well, Foday Bah Marah was also promoted to the rank of

1 major, but when O-Five arrived Gullit also promoted O-Five and
2 the others to lieutenant colonel.

3 Q. Can you give us a time frame, witness?

4 A. Well, it was within a short period of time after the
09:45:45 5 arrival of O-Five. We were also promoted as well, myself and
6 some others were promoted as second lieutenant.

7 Q. Witness, yesterday when you were testifying about
8 communications between Gullit and SAJ Musa and Superman wherein
9 you told the Court that Gullit was being informed that
09:46:13 10 reinforcements are being dispatched to him in the form of O-Five,
11 do you recall that?

12 A. Yes, my Lord.

13 Q. How do you know about this communication?

14 A. Well, like I have said, before the communication came the
09:46:42 15 runner will have a leaflet, whatever information he had that I
16 want to talk to so and so commander, the runner would take the
17 information to the commander, Gullit will send for Hassan Papa
18 Bangura and some others to come and listen. So within this time
19 when this runner went to Hassan Papa Bangura, myself and some
09:47:11 20 others who were with him went and met Gullit and then we went to
21 the set.

22 Q. Witness, when you say "and some others who were with him
23 went and met Gullit", some others who were with who?

24 A. I am talking about Hassan Papa Bangura. Since he was the
09:47:51 25 operation commander he had some other soldiers who were assigned
26 to him, so whenever he receives a call myself and some other men
27 would join him to go, some men who had stayed with him at the
28 house.

29 Q. Witness, yesterday you told the Court that SBUs were

1 trained in Camp Rosos and you were asked what happened to these
2 SBUs after the training. A part of your answer to the Court was
3 that the SBUs were used to amputate the people. Can you tell the
4 Court in which places did these SBUs amputate people?

09:48:55 5 A. Well, for example, when Gullit gave the order, for instance
6 when we go on food finding patrol, like in the Rokulan area, it
7 happened also in Royanka when we went on food finding patrol in
8 that area some civilians were amputated and it was the SBUs who
9 did it because they were having machetes.

09:49:29 10 Q. Witness, can you spell Royanka?

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

12 Q. And where is Rokulan?

13 A. It is in the Bombali District within the Sanda area.

14 Q. And Royanka, where is it?

09:49:58 15 A. In the Bombali District within the Sanda area.

16 Q. Witness, yesterday you were telling the Court about a hand
17 radio that your group had and you told the Court this - your

18 Honours, I am referring to page 8172 from line 29 to page 8173

19 line 3. The question put to you was: "You said you were very

09:50:51 20 busy with the radio and you were not talking about a

21 communication radio, but you were talking about a hand radio" and

22 a part of your answer was, "For instance, when we attacked" --

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause, Ms Alagenda. Mr Anyah, you
24 are on your feet.

09:51:13 25 MR ANYAH: I thought we might perhaps have a different
26 transcript, but are you --

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Which edition are we reading from so we
28 can all be on the same.

29 MS ALAGENDRA: I believe it is the final version I have,

1 your Honour.

2 MR ANYAH: Was there only one final version?

3 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes.

4 MR ANYAH: And you said lines 26?

09:51:38 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: No, I have 29 in my notebook.

6 MR ANYAH: A sentence that starts, "For instance"?

7 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes.

8 MR ANYAH: Okay, I'm there. Thank you.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: If there is any doubt maybe the full
09:51:54 10 sentence should be read.

11 MS ALAGENDRA:

12 Q. Witness, your part of your answer was:

13 "For instance when we attacked, when they say it is all
14 over, we are happy so that every commander or junior commander
09:52:07 15 had that. When we went looting we would look for that so we had
16 these radios when we heard this announcement."

17 Can you explain that answer, witness?

18 A. Yes, my Lord.

19 Q. Please do so?

09:52:33 20 A. Well, what I was trying to say, those radios - those
21 handsets that we used to tune to BBC, RFI, VOA and even our local
22 radio stations, whenever we go on patrols we would be in
23 possession of those radios, because it is true those radios - for
24 instance, if we attack a particular area, when it is announced,
09:53:04 25 we get it from that radio. That makes us happy that we have
26 attacked and they have said something about it.

27 Q. "They have said something about it." What do you mean by
28 that?

29 A. I'm saying when we attack, for instance the Gbomsamba

1 attack, when they spoke about the Kamalo attack, the Karina
2 attack, we got that from the handset radio set we had. We
3 listened to that and most times we are almost - we are almost
4 always listening to the BBC, RFI radio. It is true that we get
09:53:55 5 information.

6 Q. Thank you, witness. Witness, I am going to continue from
7 where we stopped yesterday.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just for purposes of record, what is RFI?

9 MS ALAGENDRA:

09:54:10 10 Q. Witness, can you clarify what do you mean by RFI?

11 A. This was the Radio France International. It is an
12 international radio station.

13 Q. Witness, we left off yesterday when you were telling the
14 Court about a muster that was called and 0-Five was explaining to
09:54:40 15 Gullit and others the information about the people in his group?

16 A. Yes, my Lord.

17 Q. And you said that during this explanation you were present
18 there with the brigade?

19 A. Yes, Lord.

09:55:07 20 Q. Now could you tell us what 0-Five said at this muster?

21 A. Well, during the muster parade 0-Five introduced the men he
22 came with, the SLA, the RUF men and also the STF and some
23 Liberian guys - I mean some men that came. He explained that to
24 Gullit - I mean to the rest of the brigade there that the
09:55:49 25 Liberians who were mixed up with the STF, he said Superman came
26 with them from Kailahun who joined them from Liberia. He said
27 they came to reinforce and together they went and captured Mongo
28 and also Kabala and they did prove well, so they have been sent
29 to reinforce us to prepare for the Freetown invasion.

1 Q. Now, witness, when you say "the Liberians who were mixed up
2 with the STF", can you explain what you mean by that?

3 A. Well, the STF who were there, the Liberians who came, they
4 came and joined us. That is the reason why I said mixed up. The
09:56:40 5 STF were Liberians as well and the others who came and reinforced
6 us at Koinadugu as well.

7 Q. Yesterday when you testified you said that the Liberians
8 who came with O-Five were former NPFL who later became AFL?

9 A. Well, according to O-Five, he said they were former NPFL
09:57:19 10 fighters and they had gone through the AFL training, the Armed
11 Forces of Liberia, so they came and joined us so that we can push
12 towards Freetown.

13 Q. Now when you say "he said they came to reinforce and
14 together they went and captured Mongo and also Kabala", who are
09:57:56 15 you referring to?

16 A. I am talking about the Liberians who came, the men that
17 Superman took from Kailahun and they reinforced us as Koinadugu
18 and attacked Mongo Bendugu and Kabala. They were part of the
19 team that O-Five told us he came with to prepare for the Freetown
09:58:24 20 invasion.

21 Q. Do you know how is it that these Liberians came to join
22 O-Five's group?

23 A. Well, before O-Five came we had received rumours that
24 Liberians had arrived to join us to intervene in Freetown and
09:58:55 25 O-Five did confirm that to us when he came with the troop as he
26 was explaining to the brigade when he told Tamba Alex Brima
27 exactly who those men were that he came with.

28 Q. Now, witness, do you recall how many STF came with O-Five's
29 group?

1 A. Well, I knew only few, but I cannot recall the number, but
2 the STF were about 30 or so. About 30 STF and the Liberians who
3 came, about 20 of them. Their number was almost 50, that
4 included the Liberians and the STF.

09:59:59 5 Q. Witness, when you say that these Liberians came with
6 Superman and together they attacked Mongo Bendugu and Kabala, can
7 you explain what do you mean by together?

8 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Did he say Superman?

9 MR ANYAH: I don't believe so.

10:00:22 10 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I don't have it in my transcript that the
11 witness said they came with Superman.

12 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honours.

13 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Isn't it 0-Five?

14 MS ALAGENDRA: No, I am talking about where he says the
10:00:36 15 Liberians were mixed up with the STF and he said Superman came
16 with them from Kailahun. I am looking at - for me it is page 12,
17 line 13.

18 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Yes, yes, you are right. There is
19 another group. You are right.

10:00:51 20 MR ANYAH: Yes, I see it and I see where counsel is
21 referring to, but later on in the page - I think it all depends
22 on what we say Superman came with them from Kailahun. I don't
23 know if the witness is saying that Superman brought them from
24 Kailahun and joined 0-Five together. I think the witness was
10:01:17 25 saying that these men he has identified as being part of 0-Five's
26 group initially came through Superman and that is referred to on
27 page 13, starting at lines 7 through 11, and I am using a 12
28 point font. The answer was, "I am talking about the Liberians
29 who came, the men that Superman took from Kailahun and they

1 reinforced us" - it is supposed to be "at Koinadugu and they
2 attacked Mongo Bendugu and Kabala. They were part of the team
3 that O-Five told us he came with to prepare for the Freetown
4 invasion." See, I have a different understanding of the record.

10:01:57 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think there is a bit of confusion
6 there, Ms Alagendra. It is open to interpretation, so a
7 clarification would be --

8 MS ALAGENDRA: Thank you, your Honours. I will clarify
9 that:

10:02:10 10 Q. Witness, can you explain, if you know, how these Liberians
11 came to Koinadugu?

12 A. Well, like I have said, when O-Five was giving the briefing
13 O-Five mentioned that these Liberians that he came with, they
14 were part of the team that came from Kailahun, that Mosquito gave
10:02:38 15 to Superman, who came from Liberia. They came and reinforced SAJ
16 at Koinadugu and all of them went together and attacked Mongo
17 Bendugu and also Kabala.

18 Q. Witness, can you explain what you mean when you say that
19 these Liberians were given by Mosquito to Superman who came from
10:03:29 20 Liberia?

21 A. Like I have said, according to O-Five he said the Liberian
22 guys he came with were part of the team that came from Liberia to
23 Mosquito. When he went for reinforcement in Kailahun, Mosquito
24 gave them to him, so they came to Koinadugu and reinforced SAJ
10:04:00 25 Musa and they went and attacked Mongo Bendugu and also Kabala.
26 This was part of the team that he came with.

27 Q. That who came with?

28 A. That O-Five came with at Colonel Eddie Town.

29 Q. Do you know how is it that Superman came into contact with

1 these Liberians?

2 A. Well, like I have said, according to 0-Five we too received
3 a rumour that Superman had gone to Kailahun to get some
4 reinforcement who will come ahead so that we can make a brigade
10:04:49 5 advance to Freetown.

6 Q. Witness, you have said two things. You have said
7 "according to 0-Five" and you said you have received a rumour.
8 Could you be a bit clearer as to how is it Superman came into
9 contact with these Liberians?

10:05:16 10 A. Like I have said, 0-Five confirmed it also to us that
11 Superman went to Kailahun for reinforcement and this
12 reinforcement, Mosquito gave him some Liberians, who came from
13 Liberia, to reinforce at Koinadugu so as to attack Mongo Bendugu
14 and Kabala, and to prepare for a brigade advance to Freetown.

10:05:46 15 Q. Witness, just to be clear, you have testified that the STF
16 were Liberians, yes?

17 A. Yes, my Lord.

18 Q. You referred to 20 Liberian fighters who were NPFL/AFL who
19 you have said came to Koinadugu with Superman.

10:06:12 20 A. Yes, my Lord.

21 MR ANYAH: Well --

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah.

23 MR ANYAH: I will object to the leading at this point.

24 This is important information and it should come from the

10:06:23 25 witness.

26 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I am putting back to him his
27 previous answer and I want to clarify an issue.

28 MR ANYAH: I am sorry, I don't recall him testifying or
29 using the phrase "AFL/NPFL" in the same sentence this morning, so

1 we have to be careful the way we are phrasing the questions,
2 putting it to the witness, even if we are recalling prior
3 evidence.

10:06:51 4 PRESIDING JUDGE: There was two references. There was a
5 reference to former NPFL being trained at AFL. I am not reading
6 from my note and I have a separate note that there were 30 or so
7 STF and about 20 Liberians. They were two different issues and
8 you must be careful, Ms Alagendra, not to mix them up. So there
9 is some merit in Mr Anyah's objection.

10:07:17 10 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, if I can just clarify
11 something. This issue arose yesterday in this witness's
12 testimony wherein he described these Liberian fighters. He did
13 refer to them as NPFL who later became AFL. What I am doing is I
14 am not saying NPFL who later became AFL, but the essence is he
10:07:40 15 did say they were NPFL and later AFL.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, but the point is your question says
17 - you referred to 20 Liberian fighters who were NPFL/AFL. Now,
18 that was not part of an answer he gave. The answer he gave was,
19 "There were about 30 STF and about 20 Liberians." STF and NPFL
10:08:10 20 are not necessarily the same, or if they are I have not got
21 sufficient evidence to indicate to me that they are the same.

22 MS ALAGENDRA: I understand that now, your Honour. I will
23 address this issue:

24 Q. Witness, these Liberian fighters who you said were 20 in
10:08:26 25 number, who were they, do you know?

26 A. Well, according to 0-Five, like I have said, he said they
27 were former NPFL fighters who came and joined the AFL who had
28 come to reinforce. Like I have said earlier, during the
29 communication when SAJ Musa called and spoke with Tamba Alex

1 Brima that there was a reinforcement on the way and that Superman
2 had told us that there was a reinforcement on the way coming who
3 were Liberian fighters.

10:09:23 4 Q. Now, witness, these 20 Liberian fighters who you say were
5 NPFL and later became AFL, you have also referred to STF who you
6 say were 30 in number and who were Liberians, yes?

7 A. Yes, my Lord.

8 Q. Can you be clear as to whether this group of Liberia
9 fighters, the NPFL/AFL, whether or not they were part of the STF?

10:10:01 10 A. No, this was a different group. Like I said, the STF was a
11 Special Task Force that was within the army during the reign of
12 the NPRC and also the SLPP tried to integrate them into the army.

13 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, there was something the
14 witness said which was not complete from the interpretation.

10:10:34 15 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness repeat the
16 last bit of his answer?

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, unfortunately we did not get
18 all your answer. Could you please repeat it starting from the
19 bit where you said, "Like I said, the STF was a Special Task
10:10:50 20 Force that was within the army". Please continue from there.

21 THE WITNESS: I said the STF was a Special Task Force that
22 included some Liberians whom were within the Sierra Leone Army at
23 the time during the 1992, 1993, 1994, during the reign of the
24 NPRC when Captain Valentine Strasser was the leader. It was part
10:11:23 25 of a group that gave support to fight against the RUF, so they
26 are different from the former fighters I am talking about, the
27 other Liberians that came.

28 Q. Witness, who is different from the former fighters when you
29 say "they are different"?

1 A. The STF and the other Liberians that came, who were former
2 NPFL fighters, are the ones I am talking about. I said they are
3 different. The two groups are different.

10:12:08 4 Q. Yesterday when you testified about this group that came
5 with O-Five, you said the group was well-armed. Do you recall
6 that?

7 A. Yes. Yes, my Lord.

8 Q. Can you explain what do you mean by well-armed?

10:12:35 9 A. Well, they came along with support rifles, HMG, they had
10 RPG, which is --

11 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness go back?

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just a moment. We didn't get all the
13 weapons there, Mr Witness, I am afraid. You had support rifles,
14 HMG, that doesn't sound right, RPG, what other weapons? We
10:12:55 15 didn't hear the rest.

16 THE WITNESS: I said they brought along submachine guns.
17 They also had 60 millimetre mortar that they came with and also
18 they had some other rifles like AK, G3, other rifles, LAR. They
19 also had LAR.

10:13:24 20 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Interpreter, did you say G3?

21 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, your Honour, G3.

22 THE WITNESS: G3. German 3.

23 MS ALAGENDRA:

24 Q. Witness, you have given us the number of STF fighters, the
10:13:43 25 number of Liberian fighters. Do you recall how many RUF were
26 amongst the group that came with O-Five?

27 A. The RUFs were there, about 30 of them. It was about a
28 section of them. Sorry, a platoon of them.

29 Q. When you say "a platoon of them", a platoon of who?

1 A. The RUF, a platoon of RUF.

2 Q. And you told us yesterday the names of some of the people
3 that came with 0-Five. You mentioned Med Bajehjeh.

4 A. Yes, my Lord.

10:14:38 5 Q. Can you tell the Court who he is?

6 A. Well, Med Bajehjeh was an SLA who came along with the
7 group.

8 Q. Do you recall the names of any of the RUF that came with
9 the group?

10:14:57 10 A. Yes, there was Captain Stagger. He was with the RUF.

11 Q. You mentioned the name Washington?

12 A. Yes, Washington, Dukulay, they were STF who came also.

13 Q. Do you recall the names of any of the NPFL/AFL Liberians?

14 A. Well, I was not too familiar with them. I knew some of
10:15:34 15 them, but some of them were strange to me. Even to some of us in
16 the camp.

17 Q. Now you said that at the time you went to meet with
18 0-Five's group there was an incident and you returned back to
19 Colonel Eddie Town and when you returned you were given a
10:16:01 20 communication set to take with you, do you remember?

21 A. Yes, my Lord.

22 Q. Did you have a radio operator in your group?

23 A. Yes, we had a radio operator. I have forgotten his name,
24 but he was with us. When Jalloh died that was the radio operator
10:16:28 25 that replaced him.

26 Q. And you said there was a communication between your group
27 and 0-Five's group?

28 A. Yes, my Lord. We established communication.

29 Q. Do you know who was handling the communication from

1 0-Five's group?

2 A. As far as I can recall, he had, I think, King Perry. King
3 Perry was one of the communication men he came with. He was one
4 of the communication men that 0-Five came with.

10:17:14 5 Q. When you say he was one of the communication men that
6 0-Five came with, were there more?

7 A. Well, the communication set will have two or three men who
8 will be around it. They will be the runners.

9 Q. Witness, who was King Perry?

10:17:42 10 A. Well, King Perry was an RUF who also came along with the
11 squad.

12 Q. Did he have any other name?

13 A. Well, this was the only name I knew him for.

14 Q. Witness, going back to the meeting where 0-Five was
10:18:05 15 briefing Gullit and others about his group, did anything else
16 happen during this meeting?

17 A. Yes, just immediately after the meeting Gullit said we were
18 to establish another battalion wherein they formed the Red Lion
19 battalion and distributed some of the men into the various
10:18:42 20 battalions. So we appointed Med Bajehjeh to be the leader for
21 the Red Lion battalion.

22 Q. Witness, what was the composition of the Red Lion
23 battalion?

24 A. Well, the Red Lion battalion had - Med Bajehjeh was the SLA
10:19:12 25 that led them, but it had STF and some Liberian former fighters
26 who were NPFL. They were in the Red Lion battalion.

27 Q. And you said some of the men were distributed into various
28 battalions. Which men were distributed to various battalions?

29 A. Like the SLA and some RUF members were distributed into the

1 different battalions, but the STF --

2 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry, your Honour, can the witness
3 repeat the very last bit of his answer?

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: The interpreter didn't get the very last
10:19:56 5 bit of your answer, Mr Witness. Please repeat it. The bit
6 following the words, "Some RUF members were distributed into
7 different battalions, but the STF" and we don't know what
8 happened to them.

9 THE WITNESS: The STF and the former NPFL fighters who came
10:20:21 10 to reinforce us were based in the Red Lion battalion. They were
11 not separated.

12 MS ALAGENDRA:

13 Q. And you say some of the RUF were distributed into the
14 different battalions. What happened to the other RUF?

10:20:42 15 A. Like I have said, they were divided. Some were left at the
16 headquarters, some were sent to the other battalion. That was
17 what happened.

18 Q. Were there any RUF in the Red Lion battalion?

19 A. Yes, they were part of them and that is the reason why I
10:21:04 20 said they were divided.

21 Q. Did anything else happen in the meeting?

22 A. Well, as far as I can recall, that was what happened when
23 Gullit divided those people and formed those battalions.

24 Q. After Gullit formed these battalions did anything else
10:21:34 25 happen?

26 A. Well, yes. Gullit - we had also a small problem at the
27 camp when Gullit called on the operation commander that Gullit
28 had recommended O-Five to be lieutenant colonel so there were -
29 there was grumbling around in the camp, so he said the other

1 commanders too should be promoted. So if he had promoted O-Five
2 that means the other commanders too were to be promoted. So some
3 commanders were promoted and some other commanders at the
4 headquarters too were promoted.

10:22:24 5 So Gullit also promoted about 20 of us to second
6 lieutenant, after which he said there should be a test wherein
7 those commanders that had been promoted together with the second
8 lieutenant to prove themselves. So he said we should plan an
9 operation wherein we should go and attack Madina which is in the
10:22:55 10 Tonko Limba Chiefdom in the Kambia District. But later he had a
11 change of mind, because Colonel Eddie said the Madina people went
12 to us, they were good to us, there wasn't a military base there,
13 so they said the Guineans were based in Kukuna, so we should plan
14 an operation to attack Kukuna.

10:23:27 15 Q. Now when you say when Gullit called on the operation
16 commander that Gullit had recommended O-Five to colonel, who is
17 the operation commander you are referring to?

18 A. The operation commander at the time was Hassan Papa Bangura
19 who was the operation commander. Bomb Blast was the operation
10:23:51 20 commander at Colonel Eddie Town.

21 Q. At this time did O-Five have any assignment?

22 A. Well, automatically Gullit assigned O-Five as the deputy
23 operation commander. He appointed him as the deputy operation
24 commander for the brigade.

10:24:18 25 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record, Kukuna is
26 K-U-K-U-N-A.

27 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Also I think the witness mentioned that
28 Madina is in the Tonko Limba, not Tonkolili. And the district, I
29 am not sure what district he said.

1 MS ALAGENDRA: He said Kambia, your Honour:

2 Q. Am I right, witness?

3 A. Tonko Limba Chiefdom in the Kambia District.

10:24:54

4 Q. Witness, what happened after Gullit said an operation

5 should be planned to attack Kukuna?

6 A. Well, after this various battalion commanders were summoned

7 and men were chosen to undertake this operation and this

8 operation Bazy also moved. He was the commander that led the

9 group. We had Five-Five. There was Commander Bomb Blast, O-Five

10:25:29

10 was there and the Red Lion battalion. They were all part of the

11 attack on Kukuna.

12 Q. Did you go on the attack on Kukuna?

13 A. Yes, my Lord, because Gullit did say it was a test for the

14 officers that he had promoted. So I also took part on the

10:25:59

15 operation on Kukuna.

16 Q. Witness, do you recall what happened during this operation?

17 A. Well, yes. This operation in Kukuna, we went there and

18 attacked Kukuna and there was a stiff resistance from the

19 Guinean, but they were pushed and set Kukuna on fire. We

10:26:33

20 captured one Guinean officer who was a lieutenant and also a

21 radio man and we did some killing in Kukuna and later we

22 retreated from Kukuna, we looted, we got rice and some other

23 things from Kukuna.

24 Q. Who were the Guineans you are referring to that were in

10:27:01

25 Kukuna?

26 A. Well, those Guineans were a troop that based in Kukuna.

27 They said they were defending Kukuna because it is part of Sierra

28 Leone, it is bordering Guinea, because of the attack from the

29 AFRC/RUF troop. So they based there working with the government.

1 They were part of the ECOMOG troop that were based there.

2 Q. Witness, who set Kukuna on fire?

3 A. Well, all of us who went. All of us who went participated
4 in the burning, because we met a military position there. We
10:27:53 5 burnt down Kukuna.

6 Q. What did you burn in Kukuna?

7 A. Well, the houses in Kukuna. We burnt them down.

8 Q. You said, "We did some killing in Kukuna." Who did you
9 kill in Kukuna?

10:28:15 10 A. Well, the civilian populace who we found there. Some
11 soldiers who resisted were also killed in Kukuna.

12 Q. Do you recall how many civilians you killed in Kukuna?

13 A. No, I can't recall the number, because they were strewn in
14 the streets, because when we attacked - when the Guineans put up
10:28:43 15 that resistance when we attacked we killed anyone that we found,
16 so the bodies were strewn in the streets and in the corners.

17 Q. Witness, what did you loot in Kukuna?

18 A. Well, in Kukuna we took rice, palm oil, many other things
19 of value. As I said, money, anything that was of value, we will
10:29:18 20 take.

21 Q. And these items that were you taking, who did they belong
22 to, do you know?

23 A. It was civilians in Kukuna who owned these things.

24 Q. Witness, you said that the Red Lion battalion went with you
10:29:43 25 on this attack?

26 A. Yes, my Lord.

27 Q. Was it the whole battalion?

28 A. Yes, the whole battalion. The Red Lion battalion. The
29 whole battalion moved.

1 Q. What happened after this operation in Kukuna?

2 A. Well, after the operation in Kukuna we returned to Colonel
3 Eddie Town and reported and Gullit received the troops. Bazzy
4 explained to him exactly what happened and handed over all the
10:30:26 5 things that we had come with, because after every operation the
6 commander ensured that the rice and anything of value - because
7 after every operation we were searched, everybody was searched,
8 every commander, especially junior commanders, to ensure that if
9 you were found in the possession of money they would take it from
10:30:45 10 you and that would go to the brigade.

11 Q. Who would search the junior commanders?

12 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I apologise to interrupt. I
13 would be grateful for a time frame, as in date and month, when
14 the Kukuna operation took place.

10:31:07 15 MS ALAGENDRA:

16 Q. Witness, when did the Kukuna operation take place?

17 A. Well, this was within October to November, within that
18 time. It was within that time that the Kukuna operation
19 happened.

10:31:20 20 Q. Of which year?

21 A. 1998.

22 Q. Witness, who would search the junior commanders? You were
23 explaining that earlier.

24 A. Well, for example this operation that we went on, Bazzy
10:31:38 25 stood, Five-Five stood, the operation Commander Bomb Blast stood
26 to ensure the deputy operation commander, 0-Five, to search the
27 commanders who went on the operation to ensure that whatever you
28 had you surrendered.

29 Q. And when you said that would go to the brigade, what do you

1 mean by that?

2 A. Well, like this operation that we went on, when we returned
3 the brigade commander - sorry, the commander who went with us,
4 that is Gullit - sorry, Bazzy, surrendered these things to the
10:32:15 5 brigade commander.

6 Q. Who was?

7 A. Tamba Alex Brima.

8 Q. What, if anything, happened after this, witness?

9 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I think the witness would like
10:32:29 10 to address you.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, yes, what happened?

12 THE WITNESS: I want to use the gents, Madam.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please assist the witness. Ms Alagenda,
14 if you wish to have a seat.

10:37:17 15 Mr Witness, you are ready to proceed now?

16 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please continue, Ms Alagenda.

18 MS ALAGENDRA: Thank you, your Honour:

19 Q. Witness, what, if anything, happened after the Kukuna
10:37:31 20 operation?

21 A. Well, we returned and, as I said, the search was conducted
22 and after which Bazzy reported and explained to the commander,
23 who was Tamba Alex Brima. He explained exactly what went on in
24 Kukuna.

10:37:58 25 Q. What happened after this explanation was given?

26 A. Well, after this Gullit said we should plan another
27 operation to Mange Bureh.

28 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record Mange Bureh is
29 M-A-N-G-E and the next word is Bureh B-U-R-E-H:

1 Q. Witness, where is Mange Bureh?

2 A. Mange Bureh is in the Port Loko District.

3 Q. What, if anything, happened after Gullit said this
4 operation should be planned?

10:38:42 5 A. Well, he also organised a team which was headed by Ibrahim
6 Bi oh Sesay, the deputy operation commander O-Five, Abdul Sesay
7 and some other commanders who were appointed. I joined them when
8 we went and attacked Mange Bureh.

9 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record the witness
10:39:12 10 said Ibrahim Bi oh Sesay and deputy operation commander O-Five:

11 Q. Please continue, witness. What happened after this?

12 A. Well, after this we attacked Mange Bureh and we pushed - we
13 met a mixed force of Guineans and Nigerians who were based in
14 Mange Bureh. We captured one Guinean and a Nigerian soldier at
10:39:52 15 Mange Bureh. We burnt some area of Mange Bureh, looted and
16 returned to the camp.

17 Q. Witness, when you went on this operation to Mange Bureh,
18 where was the Red Lion battalion?

19 A. Well, the Red Lion battalion was still in their own area.
10:40:12 20 They just took a section of them, a part of them, that joined the
21 Mange Bureh operation, because they just told us that only a
22 small team of ECOMOG troops were based there, so Gullit did not
23 send a large number of troops there. So he just took from the
24 battalion - he just took some from Red Lion battalion and we
10:40:34 25 moved.

26 Q. When you say, "We burnt some area of Mange Bureh", what did
27 you burn in Mange Bureh?

28 A. Well, the houses, because Mange Bureh is very large so we
29 ensured that we burnt part of Mange Bureh.

1 Q. What did you loot in Mange Bureh?

2 A. Well, in Mange Bureh we looted because we were looking for
3 rice and anything of value, money and whatever was of value.
4 Those were the things we looted in Mange Bureh, a lot of things.

10:41:13 5 Q. Now, witness, you said some members of the Red Lion
6 battalion went with your group on this operation and you have
7 explained that the Red Lion battalion comprised of the STFs.

8 A. Yes, my Lord.

9 Q. The NPFL/AFL fighters and the RUF.

10:41:35 10 A. Yes, my Lord.

11 Q. The members of the Red Lion battalion that were with your
12 group for this operation, who were they?

13 A. Well, they chose a few from the SLA, a few from the STF and
14 AFL - sorry, former NPFL/AFL fighters. They chose from them.

10:42:01 15 They just chose a small number for them to join us.

16 Q. Did anything happen after the operation in Mange Bureh?

17 A. Well, as I said, we captured one Guinean and a Nigerian
18 soldier and we returned to the camp and reported to Gullit and
19 Bioh Sesay handed over all the things that we had come with to
10:42:33 20 the brigade.

21 Q. Did anything happen after this?

22 A. Well, what happened after this in the camp was that we had
23 a small dispute in the camp in relation to witchcraft.

24 Q. Can you explain briefly this incident?

10:43:06 25 A. Well, Gullit accused Bioh Sesay that he was a wizard and
26 after Gullit had done that Bioh Sesay said, well, if Gullit was
27 accusing him then he would expose what Gullit was doing in the
28 camp because Gullit had taken --

29 THE INTERPRETER: Excuse me, your Honours, can the witness

1 repeat?

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause. The interpreter has a bit of
3 a cough. Now, let us go back and let the interpreter pick up.
4 Bi oh Sesay said if Gullit was accusing him he would expose what
10:43:46 5 Gullit had done in the camp. Please pick up from there, Mr
6 Witness.

7 THE WITNESS: As I said, Bi oh said Gullit was accusing him
8 of witchcraft. He said but if Gullit continued his accusation he
9 will expose exactly what Gullit had done in the camp. He said
10:44:15 10 Gullit had taken two young girl children who were virgins and
11 Colonel Eddie and they have buried them in that Tonko Limba area
12 as a form of sacrifice. So this was on when Gullit ordered
13 O-Five to go and arrest Bi oh.

14 So whilst this was going on Bomb Blast, who was operation
10:44:55 15 commander, intervened. He said O-Five had no right to arrest
16 Bi oh. Since he was the deputy operation commander, that is
17 O-Five, he, the operation commander, was the one that Gullit was
18 to order to do the arrest. So this dispute erupted and it
19 resulted in an infighting and this caused O-Five to go to Junior
10:45:29 20 Sherri f and the Red Lion battalion and told them that there was
21 dispute in the camp and they moved and came to the camp and
22 arrested Bomb Blast, Bi oh and Five-Five, Bazy and Gullit.

23 During these arrests O-Five told Gullit and Five-Five that
24 if they were going to unite then they will be handed over to the
10:46:14 25 government, because at that time the government also went on the
26 air and said they were going to declare amnesty for us the
27 fighters who had gone into the bush. So the government said they
28 do not want the passengers, but the drivers. So O-Five said if
29 that trend was to continue then they, the drivers, Gullit and

1 others will be handed over to the government then we will go and
2 benefit from the amnesty.

3 So this happened in the camp and Gullit and others
4 apologised and said they would settle the dispute. So they
10:46:56 5 released Gullit, Five-Five, Bazzy, and Bomb Blast and Bioh stayed
6 in detention. They were put under mess arrest. So whilst this
7 was happening in the camp we received communication when SAJ Musa
8 called in the camp --

9 Q. Witness, I am going to ask you to pause. Can you be clear
10:47:35 10 on who were buried in the Tonko Limba area by Gullit?

11 A. Well, according to Bioh who revealed this thing - but the
12 rumour was doing the rounds, but it was Bioh who revealed it
13 because he too was a senior commander. He said two young
14 virgins, girl children, were buried as a form of sacrifice,
10:48:07 15 Gullit buried them as a form of sacrifice.

16 Q. Did he say what happened to those two girls who were
17 buried?

18 A. Well, he said they buried them alive. They dug a pit and
19 they buried them alive. They were covered. He said that was
10:48:28 20 what happened.

21 Q. Did anything happen to them as a result of being buried
22 alive, do you know?

23 A. My Lord, as I said, it was a sacrifice. He said the girls
24 were buried alive. Well, it is apparent that they died in there.

10:48:47 25 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: The witness said something to do with
26 Eddie Town. I don't know if the incident took place at Eddie
27 Town or whether the burial was done by Gullit with the assistance
28 of Colonel Eddie Town. He said something about Eddie Town.

29 MS ALAGENDRA:

1 Q. Witness, while explaining what happened to these two girls
2 you mentioned the name Colonel Eddie. Can you explain in what
3 context you mentioned that name?

4 A. As I said, Ibrahim Bioh said Gullit and Lieutenant Colonel
10:49:31 5 Eddie took two virgin children from Colonel Eddie Town and took
6 them to the Tonko Limba Chiefdom, that area, and sacrificed them
7 by burying them alive.

8 Q. Witness, this infight that you have just been describing,
9 do you recall how it ended?

10:50:09 10 A. Well, as I said, during this infighting Gullit was released
11 and Ibrahim Bazy Kamara and Five-Five, Abdul Sesay, Woyoh, all
12 of them were released. And they detained Hassan Papa Bangura and
13 Bioh Sesay and automatically Gullit appointed O-Five to become
14 the operation commander.

10:50:42 15 Q. Witness, did anything happen to the positions of Gullit,
16 Five-Five or Bazy as a result of this incident?

17 A. Nothing happened, because later we learnt that it was
18 Gullit who organised all of this thing that had happened just so
19 that the other men would subdue themselves to him, because there
10:51:11 20 was a meeting summoned by Gullit for the commanders who were the
21 military supervisors and he told them that if SAJ Musa were to
22 come then SAJ Musa should subdue himself and take orders from
23 him. He said because they overthrew the SLPP government. They
24 only invited SAJ Musa to join them.

10:51:48 25 So there was this disagreement between them whereby Bioh
26 and Hassan Papa Bangura disagreed, saying, no, that man even
27 during the days of the SLA he had become an officer and had also
28 become a vice-president during the NPRC reign, so we should not
29 just - because the man was coming, we should not just allow him

1 to subdue himself. So because of this, according to what we
2 heard, Gullit manipulated and used O-Five to cause an infighting
3 in the camp. So nothing happened to him.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: I heard the witness say that they the
10:52:35 5 older men would subdue themselves and the record shows the order
6 men. Could we clarify that, please, Ms Alagendra? I am looking
7 now at line 15.

8 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour:

9 Q. Witness, you said that it was Gullit who organised all of
10:52:55 10 this thing that happened just so that something men would subdue
11 themselves to him. Can you describe what type of men are you
12 talking about that would subdue themselves to him?

13 A. Well, as I said, he said so that the SAJ Musa will subdue
14 and work under him.

10:53:30 15 Q. Witness, you said Hassan Papa Bangura was detained as a
16 result of this incident?

17 A. Well, as I said, just after this disagreement when Hassan
18 Papa Bangura and Bioh did - automatically Gullit accused Bioh
19 Sesay of witchcraft and ordered O-Five to go and arrest Bioh and
10:54:02 20 this resulted in the dispute and infighting and the arrest of all
21 of them. And I said Gullit was released, Bazy, Five-Five, Abdul
22 Sesay, Coachy Borno and Franklyn Conteh otherwise known as Woyoh,
23 they were all released. Gullit automatically appointed O-Five to
24 become the operation commander.

10:54:35 25 Q. In relation to Hassan Papa Bangura being detained, for how
26 long was he detained?

27 A. Well, Hassan Papa Bangura was in detention up to the time
28 SAJ Musa arrived in the camp.

29 Q. How long was that in terms of a time period?

1 A. Within that week that the arrests were done. It was during
2 that week that SAJ Musa arrived.

3 Q. Did anything happen to his position as a result of this
4 incident?

10:55:11 5 A. As I said, Gullit transformed him from being the operation
6 commander and appointed --

7 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness kindly take
8 that again. There is an ambiguity in his answer.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Which part of the answer, Mr Interpreter?

10:55:34 10 THE INTERPRETER: The change.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, the interpreter is not clear
12 on what you're saying. Could you explain better what you mean by
13 the change and repeat your answer.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord.

10:55:57 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

16 THE WITNESS: I said after Gullit had been released
17 Five-Five, Bazy and the other supervisors had been released,
18 Gullit replaced Bomb Blast's appointment and appointed O-Five as
19 the operation commander.

10:56:25 20 MS ALAGENDRA:

21 Q. After Hassan Papa Bangura was released, did he have an
22 appointment?

23 A. Well, the only thing was that when SAJ Musa arrived he
24 became one of the military supervisors and SAJ sent them to the
10:56:48 25 battlefield. They went ahead to organise all battles.

26 Q. Who became the military supervisor?

27 A. Well, Hassan Papa Bangura made him a military supervisor
28 and they continued to stay at the battlefield.

29 Q. Who continued to stay at the battlefield?

1 A. Hassan Papa Bangura.

2 Q. Witness, when did SAJ Musa arrive in Colonel Eddie Town?

3 A. Well, this happened in early December. SAJ Musa came in
4 early December, yes, 1998, just after this infighting had taken
10:57:41 5 place. About a week after - a week or two after the infighting
6 SAJ Musa called and said that he had left Koinadugu, he said
7 because he had clashed with Superman. He said they had had an
8 infighting, but he has left Koinadugu and he was heading for
9 Colonel Eddie Town.

10:58:11 10 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagendra, you asked the witness,
11 "After Hassan Papa Bangura was released, did he have an
12 appointment" and then his answer is that, "Well, after SAJ Musa
13 arrived he became one of the military supervisors and SAJ sent
14 them to the battlefield" and the witness further continues,

10:58:32 15 "Well, Hassan Papa Bangura made him a military supervisor." Now
16 I am not sure at this stage whether it was SAJ Musa who was the
17 military supervisor or whether he has answered your question,
18 "After Hassan Papa Bangura was released did he have an
19 appointment?" I am not sure.

10:58:52 20 MS ALAGENDRA: I will clarify that, your Honour:

21 Q. Witness, can you be clear on whether Hassan Papa Bangura
22 received an appointment after he was released.

23 A. As I said, it was after the arrival of SAJ Musa then Hassan
24 Papa Bangura was appointed as a military supervisor. SAJ put him
10:59:16 25 at the battlefield.

26 Q. Witness, when did this communication take place?

27 A. Well, this communication happened just a week after the
28 infighting had taken place in Colonel Eddie Town.

29 Q. How do you know about this communication?

1 A. Well, at that time I was at the headquarters after my
2 promotion, because I have not mentioned that, but I came to visit
3 at the headquarters when this infighting happened and that was
4 the time that this communication took place.

11:00:09 5 Q. Apart from this communication with SAJ Musa - let me just
6 go back a little bit. During this communication SAJ Musa was
7 communicating with who?

8 A. SAJ Musa called Gullit, who was the head of the brigade
9 administration, the chief in command, and he informed him that he
11:00:42 10 had had an infighting with Superman. For that reason he was
11 heading for Colonel Eddie Town.

12 Q. Apart from this communication between SAJ Musa and Gullit,
13 during this particular time do you know if there were any other
14 communications?

11:01:07 15 A. Well, as far as I can recall, Gullit had also communicated
16 with Mosquito in Kailahun. That also had happened in Colonel
17 Eddie Town when he communicated with Mosquito. He briefed him on
18 most especially the Kukuna operation and the Mange Bureh
19 operation.

11:01:35 20 Q. How do you know this?

21 A. Well, this happened - for instance, the Kukuna operation,
22 when we came back Gullit mounted the set and called and told
23 Mosquito. He also told SAJ Musa on the latest developments,
24 which was the attack on Kukuna.

11:01:57 25 Q. Who did he speak to first in relation to the operation in
26 Kukuna and Mange Bureh?

27 A. Well, whenever we had an operation Mosquito was the first
28 person that Gullit informed before informing SAJ.

29 Q. Do you recall any other communications that took place?

1 A. No, well, the ones that I was present at are the ones I can
2 recall.

3 Q. What happened after this communication with SAJ Musa?

11:02:45

4 A. Well, SAJ said he should organise a team that will meet him
5 so that he would be able to locate the camp. So Gullit organised
6 a team that went and they returned with SAJ to the camp.

7 Q. Witness, at this time did you know where Issa Sesay was?

8 A. Well, according to the communications that we were
9 receiving, Issa was within that Kailahun axis. He too was there.

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10 Q. What communication are you referring to?

11 A. After this Kukuna operation, Gullit also spoke with Issa
12 Sesay and explained to him about the activities that we had
13 undertaken.

14 Q. At this time do you know where Rambo of the RUF was?

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15 A. Well, RUF Rambo, from the monitoring that we were doing, he
16 was based around that Kono axis. They were within that Kono
17 axis. RUF Rambo had this Isaac Mongor, they were around that
18 area. Peter Vandi and others, they were all around that area.

19 Q. When you say "from the monitoring that we were doing", what
20 are you talking about?

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21 A. Well, the radio men always monitored the various
22 communications that went on and during that, most times they
23 would present this monitoring that they did and we would present
24 the information and take it to the commander, or the operation
25 commander and they will have access - for instance, they had a
26 logbook where they entered information. For instance, if they
27 monitored any activity, be it from the enemy force, or the RUF,
28 or the SLA, that is those of us who were in the bush, they would
29 present that to the commander and he will refer them also to the

1 operation commander so that they will know exactly what was going
2 on in all the areas that we were occupying; that is those areas
3 where the junta troops were.

4 Q. Who are you referring to when you say junta troops?

11:05:25 5 A. All the areas where RUF and SLAs were based: Gandorhun
6 area, the other areas where they were based, within that Daru
7 axis. Through the monitoring we were able to know where our men
8 were based and the activities that were going on, especially in
9 the areas of attacks, those attacks - those various areas they
11:05:46 10 were attacking. Through the monitoring the record will be there
11 and the radio man will bring this record to the commander.

12 Whatever he had received that day, he will take to him. The
13 commander will sign it and they will also show that to the
14 operation commander to let him know what was going on where SLAs
11:06:08 15 and RUFs were occupying.

16 Q. How do you know this?

17 A. Well, I was able to know this because I was with the
18 operation commander and whenever those things, like when the
19 radio man sends the runner, they always ensure that whatever
11:06:29 20 communication came, or if they received any information through
21 their monitoring they ensured that it was shared with the
22 commander who will then pass it on to the operation commander, so
23 that if there was any enemy threats all the battalions would be
24 alerted that there is an enemy threat that had been monitored.

11:06:56 25 Q. Witness, are you able to say, when the troops were in
26 Colonel Eddie Town, how many times Gullit spoke to Mosquito over
27 the radio?

28 A. Well, at the time that I was present, from what I can
29 recall, this was the one time that I was present that he made a

1 call to Hassan Papa Bangura and others, but I can't recall of any
2 other at which I was present.

3 Q. Who made a call to Hassan Papa Bangura?

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4 A. What I mean is when Gullit made this call to Mosquito, when
5 he called upon Hassan Papa Bangura and the military supervisors.

6 Q. Did SAJ Musa arrive in Colonel Eddie Town?

7 A. Yes, my Lord.

8 Q. You did say he arrived in early December 1998, is that not
9 right?

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10 A. Yes, sir. Mid-December, sorry, mid-December.

11 Q. Who did SAJ Musa come with?

12 A. Well, SAJ Musa also came along with some SLAs and he had
13 some RUFs that were with him.

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14 Q. Are you able to say the number of men that came with SAJ
15 Musa?

16 A. Well, the SLAs actually dominated the RUFs that arrived,
17 but the number that came were 200 or so, 200 to 250 that SAJ Musa
18 came with.

19 Q. Apart from SLA and RUF who were the others in the group?

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20 A. Well, as I said, he also came with a few STFs. There were
21 STFs with him, but they were few those who joined him, because he
22 explained how exactly things had happened to him.

23 Q. What, if anything, happened after SAJ Musa arrived in
24 Colonel Eddie Town with his men?

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25 A. Well, when SAJ Musa came he reorganised the brigade wherein
26 he became the chief in command, Gullit became the deputy chief in
27 command and he also increased the battalion and he formed the RDF
28 battalion, Rapid Deployment Force, to which he appointed Lamin
29 Sidi que - Lieutenant Colonel Lamin Sidi que whom we also called

1 Terminator. He headed the RDF battalion and also he made an
2 appointment. We had the BFI that added on to the brigade, the
3 battlefield inspector, which was Lieutenant Colonel Konjor. Then
4 he also brought Adamu, we used to call him Chicken Soup, he also
11:10:16 5 appointed him as one of the military supervisors. He also
6 brought Gold Teeth, we used to call him Tarawalli. His name is
7 Tarawalli, but his aka is Gold Teeth and he was also appointed as
8 one of the military supervisors. He made some other changes. He
9 made some other changes when he arrived.

11:10:43 10 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record the witness
11 said BFI meaning battlefield inspector and he named Lamin
12 Sidiq, L-A-M-I-N and the next word is S-I-D-I-Q-U-E.

13 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagenda, there were so many names.
14 I wonder if you could begin with the first appointment, a
11:11:13 15 Lieutenant Colonel somebody. On the record I think the
16 transcriber didn't even get that name.

17 MS ALAGENDRA: Konjor, your Honour.

18 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Yes, start at the beginning of those
19 names.

11:11:28 20 MS ALAGENDRA: Konjor is spelt K-O-N-J-O-R and the witness
21 mentioned the name Adamu, A-D-A-M-U.

22 THE WITNESS: Adamu's aka was Chicken Soup.

23 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: No, Konjor was - what was Konjor's aka?
24 Lieutenant Konjor was called?

11:11:59 25 THE WITNESS: Lieutenant Colonel Konjor. He was the BFI,
26 his appointment was BFI, battlefield inspector.

27 MS ALAGENDRA: Actually, your Honour, before mentioning
28 Colonel Konjor the witness referred to Lamin Sidiq who is
29 Terminator. Terminator is spelt T-E-R-M-I-N-A-T-O-R.

1 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Yes. Did you spell Sidi que?

2 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, I did, your Honour. It is up on the
3 record, S-I-D-I-Q-U-E:

11:13:02

4 Q. Witness, did anything else happen in this meeting after SAJ
5 Musa made these appointments?

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6 A. Well, actually SAJ Musa explained and he was even angry.
7 He said the way things happened to him in Koinadugu, he explained
8 to us what happened between himself and Superman. He said in
9 spite of that they were brothers and the operation should

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10 continue. He was angry. He even said that the RUF should be
11 disarmed. Some of the STFs and some of the Liberian guys who had
12 come should be disarmed, but the commanders told him that, "No,
13 Pa, we don't have any problem with these people, it was just an
14 infighting and we have an operational head." So SAJ Musa later
15 forgot about them and he said even the women whom we had should
16 be released, because we were on operation heading for Freetown,
17 we should not take women along. So the commanders met and spoke
18 to SAJ. He said if they released the women now they will be at
19 risk because they have been with us for that long. They will be
20 at risk and he agreed.

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21 SAJ Musa also told us the troop was about to leave for
22 Freetown. He said as the troop was going, he said we should
23 strictly obey the humanitarian laws that govern us. He said
24 because since he had gone to London to study law he has returned
25 to defend the SLAs that had gone into the bush. So he was
26 warning us against anything that was evil. As we were moving we
27 should not amputate or burn houses. He said as we were going we
28 should go saying that we are going to reinforce - sorry, we
29 should go saying we were going to reinstate the army so that we

1 would get support from the people by saying that. So SAJ warned
2 us and they said the troop should be prepared to advance on
3 Freetown.

4 Q. Were the women released?

11:15:35 5 A. No, no, no. As I said, the commanders met and all of them
6 apologised. They appealed and said that they should not release
7 the women. They should still continue to stay with the troop.
8 So SAJ agreed.

9 Q. Were any of the RUF, STF or the Liberian fighters disarmed?

11:15:56 10 A. No, no, no, because he too came with an RUF commander
11 called Alfred Brown. He was a radio man who was with him. He
12 came with some of them. So he just tried to put that across to
13 them, but everybody said, "No, sir, let us continue the
14 operation."

11:16:25 15 Q. Did SAJ Musa say anything else?

16 A. Well, as far as I can recall, as I said, this was one of
17 the things he said and, as I said, he made these appointments and
18 addressed the troop saying that we should be well prepared for an
19 advance. He said because this was something that had been
11:16:49 20 prepared, this was something that had been prepared and that he
21 was expecting - he and Superman should come to Colonel Eddie Town
22 to advance. He said even though the infighting had happened,
23 that should not deter them. He said they should continue and
24 they would clear the other points as they went along.

11:17:14 25 Q. That the infighting should not deter who?

26 A. He said the infighting should not stop the programme that
27 had been organised whereby they had released reinforcement, that
28 is SAJ and Superman, to come and join us so as to advance on
29 Freetown. He said that should not stop the movement. He said

1 all the differences should be put aside and we should focus
2 entering Freetown.

3 Q. Who was saying all this, witness?

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4 A. It was SAJ Musa who said all of this when he was talking to
5 the brigade. He said all of this.

6 Q. Witness, when SAJ was talking about reinforcements that
7 were released by SAJ and Superman, do you know who are the
8 reinforcements he is talking about?

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9 A. Well, yes, my Lord. As I said, SAJ said that was why he
10 and Superman had sent ahead the mixed troops comprising the SLA,
11 the STF, the RUF and the former NPFL fighters who came to
12 reinforce and were in waiting for him and Superman to advance to
13 Freetown whilst the others in the rear will also move.

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14 Q. After the arrival of SAJ Musa to Colonel Eddie Town, did
15 the troops leave Colonel Eddie Town at some point?

16 A. Yes, we finally departed Colonel Eddie Town around
17 December, mid-December. We left Colonel Eddie Town when SAJ
18 arrived in 1998 and crossed the river towards Mange Bureh.

19 Q. Who left Colonel Eddie Town?

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20 A. SAJ Musa and the entire brigade including the family
21 members as I have mentioned, that is those whom we had captured
22 and who were with us. As I said, we protected them and we called
23 them family members.

24 Q. And where did the entire group move to?

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25 A. Well, at that time we had the 5th Battalion which was
26 ahead, headed by Basky, Lieutenant Colonel Basky, that is Saidu
27 Kambolai. We also had the RDF battalion and the Red Lion
28 battalion also moved. They went ahead to advance towards
29 Freetown - towards, sorry, Mange Bureh.

1 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, the spelling is Basky,

2 B-A-S-K-Y, Sai du Kambolai is S-A-I -D-U K-A-M-B-0-L-A-I:

3 Q. Witness, just to be clear, at this point when the troops
4 left Colonel Eddie Town, can you tell us how many battalions the
11:21:05 5 groups were divided into?

6 A. Well, we had the 1st Battalion, the 2nd Battalion, the 3rd
7 Battalion, we had the 4th Battalion, 5th Battalion. We also had
8 the RDF and the Red Lion battalion.

9 Q. Was the RDF and the Red Lion battalion considered as one
11:21:35 10 battalion?

11 A. No, no, no, my Lord. The RDF battalion was there headed by
12 Lieutenant Colonel Terminator. We also had the Red Lion
13 battalion which was headed by Lieutenant Colonel Med Bajehjeh.

14 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagenda, I don't believe we have
11:21:58 15 heard of the 5th Battalion until now.

16 MS ALAGENDRA: I was coming to that, your Honour:

17 Q. Witness, you have just spoken about a 5th Battalion. When
18 did the 5th Battalion come into place?

19 A. Well, actually this was organised by Gullit. It was Gullit
11:22:22 20 that organised the 5th Battalion. Before the arrival of SAJ the
21 5th Battalion had been in existence. We had the 4th Battalion,
22 the 5th Battalion and we had the Red Lion battalion.

23 Q. When precisely did the 5th Battalion come into place?

24 A. Well, the 5th Battalion came into existence, as I said,
11:22:43 25 just after the arrival of 0-Five. It was then that the 5th
26 Battalion came into existence. I did not name it before.

27 Q. Was a commander appointed for the 5th Battalion?

28 A. Yes, my Lord.

29 Q. Do you recall who it was?

1 A. Yes, it was Lieutenant Colonel Basky.

2 Q. Did he have any other name?

3 A. Saidu Kambolai.

11:23:27

4 Q. Witness, the troops that left Colonel Eddie Town, where did
5 you all go to?

6 A. Well, as I said, we headed towards Mange Bureh.

7 Q. After Mange Bureh did you go anywhere else?

8 A. Yes, we attacked Mange Bureh and headed towards the Port
9 Loko area.

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10 Q. Did you go to any specific place in the Port Loko area?

11 A. Well, there was a village which they called Maraykula. We
12 attacked Maraykula and Five-Five who was at the rear had to burn
13 down - ordered that Maraykula be burnt so Maraykula was set on
14 fire.

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15 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Maraykula is
16 M-A-R-A-Y-K-U-L-A:

17 Q. Who set Maraykula on fire?

18 A. Well, Five-Five and the other men who were with him,
19 because Maraykula was a place we almost rested. Some people went
20 - some men went to the jungle and others were in the town, so
21 Five-Five put that village on fire.

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22 Q. What was put on fire in the village?

23 A. The houses.

24 Q. Did the group move anywhere after Maraykula?

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25 A. Yes, we left Maraykula and headed towards Lunsar - the
26 Lunsar axis.

27 Q. Just to be clear, where is Lunsar?

28 A. Lunsar is in the Bombali District.

29 Q. Did anything happen in Lunsar?

1 A. Well, we set up a temporary place at a place called Mamusa.
2 That was where we created the temporary base. And then SAJ said
3 we should attack Lunsar, because we had received information from
4 monitoring that ECOMOG base was at Lunsar. So we appointed
11:25:58 5 Colonel Terminator and other men who joined and we attacked
6 Lunsar.

7 Q. Did anything happen during the attack on Lunsar?

8 A. Well, yes. We captured some military ammunition from
9 Lunsar from the ECOMOG forces who were there and we withdrew.

11:26:26 10 Q. Where did you withdraw to?

11 A. We returned to Mamusa.

12 Q. Did the group move from Mamusa at some point?

13 A. Yes, my Lord, but I left out something because when we left
14 Colonel Eddie Town and advanced towards Mange Bureh, as I said,
11:26:50 15 we were ambushed and SAJ Musa said that the officers who were
16 involved should be demoted, they should be reprimanded until they
17 prove themselves. So about seven of us who were involved in that
18 ambush who were second lieutenants were reprimanded and SAJ said
19 we should continue at the front until we proved ourselves. It
11:27:19 20 was then that we finally attacked Mange Bureh.

21 Q. When you were demoted was there a change in your rank?

22 A. He reprimanded us and said we should go as sergeants. All
23 of us who were involved in that ambush should hold the positions
24 of sergeants until we proved well. But he said we should stay at
11:27:44 25 the battlefield. He must not see us at the rear. We should be
26 in the front until we proved ourselves, because it was during
27 that ambush that they killed some of our men.

28 Q. Did the group move from Mamusa at some point?

29 A. Yes, my Lord, we left Mamusa and advanced towards Gberi

1 junction. Gberi bridge and Gberi junction. Gberi junction,
2 sorry.

3 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, perhaps this is a convenient
4 time to stop.

11:28:33 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well, Ms Alagenda. Mr Witness, we
6 are now going to take the mid-morning break. We will resume
7 court again at 12 o'clock. Please adjourn court until 12.

8 [Break taken at 11.29 a.m.]

9 [Upon resuming at 12.00 p.m.]

12:01:43 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagenda, please proceed.

11 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, can I ask that the witness be
12 given the map of Bombali District.

13 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, before that the interpreter
14 would like to make a correction.

12:02:09 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Interpreter, what is that
16 correction?

17 THE INTERPRETER: The witness spoke about a base and he
18 used the words "temporal base" and it was inadvertently
19 interpreted by the interpreter as "temporal base". It actually
12:02:27 20 should be interpreted as temporary base.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. We will have to find out on
22 the record and have it noted accordingly.

23 THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: The map you referred to is Bombali, is
12:02:39 25 it, Ms Alagenda?

26 MS ALAGENDRA: That is right, your Honour. It appears at
27 S5 of the map book.

28 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagenda, whatever you said was not
29 on the record because I think your microphone was not on, or

1 something.

2 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, I will just repeat that. I was asking
3 that the witness be shown the map of Bombali District, which
4 appears at the page marked S5 of the map book.

12:03:39 5 Your Honours, the procedure that was used previously was
6 that the map was removed from the sleeve and put onto the screen
7 and the witness was marking the locations as we went. He was
8 also provided with a black marker like pen for him to circle the
9 locations and another colour which he used to write the numbers.

12:04:10 10 MS MUZIGO-MORRISON: Black?

11 MS ALAGENDRA: One black and the other pen used was blue.
12 He used the black to circle and the blue to write the numbers.
13 Thank you.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are we ready to proceed?

12:04:56 15 MS ALAGENDRA: I am, your Honour. I was just checking
16 whether the witness was ready.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Have we ascertained yet if the witness is
18 able to read the map?

19 MS ALAGENDRA: I will ask him, your Honour:

12:05:14 20 Q. Witness, can you clarify for the Court your ability to read
21 maps?

22 A. Yes, my Lord.

23 MS ALAGENDRA: Is that sufficient, your Honour?

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think it is.

12:05:31 25 MS ALAGENDRA: Thank you, your Honour.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Obviously, if it is to be challenged it
27 will be challenged.

28 MS ALAGENDRA:

29 Q. Witness, the map in front of you it says on top of it that

1 it is the map of Bombali District, Sierra Leone. I am going to
2 ask you to - witness, I am going to ask you to look at this map
3 in front of you and I am going to ask you to mark some of the
4 locations in Bombali District that you have named in the course
12:06:28 5 of your testimony these last few days. Is that all right?
6 A. Yes, my Lord.
7 Q. Witness, you referred to a place called Karina. Do you see
8 Karina on the map?
9 A. Yes, my Lord.
12:07:21 10 Q. Could you circle Karina on the map and can you put a number
11 1 next to Karina. You referred to a place Gbendembu in the
12 course of your testimony. Can you find Gbendembu on the map?
13 A. Yes, my Lord.
14 Q. Can you circle Gbendembu.
12:08:06 15 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Could you move the map so we can see on
16 the screen, because we can't.
17 MS ALAGENDRA:
18 Q. Put a number 2 next to it, please, witness. You referred
19 to Rosos in the course of your testimony. Do you see Rosos on
12:08:42 20 the map?
21 A. Yes, my Lord.
22 Q. Can you circle it and put a number 3 next to Rosos.
23 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: We can't see anything. We can't. We
24 can't see what it is he has circled.
12:09:23 25 MS ALAGENDRA: Perhaps it can be zoomed in a little bit:
26 Q. Witness, you referred to Mateboi in your testimony. Do you
27 see it on the map?
28 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Did the witness put a 3 against Rosos?
29 It doesn't look like he did.

1 THE WITNESS: No, my Lord.

2 MS ALAGENDRA:

3 Q. Witness, can you put a number 3 next to Rosos, please. Can
4 you circle Mateboi on the map?

12:10:19 5 A. Yes, my Lord.

6 Q. And put a number 4 next to it. In your testimony to the
7 Court you stated that Major Eddie Town which later became Colonel
8 Eddie Town was situated in between the Tonko Limba Chiefdom and
9 the Sanda Magbolontor Chiefdom. Do you recall that?

12:11:08 10 A. Yes, my Lord.

11 Q. Could you first circle Tonko Limba Chiefdom on the map,
12 please. Put a number 5 next to that. Do you see Sanda
13 Magbolontor Chiefdom on the map?

14 A. Yes, my Lord.

12:11:47 15 Q. Could you circle that and put a number 6 next to that.
16 Witness, would you be able to tell the Court where exactly
17 Colonel Eddie Town was located on this map?

18 A. Well, I don't have the right name for Colonel Eddie Town.
19 It is between Sanda Magbolontor, it is not too far from Madina to
12:12:50 20 Kantia, because from Kantia to Colonel Eddie Town is not too far
21 away, also from Madina --

22 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness take it
23 slowly.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: A little slower for the interpreter,
12:13:05 25 Mr Witness, please. Mr Interpreter, have you got all the answer?

26 THE INTERPRETER: No, your Honour.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Tell me where you have lost? Where did
28 you lose it?

29 THE INTERPRETER: Let him repeat everything, your Honour.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, you were saying about Madina.
2 You said also from Madina. Can you continue from there, please?

3 THE WITNESS: I said Madina is not too far away from
4 Colonel Eddie Town. I also mentioned Kantia which is also not
12:13:47 5 too far away from our base which was Colonel Eddie Town.

6 MS ALAGENDRA:

7 Q. Witness, by looking at the map would you be able to point
8 to the Court where Colonel Eddie Town is? If you can just answer
9 the question first before looking at the map. Could you, or
12:14:14 10 could you not?

11 A. I can locate from the map. I can just not recall the name
12 of the village.

13 Q. That is fine. Can you look at the map and where you say
14 Colonel Eddie Town was located could you put an X in that place.
12:15:18 15 Could you put a number 7 next to that, please, witness. Do you
16 see Madina on the map?

17 A. Yes, my Lord.

18 Q. Can you circle Madina and put a number 8 next to Madina.
19 Do you see Kantia on the map?

12:16:10 20 A. Yes, my Lord.

21 Q. Can you circle Kantia and put a number 9 next to that. Do
22 you see Kukuna on the map?

23 A. Yes, my Lord.

24 Q. Can you circle Kukuna and put a number 10 next to that,
12:17:05 25 please. Do you see Makeni on the map?

26 A. Yes, my Lord.

27 Q. Could you circle Makeni and put a number 11 next to that,
28 please. Thank you, witness. Your Honours, this will be all the
29 markings for the Bombali District map. Your Honours, can I ask

1 that this map be marked for identification MFI-22, I believe.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think that is correct. Now a one
3 page document, a map headed "Bombali District - Sierra Leone" as
4 marked by the witness with numbers and circles from 1 to 11 is
12:18:28 5 marked for identification MFI-22. Yes, please proceed,
6 Ms Alagendra.

7 MS ALAGENDRA: Thank you, your Honour:

8 Q. Witness, just before the break you told the Court that you
9 left Mamusa and you advanced towards Gberi junction. In that
12:19:15 10 same answer you also said Gberi bridge and Gberi junction. Can
11 you be a bit more precise as to where the troops moved to from
12 Mamusa?

13 A. From Mamusa we headed towards Gberi junction.

14 Q. Where is Gberi junction?

12:19:37 15 A. Gberi junction is also between the Port Loko District and
16 Bombali District. It is a junction between Port Loko District
17 and Bombali District.

18 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Gberi junction was spelt
19 correctly earlier, so I am going to leave the record for later
12:20:03 20 correction.

21 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: That is Port Loko junction. Was that
22 Port Loko junction?

23 MS ALAGENDRA: That is what I heard, your Honour:

24 Q. Did you go to any other place from Gberi junction?

12:20:27 25 A. Well, the troop moved for Gberi bridge.

26 Q. And from Gberi bridge did the troop move anywhere else?

27 A. Well, we encountered a small target where we met the
28 Kamajors. We flushed them and advanced ahead towards Mansumana
29 axis, that was Masiaka, Mansumana axis.

1 Q. When you arrived at the Mansumana axis in Masiaka did you
2 hear anything?

3 A. Yes, when we approached Masiaka, Mansumana axis, we got
4 news from the international media where the Government of Sierra
12:21:28 5 Leone claimed that they had flushed the junta troops, that was
6 the AFRC/RUF troops that was heading for Freetown, that they had
7 flushed them out and Masiaka was their defensive and no troop
8 will cross Masiaka.

9 Q. Did anything happen after you heard this news?

12:22:02 10 A. Yes, my Lord.

11 Q. What happened?

12 A. Well, immediately SAJ Musa called on the brigade
13 administration and said we were to organise a troop to attack
14 Masiaka immediately, so to destroy the defensive made by the
12:22:32 15 government at Masiaka.

16 Q. What happened after SAJ Musa passed this instruction?

17 A. Well, manpower was gathered together from the different
18 battalions and organised themselves and advanced on Masiaka.
19 Papa 17, Colonel Papa - Lieutenant Colonel Papa, his aka was Papa
12:23:12 20 17, was appointed by SAJ Musa who led the troop to attack
21 Masiaka.

22 Q. Witness, just to be clear, this Colonel Papa, is he a
23 different person from Hassan Papa Bangura?

24 A. Yes, my Lord, he is a different person. Papa 17 - because
12:23:36 25 that was the way we used to call him - he came along with SAJ
26 Musa's group. He is different from Colonel Hassan Papa Bangura
27 who was the operation commander.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Sorry to interrupt - you are going to ask
29 the same question as I was going to ask. Please continue.

1 MS ALAGENDRA:

2 Q. Are you saying Papa 70 or Papa 17?

3 A. Papa 17. One seven.

12:24:12

4 Q. Thank you, witness. Did anything happen after Papa 17 was
5 appointed to lead the troops?

6 A. Yes, my Lord.

7 Q. What happened?

12:24:36

8 A. Well, I also joined the troop. Together, like I have said
9 the demoted officers that SAJ Musa had said they should engage at
10 the front line to prove themselves, we went and attacked Masiaka,
11 but on our first attempt we were unable to capture the ground.
12 It was only the second attempt that we entered Masiaka.

13 Q. Did anything happen when you entered Masiaka?

14 A. Yes, my Lord.

12:25:02

15 Q. What happened?

16 A. Well we encountered stiff resistance from the Guineans who
17 were based at Masiaka, but we were able to dislodge them and got
18 some ammunition from the Guineans who were based there. I also
19 captured an SPG, which is a support propelled grenade. We lost a
12:25:38 20 commander, he was killed during the battle, Papa 17, after which
21 houses were burnt in Lunsar - and I am sorry in Masiaka and some
22 Guineans were killed. We - they retreated from Masiaka. We
23 retreated from Masiaka and came back to the temporary base and
24 reported to SAJ.

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25 Q. Witness, who were the Guineans based in Masiaka?

26 A. Well, this was the troop that was with ECOMOG. They were
27 part of the ECOMOG troop that were based in Sierra Leone.

28 Q. Who burnt houses in Masiaka?

29 A. Well, myself and the other commanders. I mean, the troop

1 that entered Masiaka. We set fire to the houses in Masiaka.

2 Q. You said you returned back to base. Where did you return
3 to?

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4 A. Well, we went back to the base between Mansumana and
5 Masiaka axis where we made our temporary base.

6 Q. Witness, when you returned to this temporary base did
7 anything happen? Did anything happen to your rank?

12:27:49

8 A. Yes, SAJ Musa recommended me and one Amidu Kamara called
9 Keforkeh. He said automatically we should be promoted to captain
10 for the bravery and the capture of the SPG.

11 Q. Witness, can you repeat the name again, please?

12 A. Amidu Kamara, AKA Keforkeh.

13 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Amidu is A-M-I-D-U Kamara and
14 Keforkeh is K-E-F-O-R-K-E-H:

12:28:20

15 Q. Witness, is Keforkeh an alias?

16 A. Yes, my Lord.

17 Q. What happened after this, witness?

12:28:51

18 A. Well after base SAJ Musa said troops should go to the
19 highway and ensure that they tried to ambush the ECOMOG troop
20 passing on that highway, so Colonel Terminator was appointed and
21 some other men. They went to the highway, they ambushed two
22 ECOMOG vehicles that were moving from Masiaka to the Waterloo
23 Highway and we succeeded in ambushing them and then we returned
24 to the base.

12:29:18

25 Q. Now you say, "They went to the highway, they ambushed two
26 ECOMOG", and then you say, "we succeeded in ambushing". Who was
27 involved in this ambush?

28 A. Like I said, Colonel Terminator was the leader. It was a
29 mixed group. Colonel Terminator was the commander, Lamin

1 Sidi que, who led the ambush team, and we at the end succeeded.
2 I was with them, we succeeded in ambushing the ECOMOG force and
3 then later the two vehicles were burnt and then we returned to
4 the temporary base.

12:30:08 5 Q. Did anything happen when you returned to the temporary
6 base?

7 A. Yes, my Lord.

8 Q. What happened?

9 A. Also, SAJ Musa also appointed Terminator and selected some
12:30:30 10 other people to go and disorganise the base at Mile 38 that he
11 had got an information that ECOMOG were there. There also
12 Terminator led the group together with some others and attacked
13 Magbuntoso, which was Mile 38, and they succeeded in pushing the
14 ECOMOG forces there. They also retreated, but indeed the leader,
12:31:07 15 Terminator, was shot, he sustained injury, so we retreated and
16 came back to SAJ.

17 Q. Is Mile 38 known by any other name?

18 A. Well, the name --

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just a moment, please. Mr Anyah, you are
12:31:25 20 --

21 MR ANYAH: Yes, I would be grateful for some indication as
22 to the time frame for the attack on Mile 38.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagenda, you have heard the
24 application.

12:31:37 25 MS ALAGENDRA: I will do that, your Honour.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

27 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: I also thought the witness said Mile 38
28 was Magbuntoso. He already said that.

29 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour, I see it. I apologise.

1 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: We need the spelling though.

2 MS ALAGENDRA: Magbuntoso, your Honour, is spelt

3 M-A-G-B-U-N-T-O-S-O:

4 Q. Witness, this attack on Mile 38, when did it take place?

12:32:12 5 A. Well, this was early end of December in 1998.

6 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: What is "early end of December"?

7 MS ALAGENDRA:

8 Q. Witness, what do you mean by "early end of December"?

9 A. This happened towards the Christmas. We were going towards
12:32:38 10 the Christmas in 1998, in December. It was around the
11 20-something in December 1998.

12 Q. Did the troops move anywhere after Mile 38?

13 A. Yes, after they returned SAJ Musa said the entire troop
14 should advance and so we had to advance towards RDF. This was a
12:33:16 15 brigade advance. ECOMOG retreated from RDF. We advanced towards
16 Mamamah. Yes, we went and based at Mamamah.

17 Q. What is RDF?

18 A. Well, this was a base settled by the NPRC called Rapid
19 Deployment Force with the Sierra Leone Army heart.

12:33:49 20 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Mamamah is spelt M-A-M-A-H
21 [sic]:

22 Q. Witness, where is Mile 38 located?

23 A. Mile 38 is between Koya rural district.

24 Q. Where is RDF located?

12:34:14 25 A. It is also within that same area, Koya rural district.

26 Q. Where is Mamamah?

27 A. Mamamah too is within with Koya rural district.

28 Q. And where is Koya rural district?

29 A. Well, this is between the west end - I mean within the

1 Western Area, but it is also a district by itself that is called
2 Koya rural district. It is not too far from Masiaka.

3 JUDGE LUSSICK: Now, Ms Alagenda, when the witness says,
4 "Mile 38 is between Koya rural district", does he mean within
12:35:17 5 Koya rural district?

6 MS ALAGENDRA:

7 Q. Witness, can you clarify that for the Court, please?

8 A. Yes, my Lord.

9 Q. Please do so.

12:35:29 10 A. Mile 38 is within Koya rural district. Mile 38, Mamamah,
11 RDF are all within Koya rural district.

12 Q. Witness, when the troops arrived at Mamamah, did anything
13 happen?

14 A. Well, yes, we listened to an announcement over the
12:36:08 15 international media and General Mosquito went over the air and
16 said the troop is moving towards Freetown and that they have
17 captured a military strategic base which was RDF and they were
18 heading for Freetown. Then he said also from the rear they are
19 coming and they were advancing towards Kono and they will move to
12:36:45 20 capture Daru.

21 Q. Witness, in this broadcast that you heard, do you recall if
22 General Mosquito said anything about who were the troops that
23 captured RDF?

24 A. Well, he said his men that, "We are moving towards
12:37:13 25 Freetown". He said his men that were moving, the AFRC and RUF
26 joint force that were moving towards Freetown, had captured a
27 military strategic base which was RDF and that they were moving
28 towards Freetown. He said the other forces are also moving to
29 capture Kono and Daru as well.

1 Q. Did he specify which other forces?

2 A. Yes, he said the AFRC/RUF forces are moving from all
3 angles.

4 Q. Witness, how long after your group captured RDF did this
12:38:04 5 announcement come on?

6 A. It was just after we captured there and based at Mamamah
7 that the announcement came up.

8 Q. Did anything happen as a result of this broadcast?

9 A. Yes, my Lord, as far as I can recall.

12:38:32 10 Q. What happened?

11 A. Well SAJ Musa called Alfred Brown, who was one of the radio
12 men, and he was angry with him that he was giving information to
13 Mosquito and he was not happy with that. He said he will not
14 subject himself under the control of Mosquito. So he was not
15 happy with that because Mosquito was an SBU and so he was angry
12:39:04 16 with Alfred Brown, but later the other commanders spoke to him
17 so --

18 Q. So?

19 A. Let go of Alfred Brown.

12:39:27 20 Q. Okay, witness, I want to clarify a few issues out of this
21 answer. Firstly, witness, you testified earlier about an RUF
22 commander called Alfred Brown and here you are talking about
23 Alfred Brown who was one of the radio men. Were there two Alfred
24 Browns in your group?

12:39:56 25 A. No, my Lord. Like I have said earlier, I said Alfred Brown
26 came together with SAJ Musa. He was a radio man. They came
27 together to Colonel Eddie Town. This very Alfred Brown was the
28 one SAJ Musa was angry with.

29 Q. Which group did Alfred Brown belong to?

1 A. Alfred Brown was an RUF. He was with the RUF.

2 Q. Now can you explain to us what you mean by SAJ Musa saying
3 he was not happy with that because Mosquito was an SBU?

4 A. Well, just as I said, because of that infighting that
12:40:57 5 happened with SAJ in Koinadugu he said there are no longer any
6 differences, but the troops should advance, because that was
7 their earlier plan, that there should be a brigade advance to
8 Freetown. He said he should not link up with or give any
9 information to Mosquito.

12:41:21 10 Q. Witness, you still haven't explained what you meant when
11 you said because Mosquito was an SBU, just that phrase.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, do you understand the
13 question?

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord. SAJ said Mosquito was not a
12:41:45 15 trained man. He said SAJ, he was a trained military man who had
16 gone through military courses. He said Mosquito should not - now
17 that he is advancing, should not control him. He said the main
18 aim was to advance and capture Freetown. There was no need to
19 take command from him until they have captured Freetown.

12:42:07 20 MS ALAGENDRA:

21 Q. Who called Mosquito an SBU?

22 A. It was SAJ Musa who said Mosquito was an SBU to him.

23 Q. And this explanation you have just provided, who gave this
24 explanation?

12:42:28 25 A. Well, it was SAJ who said that.

26 Q. After Mamamah did the troops move anywhere else?

27 A. Yes, my Lord. The ECOMOG started bombarding that area, so
28 we moved ahead to Newton and we captured Newton.

29 Q. Where is Newton?

1 A. Newton is close to - after Waterloo we have Newton. It too
2 is in the Koya rural district.

3 Q. How long did the troops remain in Newton?

4 A. Well, we were there until during the night. We spent some
12:43:29 5 hours at Newton. Towards nightfall SAJ said we should advance to
6 capture Waterloo and advance on to Benguema.

7 Q. Did the troops advance to Waterloo?

8 A. Yes, before we advanced we declared born naked, Operation
9 Born Naked wherein all of us removed our uniforms that we were
12:44:03 10 wearing, our uniform shirts and tied it around our waist so that
11 we will be able to identify ourselves. If you were putting
12 something on we will know that you were an enemy. After which we
13 advanced to capture Waterloo.

14 Q. Witness, who declared Operation Born Naked?

12:44:43 15 A. Well, it was SAJ Musa. He said so that we will be able to
16 identify one another because it was a night combat. Everybody
17 should remove the uniform shirt that you had and tie it, so
18 whoever was not in that form would be considered an enemy.

19 Q. You said the troops advanced to capture Waterloo, was
12:45:08 20 Waterloo captured?

21 A. Yes, my Lord. We advanced and captured Waterloo.

22 Q. Witness, can you give us a time frame at this stage?

23 A. Well, this happened around 23 December 1998.

24 Q. Did anything happen when the troops arrived in Waterloo?

12:45:39 25 A. Well, yes. We captured Waterloo and we were giving
26 messages to the civilian populace that we have come, those of us
27 who had gone had come again, that they should come and join us
28 and that we have come to reinstate the army as SAJ has said that
29 this was a way of cajoling the civilians. That those of us who

1 they had pushed out had come back. That we have come to
2 reinstate the army and that the people should support us. So we
3 were talking to the people in Waterloo, giving them messages to
4 go and tell the people in Freetown that we were coming.

12:46:30 5 Q. Did anything else happen in Waterloo?

6 A. Well, later SAJ Musa sat together with the brigade
7 administrator whilst the others were looting, looting to get
8 logistics like rice and other things in Waterloo, SAJ summoned
9 Foday Bah Marah and told him to take some men so that we can go

12:46:59 10 and capture Benguema. Whilst they were in Waterloo Foday Bah

11 took me and some other men. We were mixed. We went to attack
12 Benguema. When we attempted the ECOMOG responded with a heavy
13 support firing. That caused Bulldoze, that is Foday Bah Marah,
14 to tell us to wait and as he was going to inform SAJ that the

12:47:37 15 manpower that was in Benguema was very heavy. So I and the other
16 men waited until later when we saw the brigade coming. SAJ --

17 Q. I would ask you to pause. You're talking about looting
18 taking place in Waterloo. Who was looting?

19 A. Well, this was done by the combined team that came because
12:48:03 20 that was the area where we found food and other things, so
21 everybody was taking.

22 Q. Who were you looting from?

23 A. The civilians whom we met at Waterloo, they were the ones
24 we were taking things from.

12:48:23 25 Q. At this stage in Waterloo witness, where was the Red Lion
26 battalion?

27 A. Well, as I said, it was a brigade advance. All of us came
28 to Waterloo.

29 Q. Do you know if SAJ Musa was aware that the troops were

1 Looting?

2 A. Well, you know he was sitting down, because when we
3 captured Waterloo at the junction they were sitting down there,
4 himself, Buzzy and Gullit. Everybody was taking what he wanted.
12:48:58 5 The looting was going on.

6 Q. So does that mean he knew?

7 A. Yes, he saw with his own very eyes. He saw that people
8 were taking things that they wanted. Everybody was taking what
9 he wanted.

12:49:16 10 Q. You were saying that you and the other men waited until
11 later you saw the brigade coming.

12 A. Yes, my Lord.

13 Q. Can you please continue from there?

14 A. Well, when the brigade got closer to us we advanced and
12:49:37 15 this time SAJ Musa joined with the advance. He had an AA and he
16 was shooting continually and later we used a 60 millimetre
17 mortar. Finally we disorganised the ECOMOG force that we found
18 in Benguema and we captured Benguema. At that time everybody was
19 busy because Benguema is a military training centre so everybody
12:50:07 20 was busy in Benguema. Some people were looting, some people were
21 taking ammunition, everything. Whilst this was going on --

22 Q. Witness, can I pause you there first please. What is an
23 AA?

24 A. It's the anti-aircraft weapon. It's a support weapon.

12:50:31 25 Q. Please continue. You were saying while this was going on?

26 A. Well, while this was going on I, Buzzy, O-Five, Colonel
27 Eddie went towards where they had mounted a 120 millimetre
28 mortar. We were trying to fix the plate very close to the drill
29 shell and the ammunition dump.

1 Q. Who had mounted the 120 millimetre weapon?

2 A. Well, this weapon was being used by the ECOMOG to bombard
3 our base at Mamamah.

4 Q. Please continue, witness.

12:51:30 5 A. So whilst we were trying to fix the plate we heard an
6 explosion, a heavy explosion, in Benguema. So in this explosion
7 all of us stood and saw one Barrie who was also a PS, personal
8 security, Captain Barrie, to SAJ Musa. He was carrying somebody.
9 He said, "Oh, Eagle, problem." He said, "Eagle has encountered a
12:52:04 10 problem." So he put him down.

11 Q. Witness, I will ask you to pause. Your Honours, Barrie is
12 B-A-R-R-I-E. Witness, who is Eagle?

13 A. Well, it was SAJ Musa. That was his call sign that he was
14 using, Eagle.

12:52:30 15 Q. Please continue, witness.

16 A. So within that period they brought the - broke a door and
17 put SAJ on it. O-Five was trying to give milk to SAJ, but SAJ
18 could not take it. So they started saying, "Oh, it looks like
19 Eagle has died." But when they laid SAJ, the helmet that he was
12:53:04 20 wearing was pierced, something that I myself saw. After that
21 Amara Kallay told me that, "Ice T, let's move away from this
22 area, let's go." He said because if the other men found out that
23 SAJ had died this would cause a very serious problem, so let us
24 go. So I too left there. By then Gullit had come there,
12:53:38 25 Five-Five had come. I left Bazzy, Colonel Eddie, O-Five. They
26 were all close to the corpse and I left and I joined Amara Kallay
27 and we moved towards Macdonald.

28 Q. Witness, I am going to ask you to pause. At this stage now
29 did you know what happened to SAJ Musa?

1 A. Well, from what I saw, when they gave SAJ the milk straight
2 off I knew SAJ had died.

3 Q. Did you know what had happened to him prior to him being
4 carried to where you were?

12:54:26 5 A. Well, this bomb exploded in that area. That was what they
6 said. Gullit said the bomb killed SAJ.

7 Q. In which area?

8 A. Well it was in Benguema that this incident happened, but
9 after that - after we had left - I and Amara Kallay and others,
12:54:53 10 Junior Lion, and we went to Macdonald where we settled, the
11 troops were divided. Gullit, Five-Five, O-Five, Hassan Papa
12 Bangura, all of them were together with SAJ's corpse. They were
13 also around the hill in Benguema.

14 Q. Witness, I am going to ask you to pause there to explain to
12:55:25 15 the Court what is it that you saw when you said you saw his
16 helmet pierced - SAJ's helmet. What did you see?

17 A. Well what I saw was a bullet hole that went through that
18 hit SAJ, because you can see where the bullet went through, where
19 it was pierced, and so I believed that SAJ was shot. Later the
12:56:02 20 rumour was doing the round around the brigade that it was Gullit
21 who killed SAJ.

22 Q. You said that you returned and you saw Gullit, Five-Five,
23 O-Five and Hassan Papa Bangura with SAJ Musa's corpse. Can you
24 continue from there, please?

12:56:26 25 A. I said I left them there. When all of them had come
26 I moved with Amara Kallay and we went to Macdonald Hill where
27 Junior Lion, Foday Bah, Basky and some other men and other
28 members whom we were fighting together with based. There was a
29 day that we were not able to see Gullit and their own group, so

1 Later a patrol team located us and brought us to where Gullit was
2 based. So, when we got there to my surprise I saw Gullit fully
3 dressed with - fully dressed in SAJ Musa's helmet and the uniform
4 that SAJ Musa was wearing, and above all Alabama, who was SAJ
12:57:34 5 Musa's CSO, was very close to Gullit.

6 MS ALAGENDRA: Witness, I am going to ask you to pause.
7 Your Honours, I apologise for not directing your attention to
8 this earlier, but at the time the witness was explaining about
9 what he saw with the helmet he had pointed to the right-hand side
12:57:54 10 of his temple and I just wanted the court record to reflect that.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, we will put on record that the
12 witness indicated with his hand the right-hand side of his temple
13 while describing the helmet being pierced by a bullet at the side
14 of the head. The side of the forehead, in fact.

12:58:19 15 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour. Thank you:

16 Q. Witness, what happened after you saw Gullit dressed in SAJ
17 Musa's uniform and helmet?

18 A. Well, Gullit did not say anything. Automatically we all
19 recognised him as the commander, so he was in full control of the
12:58:54 20 troops now.

21 Q. Witness, what if anything happened to SAJ Musa's corpse?

22 A. Well, when we got there Gullit said they have buried SAJ
23 Musa at Koba Water area. He said they have buried him.

24 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Macdonald is spelt
12:59:22 25 M-A-C-D-O-N-A-L-D, Alabama is ALABAMA, Koba Water is K-O-B-A and
26 Water the normal spelling:

27 Q. Witness, do you recall the date that SAJ Musa was buried?

28 A. Well, as I said, we almost entered on 23 December and he
29 died that night in the morning hours of the 24th. As far as

1 I can recall it was at that time, because when we came they had
2 buried him.

3 Q. So which date is it, 23 or 24 December?

13:00:17

4 A. It should be the 24th, because it was on the 23rd that we
5 attacked Benguema. That was when he died. So, on 24th in the
6 morning that was when they said they buried him.

7 Q. Did anything else happen after this?

8 A. Well after this, we got to that point, Gullit said we
9 should go deep into the jungle.

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10 Q. Which point?

11 A. We came towards deep into the Benguema - the hills around
12 Benguema. It was around there that we went.

13 Q. What happened after Gullit said the troop should go deep
14 into the jungle?

13:01:07

15 A. Well, after this Gullit restructured the brigade and made
16 some other appointments.

17 Q. While restructuring the brigade, did Gullit say anything?

18 A. Well the only thing that Gullit said when he saw I and
19 Keforkeh, he said that captain promotion that we were going along
20 with we were not supposed to be going along with a captain
21 promotion. He said we should be acting as lieutenants until we
22 prove ourselves well. He said I and Keforkeh should not carry
23 that promotion. That was what he told us.

13:01:45

24 Q. Did Gullit's position change at this stage?

13:02:09

25 A. Yes, my Lord.

26 Q. What did it change to?

27 A. Well, straightaway Gullit became - he later became - after
28 SAJ's death he became the chief in command and he made other
29 appointments.

1 Q. Do you recall the other appointments he made?

2 A. Yes, I can recall.

3 Q. What were the other appointments?

13:02:53

4 A. He made Bazzy the deputy chief in command and a member of
5 the brigade administration. He made Santigie Borbor Kanu to
6 continue his position as chief of staff and member of the brigade
7 administration. He also appointed Franklyn Conteh, whom we also
8 called Woyoh. He made him the director of operations, D00.

13:03:24

9 Q. Did anything happen to the ranks of the battalion
10 commanders?

11 A. Yes, he also promoted the lieutenant colonels to colonels.

12 Q. Did Alabama have any assignment at this stage?

13 A. Yes, Alabama was still with him as his CSO.

13:04:06

14 Q. Did anything happen to O-Five's position, who you said
15 earlier was operations commander?

16 A. No, my Lord. O-Five remained to be the operation
17 commander. He also appointed Foyoh as the mission commander,
18 Colonel Foyoh. He also appointed Junior George Johnson as the
19 task force commander. Then he appointed Roadblock, Commander
20 Roadblock, as the military police commander.

13:04:39

21 Q. Was there a deputy operations commander?

22 A. Yes, my Lord. He appointed Junior Sherriif as the deputy
23 operations commander.

13:05:08

24 Q. At this stage were there any changes as to the number of
25 battalions?

26 A. Well, the battalion remained the same.

27 Q. Can you remind us again what they were?

28 A. We had the 1st battalion, the 2nd battalion, the 3rd
29 battalion, the 4th battalion and the 5th battalion, RDF and the

1 Red Lion battalion.

2 Q. Were there any changes in the commanders of these
3 battalions?

4 A. Yes, there were slight changes in the commanders. For
13:05:50 5 instance the RDF had a commander, but he was an SLA. We called
6 him NPFL. They appointed him as commander for the RDF because
7 Colonel Terminator had had a problem and also Bulldoze, Foday
8 Marah, we also called him Bulldoze, they made him the second
9 battalion commander. We also had Foday Bah Marah, who was
13:06:31 10 Bulldoze. He became the G4 commander. He was responsible for
11 all arms and ammunition that we had. He kept them. We had
12 civilians who would carry those ammunition as we went along, so
13 we called him G4.

14 Q. Witness, at this point the family members that you have
13:06:57 15 been referring to who were the captured civilians, where were
16 they?

17 A. They were all taken to the jungle. We did not leave them
18 behind.

19 Q. You testified that there were SBUs with the various
13:07:18 20 battalions. At this point where were the SBUs?

21 A. I said the entire brigade, including the SBUs, the family
22 members, all of them went to that Macdonald Hill.

23 Q. The SBUs, were they still divided amongst the various
24 battalions?

13:07:39 25 A. Yes, my Lord. They were with the various battalions and
26 commanders.

27 Q. Do you recall if the Red Lion battalion had SBUs?

28 A. Yes, they too had SBUs that were with them.

29 Q. Did your position change, witness?

1 A. Well, the only position was that I still remained as a
2 front line - as combat commander always engaged at the
3 battlefield, because Gullit too said we should prove ourselves
4 because he too questioned our promotion that was made by SAJ
13:08:28 5 Musa.

6 Q. Witness, you have said "front line" and you have said
7 "combat commander". Can you be a bit clearer as to what your
8 position was at this point?

9 A. Well, as I am saying, when I say "front line" it is the
13:08:49 10 same word, "combat". When you are in the combat zone you are in
11 the front line. It is a killing zone and so you were always
12 engaged - you are always engaged in battles.

13 Q. Apart from being a combat commander, did you have any other
14 assignment at this point?

13:09:12 15 A. Well at this time, as I said, I was still with Basky at the
16 5th battalion. I was with Basky.

17 Q. Did you have any assignment in the 5th battalion?

18 A. Yes, I was the IO of the 5th battalion, intelligence
19 officer.

13:09:36 20 Q. What was your duties as intelligence officer?

21 A. Well at the time that I was with the battalion I was to
22 ensure that I got intelligence about the areas that we were
23 leaving, if there were enemies threats. If we had an information
24 from the headquarters, as the IO I will bring that up and give
13:10:00 25 reports to the battalion commander.

26 Q. At this point how many fighters were in your group, do you
27 recall?

28 A. Which of the groups?

29 Q. The group you were with, the entire troop, how many

1 fighters were there?

2 A. Well, the group we came with up to Freetown was large, the
3 troop was large. We were nearly 1,000, those of us who came.

13:10:42

4 Q. Witness, after these deployments were made did anything
5 happen?

6 A. Well, yes, Gullit said that he had had a dream and he
7 wanted that dream to come true, that he had dreamt SAJ Musa -
8 sorry, he said a woman had dreamt that SAJ Musa was crying, that
9 the operation should continue. That is we should complete the
10 mission to capture Freetown. He said so he was talking to the
11 men to be prepared so that we can go and attack Freetown.

13:11:12

12 Q. Witness, can you be a bit clearer as to who had this dream,
13 SAJ Musa or a woman?

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think SAJ had passed on. It was Gullit
15 or --

13:11:36

16 MS ALAGENDRA: I beg your pardon:

17 Q. Gullit or the woman?

18 A. It was the woman who met Gullit and told him that she had
19 had a dream and in this dream SAJ Musa was crying that the
20 mission should continue and that we should enter Freetown. So
21 Gullit informed the troops. But after that Gullit said we should
22 go and attack a place in the peninsula. I have just lost the
23 name of the place. So he organised this team headed by Junior
24 Sherri f. York. York. Okay, York. We went to attack York. So
25 Junior Sherri f headed this group and we went and attacked York,
26 but we lost our artillery commander and that caused us to
27 withdraw to the jungle where we had based.

13:11:50

28 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, York is Y-0-R-K:

29 Q. Witness, where is York?

13:12:27

1 A. York is around the peninsula in Freetown.

2 Q. Witness, did I spell York correctly?

3 A. Yes, my Lord, Y-O-R-K.

4 Q. Thank you. Did anything happen after this operation in
13:13:16 5 York?

6 A. Well, we lost one of our commanders there called Lagah. He
7 was the artillery commander, so that caused us to retreat to the
8 jungle.

9 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Lagah is L-A-G-A-H:

13:13:40 10 Q. Did anything happen after you retreated to the jungle?

11 A. Yes, when we came back Gullit mounted the set and called
12 Mosquito and informed him that the troops - the troop was ready
13 to advance on Freetown, but that we needed reinforcement to
14 reinforce him to capture Freetown.

13:14:13 15 Q. How do you know about this communication?

16 A. Well, this happened because at that time it was within the
17 brigade. We had not gone yet. We were within the jungle.
18 Gullit was trying to organise. So it happened in my presence,
19 when Gullit made this. And I was not the only person there.

13:14:35 20 Most of the senior commanders were also there when he called
21 Mosquito and told him that the troop was prepared but that he
22 needed reinforcement to attack Freetown.

23 Q. Witness, when you say mounted the set, what set are you
24 talking about?

13:14:56 25 A. I am talking about the radio communication set that was
26 with us.

27 Q. Do you recall if Mosquito responded?

28 A. Yes, my Lord, I can remember.

29 Q. What was Mosquito's response?

1 A. Well, Mosquito said the reinforcement was on its way, but
2 there are targeted areas that they needed to clear up, but the
3 reinforcement was coming, we will get reinforcement from Kono and
4 Makeni. He said Super, Issa Sesay would come and reinforce us so
13:15:40 5 that we can bulldoze Freetown.

6 Q. Did he say which areas needed to be cleared up?

7 A. Yes, my Lord. He said the troops were preparing. He said
8 they were weakening the ECOMOG so that they will not reinforce
9 Freetown. He said they were weakening the ECOMOG in Kono and
13:16:06 10 that they were weakening them also in that Daru axis, between
11 Daru and Segbwema axis. He said so when they would have done
12 that they will reinforce us so that we can make an advance on
13 Freetown.

14 Q. When he said they were weakening the ECOMOG so they will
13:16:26 15 not reinforce Freetown, firstly tell the Court who was weakening
16 the ECOMOG?

17 A. Well, as I earlier said, it was an operation that was
18 planned. The RUF, SLAs who were in the eastern part around that
19 Kono area moved, those of us who were in the north moved and
13:16:51 20 those of us in that Kailahun-Daru axis also moved. So whilst we
21 were attacking they were simultaneously attacking. So it was a
22 strategy that we used so that the ECOMOG would not reinforce each
23 other in any other position. So those who were in Kono would not
24 reinforce those in Makeni. Those who were in Daru would not
13:17:10 25 reinforce those who were in Kenema. Those who were within
26 Benguema would not be able to reinforce because we had
27 destabilised them in Freetown.

28 So this was the strategy that we used and this was what
29 Mosquito was telling Gullit. He said now that the men were

1 pushing to ensure that they weakened ECOMOG they would come and
2 reinforce us later and we will all bulldoze our way to Freetown.

13:17:56 3 Q. When you say, "He said when they have done that we will
4 reinforce us so that we can make an advance on Freetown", can you
5 explain that bit?

6 A. Well, what he was saying is that he will reinforce the
7 troops that were being led by Gullit to advance on Freetown.
8 Troops will come from - he said from Kono axis and Makeni to
9 reinforce us so that we can make a bigger advance to bulldoze the
13:18:18 10 ECOMOG in Freetown.

11 Q. Witness, earlier you referred to a person by the name of
12 Super. Who is Super?

13 A. Well, Superman. We used to call him Denis Mingo. His name
14 is Denis Mingo and he was an RUF commander. He is also a
13:18:41 15 Liberian but he is an RUF commander.

16 Q. Did Mosquito say which troops were heading towards Kono?

17 A. Well, yes. He said Issa has moved. Issa, Morris Kallon
18 and Rambo RUF and Akim have moved from Gandorhun Jagbwema Fiama
19 Highway to capture Kono. He said the other troops have left
13:19:14 20 Kailahun to move to that Daru axis so that they can capture Daru
21 and Segbwema, because since Daru had a brigade he said they
22 should destabilise there and Segbwema so as to weaken the ECOMOG
23 strategic bases and we will bulldoze Freetown and they will be
24 unable to reinforce Freetown.

13:19:38 25 Q. Who would bulldoze Freetown?

26 A. Well, the troop that was led by Gullit and the
27 reinforcement that was to come would push ahead and bulldoze
28 Freetown.

29 Q. So that who will be unable to reinforce Freetown? You said

1 "they"?

2 A. I have not got you clearly.

3 Q. Sorry, your answer was: "We will bulldoze Freetown", you
4 have explained that is Gullit's group, "and they will be unable
13:20:11 5 to reinforce Freetown." Who would not be able to reinforce
6 Freetown?

7 A. That is the ECOMOG that were based in the provinces will be
8 unable to reinforce and destabilise us in Freetown.

9 Q. Witness, the Akim you are referring to, who is this?

13:20:41 10 A. Akim Turay was an SLA who withdrew to Gandorhun along with
11 Johnny Paul Koroma.

12 Q. Witness, did anything happen after this communication?

13 A. Well, after this communication we did some sacrifice. We
14 performed some sacrifice and Gullit sprinkled the water on every
13:21:21 15 fighter and we moved towards Hastings, the hills around Hastings,
16 we moved towards that area and we were still waiting for the
17 reinforcement.

18 Q. What was the purpose of Gullit sprinkling this water?

19 A. Well, he was a man with so many beliefs. He said that was
13:21:52 20 a sacrifice for us to be able to enter Freetown. They did it and
21 sprinkled the water. It was put in a calabash, or a bowl, sorry,
22 and they sprinkled that on each and every one of us.

23 Q. Did anything happen after this?

24 A. Well, the troops, the whole brigade moved. We were still
13:22:17 25 in the hills. We moved towards Hastings hills.

26 Q. Where is Hastings, witness?

27 A. Hastings is around Freetown Highway, Freetown-Waterloo
28 Highway.

29 Q. Witness, did anything happen after this?

1 A. Well, actually we based and waited at the Hastings hills.
2 We were hungry so Gullit said the troops should go and get food
3 in Waterloo. So we moved to Waterloo to get some food and we
4 returned to the camp. Later when Gullit mounted the set again he
13:23:25 5 called Issa --

6 Q. Witness, I want you to pause. Where did you get food from
7 in Waterloo?

8 A. Well, that was a food finding that we went on in Waterloo
9 because after we have gone through there and SAJ had died we were
13:23:45 10 in the hills seeing people down. So Gullit said we should go
11 down there to get food because we were hungry. So we moved back
12 to Waterloo and looted enough food and returned to the hills.

13 Q. Whose food did you loot?

14 A. Well, the civilians whom we met in Waterloo, we took -
13:24:12 15 forcefully took their foods from them and returned.

16 Q. You told us Gullit then mounted a set and called Issa?

17 A. Yes, my Lord.

18 Q. Can you repeat again who did he call, I think I interrupted
19 you?

13:24:31 20 A. Gullit called Issa and told him that we were waiting for
21 the reinforcement.

22 Q. Which Issa did he call?

23 A. Issa Sesay of the RUF, because they called him Solar
24 System. That was his call sign that he was using because he,
13:24:55 25 Gullit, was - he had his own call sign. Bazy had Dark Angel.
26 Every one of them had their call signs. Various commanders had
27 their call signs. Gullit was Black Jah. Bazy was Dark Angel.
28 Five-Five was Cave. Mosquito was Log and most times we called
29 him Skinny.

1 Q. How do you know about this communication?

2 A. Well, this, as we returned, Gullit said he will call those
3 men because he has waited. So that happened in my presence also,
4 because it was within the jungle that Gullit mounted the set.

13:25:49 5 But he had the monitoring set and the one that he used to talk.
6 He mounted the set and called Issa. So Issa told him that he has
7 moved and they were towards Makeni, they captured Kono and they
8 were heading for Makeni. He said they were still on course to
9 weaken the ECOMOG forces so that they can reinforce us, Gullit,
10 so that all of us can enter Freetown.

11 Q. Did Gullit respond?

12 A. Yes, my Lord. Gullit said, well, he was still standing by
13 waiting for the reinforcement. He said he will still wait for
14 the reinforcement. And that day also over the international
13:26:39 15 media we heard that the RUF/AFRC have captured Kono and were
16 moving towards Makeni.

17 Q. At this time did you know where Superman was?

18 A. Yes, Superman also called because - I mean, sorry, Gullit
19 also called Superman. Superman also confirmed that they were
13:27:06 20 within Bumbuna together with Brigadier Mani and they were
21 advancing towards Binkolo to capture Makeni, because it was a
22 two-pronged attack, according to the monitoring that we were
23 doing.

24 Q. What do you mean by a two-pronged attack?

13:27:28 25 A. Well, Issa, Morris Kallon and others were coming from the
26 Kono axis to enter Makeni. They were to use Matotoka, Magburaka
27 to enter Makeni whilst Super was coming from Binkolo - sorry
28 Bumbuna, Binkolo and was to use the highway to Makeni.

29 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, perhaps this may be a

1 convenient time to take a break.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well, Ms Alagendra, if that is an
3 appropriate time in the evidence. Mr Witness, we are now going
4 to take the lunchtime adjournment. We will resume court again at

13:28:09 5 2.30. Please adjourn court.

6 [Lunch break taken at 1.30 p.m.]

7 [Upon resuming at 2.30 p.m.]

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Ms Alagendra.

9 MS ALAGENDRA: Thank you, your Honour:

14:30:18 10 Q. Witness, just to take you back a little bit, you've
11 testified that Gullit's group, or in relation to Gullit's group
12 and the communication with Mosquito, you said, "We will bulldoze
13 Freetown". What did you mean by bulldoze?

14 A. That is we will clear any military target that would be in
14:30:54 15 front of us whilst we'll be advancing.

16 Q. Witness, you were explaining what was a two-pronged attack
17 and you said, "We were monitoring". Could you be a bit precise
18 as to who was monitoring?

19 A. The brigade Gullit was moving with had a monitoring set
14:31:42 20 which was monitoring all the areas that was under the AFRC/RUF
21 control as to how the advance was proceeding.

22 Q. Witness, from Waterloo did the troops you were with move
23 anywhere?

24 A. As I said, after Waterloo we went back to Benguema.

14:32:16 25 Q. Did anything happen in Benguema?

26 A. I don't know the time frame. I had explained the attack on
27 Benguema. I don't know what you're referring to. I don't know
28 the time frame.

29 Q. No, witness, I will repeat the question. My question was

1 did anything happen in Benguema? I hadn't asked you for a time
2 frame yet.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: This is after the return?

4 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour.

14:32:52 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, are you - do you understand
6 the question? The witness looks puzzled. Perhaps you could put
7 the question again, or rephrase it slightly.

8 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour:

9 Q. Witness, you testified that after Waterloo your group
14:33:10 10 returned to Benguema. Is that correct?

11 A. I want to know if you are referring to the two instances.
12 The advance when we were in the hills when we were hungry and
13 went back to Waterloo, I don't know if that is the attack you're
14 referring to?

14:33:42 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: I'm just trying to understand the
16 sequence here. They came down through Newton into Benguema
17 towards Hastings. Is the evidence that they then went back to
18 Benguema? That they went backwards?

19 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, if I may a minute to check the
14:34:02 20 transcript?

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, I see the line you're referring to
22 actually, but - just a moment, please. Mr Anyah is on his - was
23 on his feet.

24 MR ANYAH: I understood the evidence to be that they were
14:34:14 25 at Waterloo and then some members of the group, the witness as
26 well as Foday Bah, went on a tangent to Benguema for a specific
27 purpose and retreated back to Waterloo. And then the second
28 mention comes when they are at Hastings, and that is in relation
29 to leaving Waterloo, going in search of food and coming back to

1 Waterloo. So I think the witness is perplexed perhaps, because
2 he has already addressed the first events in Benguema and I will
3 leave it at that. It's up to the Prosecution to put their case.

14:34:55 4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Of course, Mr Anyah, but that may well
5 help us clarify the situation.

6 Ms Alagendra, the witness of course is yours and if he's
7 puzzled you can rephrase it.

8 MS ALAGENDRA: I will try my best, your Honour.

9 Q. Witness, you spoke - you testified about a food finding
14:35:14 10 mission?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. When you were based at Hastings, the hills at Hastings, you
13 said?

14 A. Yes, my Lord.

14:35:24 15 Q. And you did say that took place in Waterloo, am I correct?

16 A. Yes, my Lord.

17 Q. And then you spoke about communications which took place
18 when you were at the hills at Hastings?

19 A. Yes, my Lord.

14:35:42 20 Q. So, I was referring to the food finding patrol that you
21 went on to Waterloo.

22 A. Okay, thank you.

23 Q. And my question to you is after the food finding patrol in
24 Waterloo where did you go to?

14:36:03 25 A. We returned to the Hastings hills where the brigade was
26 based.

27 Q. Did anything happen at that point?

28 A. After that we were at the Hastings hills. After we had had
29 some food we saw helicopters - combat helicopters - bringing

1 manpower to Hastings, so Gullit said we were to organise another
2 advance so we should go and disorganise the evacuation that was
3 going on in Hastings. So we prepared ourselves, Basky, Junior
4 Lion and others. The troop was led by Basky and I too joined the
14:37:05 5 troop, moved to Hastings and attacked Hastings.

6 Q. Witness, these helicopters - combat helicopters - do you
7 know who they belonged to?

8 A. Yes, my Lord.

9 Q. Who?

14:37:26 10 A. It was the Nigerian ECOMOG who were based in Hastings.

11 Q. And you were saying they were bringing manpower to
12 Hastings. What is this manpower you're talking about?

13 A. As we were overlooking from up the hills, we saw
14 reinforcement from - there were --

14:38:00 15 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness repeat from
16 where he said "reinforcement"?

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, pause. The interpreter has
18 not caught up with you. Repeat, please, from the point you say,
19 "Up in the hills we saw the reinforcement". Continue from that
14:38:16 20 point.

21 THE WITNESS: We saw the reinforcements that the
22 helicopters were bringing to Hastings at the airfield and at the
23 Hastings police training school, PTS, they were alighting and
24 they were deploying, taking positions in that area.

14:38:42 25 MS ALAGENDRA:

26 Q. And you were also talking about an evacuation. Who was
27 being evacuated?

28 A. When we were in the hills we saw the helicopter coming from
29 the Lungi end, bringing Nigerian ECOMOG forces to be reinforced

1 at Hastings.

2 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: It's still not clear what evacuation he's
3 talking about. Perhaps he's not using the word in the normal
4 sense?

14:39:24 5 MS ALAGENDRA: I will try to clarify that, your Honour:

6 Q. Witness, you did use the word "evacuation" and you said,
7 "Gullit said we were to organise another advance so we should go
8 and disorganise the evacuation that was going on in Hastings".
9 Can you explain what evacuation was going on in Hastings?

14:39:46 10 A. Let me put it in a simple way. The helicopter was bringing
11 Nigerian soldiers to reinforce the others in Hastings at the
12 airfield and the police training school, PTS. We overlooked them
13 whilst we were in the hills. We saw everything.

14 Q. Was it only reinforcements that were coming into Hastings?

14:40:16 15 A. They had a military position there, so they were just
16 bringing some more to build up on the number to reinforce the
17 Nigerian forces that were there.

18 Q. Were there people being removed from Hastings?

19 A. No, my Lord, we did not see any civilian movements.

14:40:46 20 Q. What happened after you saw this?

21 A. Gullit said, well, we should organise a team that would go
22 down to Hastings to disorganise that troop that had come there.

23 Q. Did anything happen after Gullit said that?

24 A. Yes, my Lord. He appointed Basky and some other men from
14:41:28 25 both battalions and I too joined the troops. We moved and
26 attacked Hastings.

27 Q. Witness, when you say both battalions, which two battalions
28 are you referring to?

29 A. I said the battalions I'm referring to, all of the

1 battalions. All of them contributed manpower to go and attack
2 Hastings.

3 Q. Witness, just give us a figure as to how many battalions
4 contributed manpower to attack Hastings?

14:42:11 5 A. The various battalions, 1st Battalion, 2nd Battalion, 3rd
6 Battalion, 4th Battalion, 5th Battalion, the RDF and the Red Lion
7 Battalion, all of them contributed troops.

8 Q. What happened during the attack on Hastings?

9 A. During that attack we were able to disorganise the ECOMOG
14:42:43 10 troops who were there, some of them were captured and we executed
11 them and we burnt the Hastings airfield. We met some old
12 aircrafts already at the field. We set them on fire, after which
13 we withdrew to the Hastings jungle.

14 Q. Who was executed?

14:43:17 15 A. Some of the Nigerian ECOMOG soldiers whom we captured from
16 that place.

17 Q. Do you recall how many Nigerian soldiers were executed?

18 A. About three of them that we captured.

19 Q. How were they executed?

14:43:42 20 A. We shot them. When we captured them we shot them to death.

21 Q. Did anything else happen during the attack on Hastings?

22 A. As I said, we set Hastings - we set fire on Hastings and we
23 burnt some of the old aircrafts that were on the field and we
24 returned to the temporary base that we had established at
14:44:20 25 Hastings, in the hills.

26 Q. Did anything happen after you returned to the temporary
27 base?

28 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagendra, I'm not sure if Hastings is
29 a village, a town, what is it?

1 MS ALAGENDRA:

2 Q. Witness, where is Hastings?

3 A. Hastings is just after Jui. It's between Freetown and
4 Waterloo on the highway. They used to call the place Hastings
14:44:59 5 Town. It has an airfield, it has the PTS, police training
6 school, in that area.

7 Q. Did anything happen after you returned to the temporary
8 base?

9 A. Yes, we went back and reported to Gullit. Basky reported
14:45:27 10 exactly what had happened. He gave a situation report about our
11 performance in the area and after which we were there for some
12 time and we were attacked in the hills where we lost some of our
13 men. We lost our support firer Johnny and we also lost one of
14 the commanders. I have forgotten his name now. He was a
14:46:07 15 colonel. He too was killed.

16 Q. Did anything else happen in Hastings?

17 A. The only thing was that we repelled the attack and Gullit
18 said we should get prepared that night and advance towards - we
19 were to make a brigade advance to Hastings again, Jui and Allen
14:46:37 20 Town, then we should enter.

21 Q. What do you mean by a brigade advance?

22 A. This time you are not just to choose a - say this
23 particular battalion should go, or you select people from
24 different battalions, no, the whole brigade should move and go
14:47:04 25 and capture Hastings, Jui and Allen Town.

26 Q. Did anything happen after Gullit said that?

27 A. Yes, my Lord. The night we prepared and we made an advance
28 towards Hastings again. We recaptured Hastings and we had a very
29 fierce fight between the ECOMOG force and our own troops. We

1 fought, we lost some of our men and finally we were able to push
2 them. Because we used our heavy support weapons, we pushed
3 ECOMOG from Jui and captured Jui. Whilst the troop that Gullit
4 was leading captured Jui, Junior Lion and some other men used the
14:48:08 5 route towards Grafton whilst I, Tito and others moved towards the
6 bridge at Jui and captured the Jui bridge.

7 Q. Witness, where exactly is Jui?

8 A. Jui is within - is between the Freetown-Waterloo Highway.
9 It's just after Allen Town. From Jui you go to Grafton.

14:48:55 10 Q. Witness, at this time what was your position?

11 A. I was a combatant officer. I was at the front line,
12 engaged at the front line in the battles.

13 Q. The troops that you were with moving towards Jui bridge,
14 who was leading that group?

14:49:26 15 A. Tito was the commander who moved with me and others to the
16 Jui bridge and we crossed the bridge and they said we should wait
17 and Tito left me and some other men defending the bridge. He
18 went back and took the entire brigade, the family members, as I
19 said, the civilians that we had captured, those were the ones we
14:49:58 20 referred to as family members, and the entire brigade. They met
21 us and we crossed and we went to a place in Allen Town that was a
22 very small jungle. We were based there for some time.

23 Q. Witness, at this point where was the Red Lion battalion?

24 A. Well, Red Lion battalion too moved at the brigade - I am
14:50:32 25 sorry, where - that place in Allen Town, all of us were there.
26 It was only Junior Lion and some other men who used the Grafton
27 Highway. He was going - he was continuing, pursuing the other
28 ECOMOG guys who were going around that end, the Grafton end.

29 Q. Witness, you've spoken about a group led by Tito, a group

1 led by Junior Lion and a group led by Gullit.

2 A. Yes, my Lord.

3 Q. In relation to these groups where was the Red Lion
4 battalion?

14:51:17 5 A. Well, Red Lion battalion was with the brigade. That was
6 where Tito - the troop that Tito led. We went to capture the
7 bridge and when we captured the bridge we went back and all of
8 them came down together with the entire brigade and we went and
9 established a temporary base at Allen Town.

14:51:46 10 MR ANYAH: Sorry to interrupt again. I would be grateful
11 for some time frame indications if we are now in January 1999, or
12 still in December 1998.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagendra, you've heard counsel.

14 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honours, I will do that:

14:52:05 15 Q. Witness, before you proceed further can you tell the Court
16 where we are in terms of time?

17 A. This was 4 January 1999.

18 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: We didn't get any time frames for the
19 Hastings attack. Also, Ms Alagendra, I would seek some
14:52:28 20 clarification. The witness talked of burnings in Hastings. He
21 says they burnt Hastings. I'm not sure what exactly it is that
22 they burnt apart from a few aircrafts, old aircrafts.

23 MS ALAGENDRA: I will go back to that, your Honour:

14:52:50 24 Q. Witness, I am going to take you back a little bit. The
25 attack in Hastings that you described, when did that happen? Do
26 you remember the date?

27 A. That was around 3 January 1999.

28 Q. You spoke about burnings taking place in Hastings. What
29 was burnt in Hastings?

1 A. Hastings, it was the airfield, the structures that were at
2 the airfield and the old aircrafts. Those were the things we
3 burnt.

4 Q. Was anything else burnt in Hastings?

14:53:35 5 A. No, my Lord. We just attacked the military base that was
6 there and we withdrew.

7 Q. Witness, you just told the Court that the Red Lion
8 battalion was with the group that was being led by Tito. Am I
9 right?

14:53:58 10 A. I said the group which I moved with, Tito was the
11 commander, the group that captured the bridge. That was the area
12 that Red Lion and the brigade used, because after we had captured
13 the bridge the Red Lion battalion, the entire brigade, moved and
14 we crossed the bridge. We went and based at Jui - I'm sorry,
14:54:30 15 Allen Town.

16 Q. Is it your testimony that the Red Lion was with the
17 brigade?

18 A. Yes, was with the brigade while we were advancing, because
19 this advance, we were mixed. This time it was not by battalion,
14:54:55 20 we were together, because the first attempt when we tried we lost
21 some of our men. So Junior Lion withdrew and he was even beating
22 some men to bring them to the fore. So it was a mixed troop.
23 But Tito, I and others moved, we crossed and captured the bridge.
24 We crossed and we waited there and Tito returned to take the
14:55:24 25 brigade where the Red Lion battalion too was part of.

26 Q. Witness, when you talk about the brigade at this point what
27 are you referring to?

28 A. Well the brigade comprised Gullit who was the CIC, there
29 was Bazy who was the deputy CIC, there was Five-Five who was the

1 chief of army staff and you had the adjutants and other
2 commanders and the family members. The civilians whom we
3 captured, we called them family members.

14:56:22 4 Q. You've testified that after your group captured Jui bridge
5 you moved to Allen Town, am I right?

6 A. Yes, my Lord.

7 Q. When your group arrived at Allen Town, did you meet anybody
8 there?

14:56:46 9 A. As we got to Allen Town, the civilians had already left the
10 place.

11 Q. Did you meet the other groups?

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's a bit vague, Ms Alagendra. What
13 other groups?

14 MS ALAGENDRA: I'll be clearer, your Honour:

14:57:03 15 Q. Witness, when you arrived at Allen Town do you know where
16 the brigade was?

17 A. As I said, when we got to Allen Town Gullit and the others
18 came. We went and established a temporary base at a place that
19 is actually primary jungle. It was not a thick forest. But at
14:57:32 20 that time Junior Lion and the other guys who moved towards the
21 Grafton end had not come yet, so we were at that primary jungle
22 temporarily.

23 Q. For how long did you remain there?

24 A. We were there until towards the evening when we came to the
14:57:59 25 town itself - the Allen Town itself - and we occupied the houses,
26 because we met the civilians that had already left their houses.

27 Q. For how long did you remain in Allen Town?

28 A. We were in Allen Town until 5 January, waiting for Junior
29 Lion, and on the 5th Junior Lion came. He came from the Grafton

1 end to Allen Town, but while he was advancing towards Allen Town
2 to meet us we had a jet raid. A jet attacked our positions and
3 we lost one of our colonels, Colonel Chucks. He died. We
4 continued waiting almost towards 1 a.m.

14:59:10 5 Q. What jets are you talking about?

6 A. This was the ECOMOG Alpha Jet, which we referred to as the
7 448.

8 Q. Would you please state again the name of the colonel who
9 died?

14:59:33 10 A. Colonel Chucks.

11 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, if I can ask the witness to
12 assist us with the spelling:

13 Q. Witness, can you spell Chucks?

14 A. C-H-U-C-K-S.

15:00:02 15 Q. You said you continued waiting until almost 1 a.m.?

16 A. Yes, my Lord.

17 Q. Did anything happen after 1 a.m.?

18 A. Yes, Gullit called all the battalion commanders and the
19 military supervisors and he addressed the troops.

15:00:30 20 Q. How did you know this?

21 A. This happened in my presence in Allen Town.

22 Q. What did Gullit say?

23 A. Gullit said that the troop was then about to enter Freetown
24 and that he was ordering that as we would be entering Freetown we

15:00:59 25 would make sure - we should ensure that we burnt down all police

26 stations and, secondly, we should open the central prisons

27 because there were soldiers in the prisons. We had had

28 information as well that Foday Sankoh was in prison there, who

29 was the RUF leader, and other political detainees too were there

1 in the prisons, so we should ensure that those people were freed
2 from the prisons. We should also make sure that collaborators,
3 those who opposed the junta forces which comprised the RUF and
4 the SLAs, that we should kill them. And he also said - he said
15:02:09 5 something, he said, "From your pockets to my pocket", that is
6 whatever that was of value if you're a civilian and I am a
7 fighter and if I see you and I asked you to give me what you had,
8 if you refuse to hand it over to me I shall kill you.

9 Q. Did Gullit say anything else?

15:02:41 10 A. He said we should ensure that as we would be entering we
11 should defend Freetown so we'd be able to get a good number of
12 civilians so if there was anything, if we had resistance, we
13 should capture those civilians and we will use them to gain
14 recognition.

15:03:03 15 Q. Did he say anything else, witness?

16 A. As far as I can recall, these are some of the things that
17 he spoke about and he said we should be prepared to attack
18 Freetown.

19 Q. Witness, do you know who you were going to attack in
15:03:24 20 Freetown?

21 A. The ECOMOG troop was based in Freetown, so we were going
22 there to attack them and the government which was in Freetown at
23 that time.

24 Q. Apart from the ECOMOG that was in Freetown, do you know if
15:03:50 25 there were any other forces in Freetown?

26 A. Yes, we were aware about the Kamajors' presence there and
27 some of the other SLA members who were fighting alongside the
28 ECOMOG forces. They were loyal to the government.

29 Q. Can you remind us what do you mean by SLA?

1 A. This was the Sierra Leone Army, but when we left, when we
2 came from the jungles, some of them went and surrendered to the
3 government whilst we took to the jungle.

4 Q. Witness, at this time what was the size of Gullit's troops?

15:04:54 5 A. As I said we were more than 1,000, those of us who entered
6 Freetown.

7 Q. Can you tell the Court what kind of weaponry your group had
8 at this point?

9 A. My Lord, we were well armed. We had SPG, which was support
15:05:23 10 propelled grenade. We had commando mortars, which we called also
11 60 millimetre mortars. We had 81 millimetre mortars too. We had
12 rocket propelled grenades. Almost all the battalions had them.
13 We also had LAR, which is light automatic rifle. We had SMG,
14 which was sub-machine gun. We used that too. We had AK-47 and
15:06:16 15 we also had machetes. Some men had machetes when we entered
16 Freetown. The unarmed civilians had machetes.

17 Q. Did you have any kind of vehicle in your group?

18 A. At the time we were in Allen Town we hadn't a vehicle at
19 that time. We did our attacks on foot. We hadn't a vehicle at
15:06:52 20 that time.

21 Q. Witness, what happened when the troops left Allen Town?

22 A. Immediately after that the brigade waited just for a while.
23 Gullit and the others waited for a while whilst we were being
24 organised - the fighters were being organised. We were mixed.
15:07:29 25 The Red Lion - it was like a brigade advance. Four battalions
26 moved. We came down Allen Town, the ECOMOG forces attacked us
27 and we repelled the attack. We pushed them. We came right down
28 to Calaba Town, firing heavily. We came and captured Brewery.
29 As we captured Brewery, we based there. From there as I said the

1 brigade and the family members came and Gullit ordered Pikin, who
2 too was a commander, he came with others, to use the new road
3 towards tobacco company, Freetown, that is by Wellington. Then
4 Gullit, Hassan Papa Bangura, Bazy, Five-Five, O-Five, myself and
15:08:52 5 some other members of the brigade, we used the old road. So, it
6 was a two-prong attack to enter Freetown.

7 MS ALAGENDRA: Witness, I'm going to stop you there. Your
8 Honours, it's Calaba Town, not Kabala Town, C-A-L-A-B-A:

9 Q. Witness, when you talk about Brewery, where is this?

15:09:21 10 A. Brewery is located just after Calaba Town. It is in
11 Wellington. Wellington Old Road, that is where Brewery is based.

12 Q. When you say "new road", is there any other name for this
13 road? You say "Pikin took the new road"?

14 A. Well, the new road was also called - I will think about it
15:10:02 15 later, but it's along the Freetown-Waterloo Highway, but there is
16 a name for it. There is Foamex, because when you come down from
17 that end you will meet Foamex - no, not Foamex, tobacco company.
18 New Freetown-Waterloo road, sorry.

19 MS ALAGENDRA: For the record, Foamex is F-O-R-M-E-X [sic]
15:10:40 20 - it's F-O-M-E-X [sic], your Honour, I apologise:

21 Q. Witness, between these two groups which were entering
22 Freetown, where was the Red Lion battalion?

23 A. At that time the Red Lion battalion too was with the
24 brigade.

15:11:07 25 Q. And where exactly was the brigade during this entry into
26 Freetown?

27 A. Old Road. Wellington Old Road.

28 Q. To be clear, is that the road you said you were on?

29 A. Yes, my Lord.

1 Q. Was there any person leading the group coming in through
2 the Old Road?

3 A. Well, this Old Road we had Hassim, there was NPFL, whom I
4 said led the RDF battalion, I too was there, Koforkeh and other
15:11:55 5 soldiers were moving that area, including the brigade, because
6 the brigade was at our back. We would do the attack, advance and
7 the brigade would move. We would attack, advance and brigade
8 would move.

9 Q. How far behind was the brigade from your group?

10 A. It was not too far because wherever we captured the brigade
11 would move there. That was how the operation went on.

12 Q. Did the two groups enter Freetown?

13 A. Yes, we had a way we could locate one another. Those who
14 were at the Old Road and the others who were at New Road, we had
15:12:48 15 a tracer that we used to trace each other. So if you fired a
16 tracer it had some ray that you will see, so we used to see each
17 other using the tracer. We would fire the tracer and they would
18 know where we are and we too would know where they were.

19 Q. Witness, just to be clear, can you explain what is a
15:13:12 20 tracer?

21 A. Tracer is also an ammunition. We normally use it in battle
22 to locate positions. If you shoot it it will show a red light.
23 That is what we use to indicate each other's positions.

24 Q. Witness, can you continue to explain how your group moved
15:13:47 25 into Freetown?

26 A. As I said, Hassim, I and others moved along the Old Road.
27 We came as far as Kissy Mess Mess, that is the Old Road, and
28 captured the police station because the station was there and the
29 barracks was the same place, same area. We burnt down the

1 barracks and advanced towards Shell Old Road. While we were
2 capturing Old Road Mess Mess those on the New Road too captured
3 the New Road. So we were advancing concurrently as far as Shell
4 Old Road.

15:14:49 5 Q. Witness, what is Kissy Mess Mess?

6 A. Kissy Mess Mess was an area. There is an area that has
7 that name in the eastern part of Freetown. The Old Road is where
8 the police station and the barracks are, the New Road is where
9 you had the refinery area is, but that is how the place is

15:15:22 10 called. Brima Lane, there is Mess Mess, that is the Old Road,
11 then there is Mess Mess New Road.

12 Q. Where did your group go to after the burning of Kissy
13 police station?

14 A. We advanced towards Low-Cost. We captured Low-Cost because
15:15:49 15 we were doing rapid advancement. We went and we captured Shell
16 Old Road.

17 Q. Please proceed, witness.

18 A. We moved as far as Saroulla Old Road.

19 Q. What is in Saroulla?

15:16:12 20 A. There is a cinema, but the whole section is called
21 Saroulla. The whole section is called Saroulla. There is a
22 cinema there.

23 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, the place referred to by the
24 witness is Low-Cost, L-O-W hyphen C-O-S-T. Saroulla is spelt
15:16:33 25 S-A-R-O-U-L-L-A:

26 Q. Please proceed, witness. Where did your group move to
27 after Saroulla?

28 A. From Saroulla the troop moved, that was myself on the Old
29 Road, the brigade was behind us, we came and captured Fisher

1 Lane, Old Road. When we got there we met over 50 vehicles which
2 had been abandoned, because when we attacked the people abandoned
3 the areas. So we waited there and Gullit came and said we should
4 set them on fire so that we could create an obstacle in the
15:17:31 5 place, so if ECOMOG came they would not be able to use the APC,
6 armoured personnel carrier.

7 Q. What kind of vehicles were these?

8 A. The vehicles were many. There were cars, jeeps, a lot of
9 them, because we met - everybody had abandoned the vehicles
15:17:56 10 because we were firing while coming.

11 Q. Please continue, witness. What happened after these
12 vehicles were set on fire?

13 A. We advanced towards PWD Junction. We captured PWD Junction
14 and the men at New Road captured Ferry Junction. From there we
15:18:31 15 advanced towards Benz garage which is very close to the Kissy
16 Road cemetery --

17 MS ALAGENDRA: That is spelt B-E-N-Z, Benz garage:

18 Q. Please continue, witness.

19 A. -- where we had a heavy attack. The ECOMOG troops resisted
15:19:10 20 us there, so I and the others and the brigade, we stopped, we
21 continued to engage the ECOMOG forces. Then the men from the New
22 Road came and they mounted an AA on top of a vehicle, so it came
23 and moved the ECOMOG from the junction where they were based,
24 Upgun Junction where they were based. So we who were at Old
15:19:40 25 Road, we were pressing from our own end and those on the New Road
26 were pressing from their own end, so they retreated from Upgun
27 and we captured Upgun. Then the troop which was moving from the
28 New Road end moved towards Ross Road, went right down, whilst we
29 took the Kissy Road and the brigade too was moving from behind

1 us.

2 Q. Witness, you may have said this earlier, but can you just
3 repeat, what is an AA?

15:20:18

4 A. The anti-aircraft weapon which we were using. It was a
5 support weapon.

6 Q. Please continue, witness. You said the other group was
7 moving towards Ross Road and you were taking the Kissy Road and
8 the brigade was behind at this stage.

15:20:43

9 A. Yes, as we captured Ugun moving towards Kissy the brigade
10 too would advance and we moved towards Dan Street. We captured
11 Dan Street and Savage Square. We were at the upper Savage Square
12 area around Starco Cinema while the other men who were using the
13 New Road captured Lower Savage Square, which was very close to
14 Cottage Hospital, and we pushed forward and captured Mountain Cut

15:21:43

15 Junction while the other troop that was moving on the other end
16 also captured Magazine Cut. From that point we were shouting,
17 "Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar."

18 Q. I apologise. Please continue, witness.

15:22:22

19 A. That was the chanting that we used to chant, that we had
20 come. The Muslims use that expression. It means God is great.

21 Q. Why were you chanting that?

15:22:52

22 A. Well, we had been driven from Freetown with heavy
23 bombardment, the ECOMOG drove us from Freetown, so when we
24 entered for the second time we saw it that it was a victorious
25 entry, so that's why we were chanting "Allahu Akbar" as a way to
26 locate each other, because when you say "Allahu Akbar" we would
27 know that you were part of our group, the group that had just
28 entered.

29 Q. At this point now where were the two groups?

1 A. As I said, we were at the Mountain Cut Junction. Those who
2 were using the Fourah Bay Road had captured Magazine Cut Junction
3 because if you are at Mountain Cut Junction you will see right
4 down at Magazine Cut Junction. From there we advanced to East
15:23:32 5 End Police Station and we captured there whilst the other troop
6 was moving towards Guard Street and they came to East End Police
7 too and captured East End Police.

8 Q. Witness, can I stop you there, please. You mentioned a
9 street, Dan Street, "We moved towards Dan Street", you said.
15:23:59 10 Does that sound correct?

11 A. Yes, Dan Street. D-A-N.

12 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Allahu Akbar, if I can spell
13 it for the record, is A-L-L-A-H-U, next word is Akbar, A-K-B-A-R.

14 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Starco cinema?

15:24:36 15 MS ALAGENDRA:

16 Q. Witness, can you assist us to spell Starco Cinema?

17 A. S-T-A-R-C-O.

18 Q. Witness, at this point when the two groups met at East End
19 Police do you recall the time and the date --

15:24:56 20 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagendra, there were so many places.
21 There's Mountain Cut, or Mountain Court, I don't know. There's
22 Magazine Cut, or Magazine Court.

23 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, the reason I didn't spell that
24 was because it was spelt correctly on the record.

15:25:13 25 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Well, tell us that then.

26 MS ALAGENDRA: There is Mountain Cut, your Honour, which is
27 accurately spelt and there is Magazine Cut which is also
28 accurately spelt, your Honour, and Guard Street, it should be,
29 G-U-A-R-D. Savage Square is spelt correctly, your Honour, and it

1 should be Eastern Police - E-A-S-T-E-R-N. Ross Road is also
2 correctly spelt, your Honour, and Uppun is also correctly spelt.

3 Q. Witness, at the time the two groups met at Eastern Police,
4 do you recall the time --

15:26:07 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagendra, there might be one - was it
6 Garret Street?

7 MS ALAGENDRA: Guard Street.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Guard Street. That is incorrectly spelt
9 at one point. It will be picked up in the course of the
10 corrections.

15:26:18

11 MS ALAGENDRA:

12 Q. Witness, do you recall the time and the date when the two
13 groups met at Eastern Police?

14 A. This was 6 January 1999.

15:26:32

15 Q. Do you remember the time?

16 A. Well, as I said, we left Allen Town by 1 a.m., we got
17 towards that area around half-past-5 to 6 in the morning. 6 a.m.
18 in the morning, yes. Around that time, 5 to 6.

19 Q. What happened at Eastern Police?

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20 A. Well, Eastern Police too was burnt down and Junior Lion
21 executed two police officers whom we had captured. From there
22 they used the Kissy Street, which is now called Sani Abacha
23 Street, and we used Goderich Street. That is the same group that
24 came from Fourah Bay Road used Guard Street, they used Abacha
25 Street while we used Goderich Street.

15:27:35

26 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Sani Abacha Street is spelt
27 S-A-N-I A-B-A-C-H-A Street. Goderich Street is spelt correctly,
28 your Honour, and so is Fourah Bay Road and Guard Street:

29 Q. What happened after that, witness?

1 A. After that we advanced towards the library, which was very
2 close to the State House, and we came up towards Tower Hill, and
3 the other group went down to the Cotton Tree and we attacked the
4 State House. They were pushing from the other end and we were
15:28:38 5 pushing from the other end and we captured State House. From
6 there the brigade came where Gullit and the family members came.

7 Q. Gullit and the family members came where?

8 A. At State House.

9 Q. When you say "State House", witness, what do you mean?

15:29:07 10 A. This was the President's - sorry, it was the office of the
11 President. That was the time of former President Ahmad Tejan
12 Kabbah's time.

13 Q. Do you recall the time when State House was captured?

14 A. As I said it was a short time around 6 a.m., almost 6 a.m.
15:29:35 15 to 6 something. That was when we captured State House in the
16 morning hours.

17 Q. Did anything happen after State House was captured?

18 A. Yes, we met and Gullit said we should go and open the
19 central prisons. Bazzy joined us, together with some other men,
15:30:07 20 and so we were moving towards Pademba Road. We burnt down the
21 CID headquarters. That is the Criminal Investigation Department
22 which belonged to the Sierra Leone Police. We burnt that down.
23 From there we advanced towards the central prisons, which is
24 called Pademba Road Prisons. We met some resistance from the
15:30:38 25 ECOMOG, but they eventually retreated and we broke into the
26 prisons and the manpower that we met there was so high. It was
27 nearly 3,000 - nearly 3,500, including soldiers, prominent
28 lawyers, so many people who were with the AFRC.

29 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Interpreter, did he say 3,000, or

1 3,500?

2 THE INTERPRETER: He said 3,000 and later he said 500
3 after, so I don't know whether he met 3,000 or 3,500.

4 MS ALAGENDRA:

15:31:25 5 Q. Witness, can you tell us again the number of people who
6 were released from Pademba?

7 A. I want to use the gents.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please assist the witness.

9 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, if I may?

15:36:14 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you all right, Mr Witness?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please proceed, Ms Alagenda.

13 MS ALAGENDRA: Thank you, your Honour:

14 Q. Witness, can you tell the Court again how many people were
15:36:22 15 released from Pademba Road Prison?

16 A. It was about 3,500 that we met in the prison, because they
17 were mixed.

18 Q. Witness, at the time when --

19 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: What does he mean by "mixed"?

15:36:47 20 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, I think he explained that
21 earlier, but I will ask him to explain it again:

22 Q. Witness, when you say "mixed" what do you mean? Can you
23 explain that?

24 A. There were SLAs whom we met there, there were some RUF
15:37:09 25 members who were in the prisons too and there were some political
26 detainees too, including some prominent lawyers, and there were
27 some women in the prisons and some criminals whom the government
28 had arrested and were there.

29 Q. Witness, at this point when you released the prisoners from

1 Pademba Road Prison, do you know where the Red Lion battalion
2 was?

3 A. As I said, it was a mixed group. Some were based at State
4 House with Gullit, because all of us were advancing, and some of
15:37:59 5 them were with us to open the central prison and release the
6 prisoners.

7 Q. Witness, you did testify earlier about the composition of
8 the Red Lion battalion. You said there were STF, RUF, there were
9 NPFL who later became AFL Liberians. Have I missed anything out?

15:38:29 10 A. No, my Lord, it's correct.

11 MR ANYAH: Madam President, with respect I heard the
12 witness's answer, but this is the second time counsel has
13 categorised the group as consisting of these three members, but
14 the witness on a prior occasion has always added SLAs to the
15:38:48 15 group.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think actually there were four: STF,
17 RUF, Liberians, NPFL and I think I recall also a reference to
18 SLAs, Ms Alagenda. The witness did answer that question on a
19 previous occasion. I'm waiting for your follow up questions.

15:39:13 20 MS ALAGENDRA:

21 Q. Witness, can you tell us when you say there were some
22 members of the Red Lion battalion together with your group at
23 Pademba Road Prison --

24 A. Yes, my Lord.

15:39:23 25 Q. -- out of the groups that formed the Red Lion battalion
26 which groups did those members that were with your group at this
27 point come from?

28 A. Well I like Med Bajehjeh, who was the commander, he was with
29 us in the group, and you had the STFs and the Liberian guys who

1 were the former NPFL fighters. They were also with us when we
2 went to open the central prison, because we expected to encounter
3 heavy target in that area and so we were well prepared to go
4 there.

15:40:07 5 Q. Witness, from the persons who were released --

6 MR ANYAH: Again sorry to interrupt, but the record says in
7 respect of the NPFL fighters, it says "formal". The witness
8 means "former". F-O-R-M-E-R.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: That will be picked up I trust. Yes,
10 it's been noted, Mr Anyah. Please continue.

11 MS ALAGENDRA:

12 Q. Witness, you said that amongst the people released from
13 Pademba were prominent lawyers. Do you recall any of their
14 names?

15:40:46 15 A. Yes, you had Osho Williams. He was one of the prominent
16 lawyers. You also had Manly-Spain. He was one of the prominent
17 lawyers who was released from prisons. You had the ex-president
18 who was Joseph Saidu Momoh. He too was released from the prison.
19 But indeed we did not meet Pa Sankoh there because according to
15:41:19 20 the soldiers who were there they said that same day we entered he
21 had been removed from the prison. They took him somewhere else
22 and that is Foday Sankoh who was the RUF leader.

23 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Osho Williams is O-S-H-O
24 Williams. Joseph Saidu Momoh is J-O-S-E-P-H S-A-I-D-U M-O-M-O-H.
15:41:57 25 Manly-Spain is M-A-N-L-E-Y S-P-A-I-N [sic]:

26 Q. Witness, you made reference to some women who were released
27 from Pademba Road Prison. Do you recall any of their names?

28 A. Well, I can't recall the names, but actually we released
29 some of them. I can recall that there was honourable Kai, she

1 was an honourable under the AFRC. They considered her to be one
2 of the collaborators. She was the woman that I recognised
3 because she was an honourable serving under the AFRC.

4 Q. You said there were some RUF that were released.

15:42:51 5 A. Yes, my Lord.

6 Q. Do you recall any of their names?

7 A. Amongst them you had Gibril Massaquoi. He was one of the
8 RUF that we met in Pademba Road there.

9 Q. Do you recall any others?

15:43:20 10 A. Well, Steve Bio too was there. He was also with the RUF
11 and they also had some junior ones. Those names I can't recall.

12 Q. Witness, after the release of prisoners from the Pademba
13 prison did you go anywhere?

14 A. Well, we advanced towards New England. From there we went
15:43:57 15 down to Brookfields, we captured Brookfields and then we advanced
16 towards Youyi building.

17 MS ALAGENDRA: That is spelt Y-O-U-Y-I building:

18 Q. Please continue, witness.

19 A. And we also advanced to the national stadium that was
15:44:29 20 called the Siaka Stevens stadium, because we had an information
21 from the soldiers that we took out of Pademba Road that there
22 were soldiers based in the stadium that they were about to train
23 to fight against us. We entered the stadium and we set them
24 free. We asked them to report to State House, that they all
15:44:57 25 should go to State House.

26 Q. According to the information you received, who was going to
27 train the soldiers at the stadium?

28 A. Well, we got an information that the ECOMOG had wanted to
29 train some of our former colleagues, the SLAs with whom we were

1 together, and they had released them from Pademba Road and they
2 were about to train them so that they would fight against us, the
3 SLAs who had taken to the bush.

4 Q. After the stadium where did your group go?

15:45:34 5 A. Well, after the stadium we came backwards Youyi building
6 where we heard heavy firing and some of our colleagues with whom
7 we came, they were in a vehicle, they passed by us and they went
8 towards and Congo Cross bridge and when we heard the firing, we
9 went there, we realised that they were ambushed and they were all
10 killed in the vehicle. So we retreated and went back to State
11 House.

12 MS ALAGENDRA: Congo Cross, your Honours, is C-O-N-G-O
13 Cross:

14 Q. Witness, who was killed in the ambush?

15:46:17 15 A. Well, we had some of our men who were in that vehicle and
16 they were also part of the SLA/RUF troops that entered Freetown.
17 So those were the men who were involved. They were ambushed
18 because they did not wait for us until they were told that we had
19 reached that area. They did not wait for us, so they went ahead.
15:46:44 20 So when they got there they were killed, so we retreated back to
21 State House.

22 Q. The soldiers you met at the stadium, do you recall how many
23 they were?

24 A. Well, they were not many. They were about hundred of them
15:47:01 25 that we met there. So we just broke open the place and then we
26 took them outside, they came out and we asked them to report to
27 the State House, so we asked them all to move. They all moved.

28 Q. Did they all move to the State House?

29 A. Well, they left us there and we asked them to report. Some

1 of them never had arms on them, so they were afraid.

2 Q. These soldiers from the stadium, did they report?

3 A. Well, I did not know them facially, but when we got to
4 State House we realised that a large number of the soldiers who
15:47:49 5 were released from the stadium had reached there.

6 Q. When you got back to the State House did you hear anything?

7 A. Yes, when we got to State House we heard over the
8 international media Mosquito went over the air, that is General
9 Mosquito who was called Sam Bockarie, and he said that the

15:48:23 10 troops, that is his troops, that is his troop that is led by
11 Tamba Alex Brima, had captured the State House and they have
12 broke open the prison and they have overthrown the government of
13 Ahmad Tejan Kabbah.

14 Q. Did he say anything else?

15:48:58 15 A. Well, as far as I can recall this was one of the thing that
16 we heard, because he went over the air himself and he did say
17 that his troops, that are led by Gullit, have captured the State
18 House and they have overthrown the government and they said they
19 are now trying to capture the military barracks in Freetown.

15:49:25 20 Q. Witness, do you know how Mosquito knew that the troops led
21 by Alex Tamba Brima had captured the State House?

22 A. Yes, my Lord.

23 Q. How do you know this?

24 A. Well, the morning that we entered State House, the first

15:49:53 25 thing that Gullit did was to set up the set and then call
26 Mosquito and other commanders and he informed them that he had
27 already entered Freetown and he has captured the State House. So
28 he was still waiting for them to reinforce him so that he would
29 be able to capture the military barracks.

1 Q. How do you know about this radio communication?

2 A. Well, like I said, since we were in the same lane with the
3 brigade and the brigade was following us as we advanced and when
4 we captured State House even before we left for Pademba Road,
15:50:36 5 that was the first thing that Gullit did. He set up the set and
6 called Mosquito and informed him that now we have captured State
7 House and our men are now heading for the prisons and that we
8 were still waiting for reinforcements for us to be able to
9 capture the military barracks.

15:50:54 10 Q. Do you recall if during this communication Mosquito
11 responded to Gullit?

12 A. Yes, like I said, he said there was now preparation under
13 way and that as Issa and others - Issa and Superman have captured
14 Makeni and that they were now pressing towards where we were,
15:51:24 15 that is Freetown, to reinforce us.

16 Q. Witness, after this communication do you know if there was
17 any other communication?

18 A. Yes, communication took place. It happened.

19 Q. Just to go back a little bit, witness, you said that after
15:51:55 20 State House was captured the first thing that Gullit did was to
21 call Mosquito and other commanders. You've told us about
22 Mosquito. Who were the other commanders that Gullit called and
23 informed that he had already entered Freetown and captured State
24 House?

15:52:22 25 A. He called Issa Sesay and also Superman.

26 Q. Witness, on what date are these communications taking
27 place?

28 A. This was the very day, 6 January, the early hours of 6
29 January, we had captured State House. That was the time.

1 Q. How do you know that Gullit called Issa Sesay?

2 A. As soon as the brigade arrived at State House it was in my
3 presence that the set was mounted and he called and he said he
4 had now captured State House and he was awaiting the
15:53:22 5 reinforcement so that we would be able to capture the other
6 barracks.

7 Q. How do you know about the communication between Gullit and
8 Superman?

9 A. Well, like I said, after he had spoken to Mosquito he also
15:53:41 10 spoke with Issa and in my presence also he talked to Superman and
11 he informed them.

12 Q. Witness, you've told us about the radio announcement at the
13 State House that you heard by Mosquito. Did you hear any other
14 radio announcements?

15:54:02 15 A. Yes, my Lord.

16 Q. When?

17 A. That same day Five-Five also went over the national radio
18 and said - he said the troop led by Gullit had overthrown the
19 SLPP government and he said the troop is now in full control of
15:54:34 20 the city and that they were advising all civilians to comply with
21 the rules and regulations of whatever they will hear from them
22 later.

23 Q. Did you hear any other radio announcements on that day?

24 A. Well, that particular day we also heard FAT Sesay. He also
15:55:09 25 went over the international media and confirmed that, yes, he is
26 now based in State House and he's speaking from State House. He
27 said that the commander that led the troop to Freetown was Tamba
28 Alex Brima and that State House was under their full control and
29 that he was asking that all military personnel should surrender.

1 Q. Witness, can you remind the Court who is FAT Sesay again,
2 please?

3 A. FAT Sesay was the brigade administrator that we had.

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4 Q. Witness, at this point in the State House who was in
5 command of the troops?

6 A. It was Tamba Alex Brima, who was called Brigadier Tamba
7 Alex Brima.

8 Q. Do you know if Tamba Alex Brima was reporting to anybody?

9 A. Yes, my Lord.

15:56:26

10 Q. Who?

11 A. When we captured State House all the reports he made to
12 Mosquito. Whatever happened he briefed Mosquito.

13 Q. At this time in the State House, witness, were there other
14 commanders present?

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15 A. Yes, my Lord.

16 Q. Who?

17 A. You had Bazzy. He was at the State House. He was the
18 deputy commander. You had Five-Five. He too was in the State
19 House. You had Woyoh and others, the military supervisors

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20 themselves were based in State House and even Hassan Papa Bangura
21 was based in State House.

22 Q. Was anything happening at the State House at this time?

23 A. Well, at that time we had just captured State House and
24 soldiers, the SLA, the troops, the RUF, all of them who came,
25 they were all moving around and they were getting young girls and
26 women and they were bringing them to State House at that time.

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27 We also captured some Nigerian ECOMOG soldiers. We brought them
28 to State House and they brought them before Gullit.

29 Q. How many young girls were being brought to the State House?

1 A. Well I can say in this case that all the commanders, even
2 all of the members of the troop who came, they all captured young
3 girls in Freetown. So they brought them there, because there are
4 so many rooms in State House actually and so most of them brought
15:58:33 5 them and some of them even brought some girls for the commanders.
6 That I saw with my own eyes.

7 Q. What, if anything, happened to these young girls who were
8 brought to the State House?

9 A. Well, what I saw was that the commanders were sleeping with
15:58:54 10 them. They used them as women.

11 Q. Can you explain what do you mean by "used them as women"?

12 A. Well, like I said, since we had now captured and the young
13 girls who were captured who were brought to the place, they were
14 not married to them, they were forced to do anything, so they
15:59:25 15 accepted any to have sexual intercourse with the commanders.

16 Q. Witness, were you able to tell the age group of these
17 girls?

18 A. Well, most of them were within the age brackets of 14, 15,
19 16, and you also had the SBU boys that brought theirs who were
15:59:57 20 around the ages of eight, nine and just like that.

21 Q. When you say you also had the SBU boys that brought others,
22 who are the others you are talking about?

23 A. Well, they also captured young girls that were around the
24 ages of eight. Just the ones that they were within the same age
16:00:24 25 bracket with, young girls.

26 Q. And the SBUs who captured girls of eight and nine years
27 old, what did they do with those girls?

28 A. They also slept with them. They did not have fear. They
29 slept with them.

1 Q. What do you mean by "slept with them"?

2 A. They used them for sexual purposes.

3 Q. Do you recall how many SBUs were doing this in the State
4 House?

16:01:02 5 A. I can't recall, because almost all the commanders had SBUs.
6 The SBUs were many that we took from Kono, Camp Rosos, up to
7 Freetown.

8 Q. Did you see anything around the State House?

9 A. Well, the only thing - the only things that I saw around
16:01:34 10 the State House were corpses. I saw so many of them around the
11 State House - dead bodies.

12 Q. Were you able to say who those corpses were?

13 A. Well, these were civilians that we shot at. We had a word
14 that we called overlooking. That is when we entered Freetown if
16:02:01 15 you, the civilian, did not respect us, we would kill you for
16 that. We would normally say, "You are overlooking us", so most
17 of them died through that.

18 Q. Witness, we are still on 6 January 1999. On this date, can
19 you recall how many corpses you saw around the State House?

16:02:33 20 A. My Lord, I saw more than 20 around that State House axis.

21 Q. Did you see anything else happening at the State House on 6
22 January 1999?

23 A. Well, like I said, at that time also we went and broke into
24 the UN house and we commandeered vehicles and we brought them to
16:03:13 25 State House. Gullit was using them and other senior commanders,
26 and even those of us junior commanders we had vehicles. We had
27 access to vehicles.

28 Q. You said there were some Nigerian ECOMOG who were captured
29 and taken before Gullit?

1 A. Yes, my Lord.

2 Q. Did anything happen to them?

3 A. Yes, Gullit ordered that they be executed.

4 Q. How do you know this?

16:03:50 5 A. Well when Tito brought them, because it was Tito who
6 brought them, he said he captured them. Then Gullit said he did
7 not want to see them because he had nothing to do with them, he
8 said, because they did not have any facts to be given to them
9 because they have defeated them. He said Tito should go and
16:04:21 10 shoot at them. And I also escorted Tito and we went to the back
11 of the State House where they normally - where they normally
12 washed the government vehicles. That was the place where they
13 were taken to and then they were shot by Tito to death.

14 Q. Witness, outside of the State House did you know what was
16:04:36 15 happening in other parts of Freetown on 6 January '99?

16 A. My Lord, sometimes when we came out of there we went on
17 patrol so many other things happened around and, like I said,
18 looting was going on during 6 January and every commander was
19 looting. Like I said earlier, I said, "From your pocket to my
16:05:09 20 pocket". Any civilian you saw around that area, whatsoever he
21 had on him belonged to you and so that went on also.

22 Q. Apart from looting, what else was happening?

23 A. Well, civilians took to the streets. They were dancing.
24 They said they wanted peace. We were their brothers. They came
16:05:34 25 to us and they said they wanted peace. So, those were the things
26 that were happening. The civilian population took to the streets
27 and they were singing and they were dancing. They said we are
28 their brothers, so they were dancing and singing.

29 Q. Did anything happen to those civilians?

1 A. Well, the only thing that I saw happen was that the ECOMOG
2 jet started bombarding a group of civilians that were moving
3 towards PZ. The ECOMOG jet dropped a bomb and most of them died.
4 We went there and we saw them. They thought it was the junta
16:06:20 5 troop that had entered Freetown. They thought it was the junta
6 troop that was jubilating, so they went there and bombarded.

7 Q. Witness, you've testified about what happened to Central
8 Police Station - I beg your pardon, Kissy Police Station and
9 Eastern Police Station. Did anything happen to any other police
16:06:53 10 stations?

11 A. Yes, my Lord.

12 MR ANYAH: I remember him --

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Anyah?

14 MR ANYAH: I am sorry, I remember him mentioning the CID.

16:07:02 15 I don't know if counsel includes that in this category, the
16 Criminal Investigations Division.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: That was as they approached Congo bridge.
18 Are you considering them two different institutions?

19 MS ALAGENDRA: No, your Honour, they should be considered
16:07:18 20 as one. I thank counsel for that:

21 Q. And also the CID. You have spoken about these three police
22 stations. Did anything else happen to other police stations in
23 Freetown?

24 A. Yes, my Lord.

16:07:40 25 Q. What happened?

26 A. The Central Police Station was also burnt down.

27 Q. How do you know?

28 A. Well, like I said, we went on patrol to that area and when
29 we got there we saw the place. Gullit had told us already that

1 when we got to those areas we should burn the place down, so we
2 set the place on fire and so we burnt down the Central Police
3 Station.

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4 Q. When you say, "We burnt Central Police Station", who are
5 you talking about?

6 A. Well the SLA and RUF and the mixed STF and the whole troop
7 that entered Freetown, we were the ones that were doing the
8 burnings.

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9 Q. Where you there when Central Police Station was being
10 burnt?

11 A. Yes, my Lord.

12 Q. Do you recall if anything else - if anything happened to
13 any other police stations?

16:09:05

14 A. Yes, as far as I can recall we also went on a visit to the
15 quay, the place which is called Water Quay, that is the Queen
16 Elizabeth Quay, that is around Ross Road, because Gullit went on
17 a check around that area and there was a police station there and
18 then he gave an order to O-Five that we should burn that station
19 also. That station was also burnt down.

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20 Q. Did anything else happen with regards to police stations?

21 A. Well, as far as I can recall these were the police
22 stations that we burnt in Freetown.

23 Q. Witness, for how long did you and the troops you entered
24 Freetown with remain in Freetown?

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25 A. Well we spent about three weeks and some days, almost a
26 month. Three-weeks-and-a-half, I think, we spent in Freetown.

27 Q. During the second week of January 1999 do you recall if
28 anything happened?

29 A. Well, yes, I can recall that within the second week

1 something happened whilst we were at State House. We got an
2 information that the ECOMOG forces had come as far as Kingtom and
3 that they were moving towards State House. At that time Gullit
4 called the commanders and ordered Basky, and other commanders who
16:10:54 5 also joined, to go and repel the ECOMOG at Kingtom. We moved to
6 Kingtom, we repelled the ECOMOG forces there, we pushed them and
7 indeed we killed people at Kingtom. We burnt some houses in
8 Kingtom and we later withdrew back to State House.

9 Q. Did you go on this operation to Kingtom?

16:11:33 10 A. Yes, my Lord.

11 Q. Now, you say, "We got an information that ECOMOG forces had
12 come as far as Kingtom." Where did you get this information
13 from?

14 A. Well, it was Gullit who brought the information. He said
16:11:56 15 he got information from people living within that area that the
16 ECOMOG had moved to that area and he said we should go and repel
17 the ECOMOG forces who were in that area, and he said we should go
18 and put the situation under control. So we moved and attacked
19 the ECOMOG force there and we also killed civilians there, and we
16:12:29 20 retreated from Kingtom back to State House.

21 Q. How many fighters were there in your group that went to
22 Kingtom?

23 A. We were more than 150 who went to Kingtom because they told
24 us that it was a strong force based there, so we were about - we
16:12:52 25 were more than 150 that went to Kingtom.

26 Q. Do you know why civilians were killed in Kingtom?

27 A. Well, Gullit gave us information that it was the civilians
28 who went and called on the ECOMOG forces to come and base there,
29 so that was why he said we should go there and put the situation

1 under control.

2 Q. How were civilians killed in Kingtom?

3 A. Well, we knocked on their doors, we forced them out and we
4 shot them to death.

16:13:35 5 Q. Did you participate in that?

6 A. Yes, my Lord.

7 Q. Do you recall how many civilians were killed in Kingtom?

8 A. Well, the group that went was many, but I can't recall the
9 number of people that we killed, but we actually killed in

16:13:59 10 Kingtom.

11 Q. And you said Kingtom was burnt. What in Kingtom was burnt?

12 A. Well, we burnt some houses in Kingtom.

13 Q. The houses that were burnt in Kingtom, were they empty at
14 the time you burnt them?

16:14:25 15 A. No, my Lord, because when we went there the doors were
16 locked, some - we forced some open and some we just set the whole
17 building on fire and we made sure - we ensured that nobody came
18 out. So we only heard people screaming inside whilst the house
19 was burning.

16:14:44 20 Q. Those people who were inside the houses and screaming while
21 the house was burning, do you know what, if anything, happened to
22 them?

23 A. My Lord, they died in there because we did not move from
24 there until the operation was completed. We set the houses on
16:15:04 25 fire and we ensured that nobody came out.

26 Q. Witness, after this operation in Kingtom where did you go?

27 A. Well, we retreated to State House and as we retreated to
28 State House we met Gullit and he told us that from now onwards,
29 starting from the Kingtom area up to State House, it is a death

1 zone, anybody who is seen around that area must die.

2 Q. Did he say why?

3 A. Well, he said that the civilians had started leading the
4 ECOMOG to attack our area and that now that that had happened in
16:16:06 5 Kingtom, starting from that area up to Pademba Road area, and if
6 the ECOMOG were advancing little by little that area should be a
7 killing zone wherein anybody who came around that area was
8 considered an enemy and that person should die, and up to the
9 area that went towards the Tower Hill area, they were all kill

16:16:27 10 zones. So we later came again and blocked the area going towards
11 the Cotton Tree. So we were around that area and we deployed
12 there and we were watching right down towards the Kingtom area,
13 starting from Siaka Stevens Street up to Kingtom Road.

14 Q. You've mentioned Tower Hill. Do you recall if anything
16:16:51 15 happened in Tower Hill?

16 A. Well, as far as I can recall, at the time Gullit declared
17 the whole area as a kill zone we were down around the Cotton Tree
18 when Junior Lion came and told us that he went on patrol in that
19 area and he captured some civilians. He said he had executed all
16:17:18 20 of them. That was what Junior Lion told us. He said he had done
21 some heavy killings in that Tower Hill area.

22 Q. Who was Junior Lion saying this to?

23 A. Well, I was standing there, Basky was standing there. He
24 just came from the headquarters, from State House, and he came
16:17:40 25 and met us at the Cotton Tree where we were based.

26 Q. When did this happen, the Tower Hill killings?

27 A. Well, like I said, it was after the operations in Kingtom
28 when we retreated and Gullit declared those areas as a kill zone
29 and it was around the second week of January that this occurred.

1 Q. During the attack in Kingtom, which you have just
2 described, can you tell the Court which groups formed the 150 men
3 that you went with?

4 A. Yes, my Lord.

16:18:28 5 Q. Please do, witness.

6 A. Well, we had our group, that is the SLA, you had the RUF,
7 you also had the STF and the former fighters of the NPFL, that is
8 the NPFL men who had integrated into the AFL who came to
9 reinforce us. They were also part of the team that went to that

16:18:53 10 area. Because in fact they mostly had headbands on which it was
11 written "NPFL" and some had written on theirs "NPFL", "RUF", they
12 all had headbands.

13 Q. Who had these headbands?

14 A. Well, like for the STF fighters they had it, the RUF men
16:19:22 15 also had them and we also had the NPFL men who were fighting
16 alongside us. They were NPFL men. They also had theirs on.

17 Q. What colour were these headbands?

18 A. Most of them were red. That is danger. They all had red
19 on.

16:19:45 20 Q. Witness, those who were wearing these red headbands with
21 "NPFL" and "RUF" written, who were they?

22 A. Well, you had the STF men. You also had the Liberian guys
23 who came who were the former NPFL fighters. You also had the RUF
24 who had the headbands.

16:20:31 25 Q. Witness, do you recall anything else happening in Freetown
26 during the second week of January 1999?

27 A. Yes, my Lord, so many things happened during the second
28 week of 6 January 1999. I can also recall when I came to pay a
29 visit around Guard Street where my family members were living. I

1 came there and I saw that my family house had been burnt down on
2 Guard Street. So I asked the family who was the commander that
3 came there and if they did not tell the commander that I was part
4 of the troop that entered. They said it was Captain Blood who
16:21:30 5 was assigned to Bazzy and he was the one who burned down the
6 house and they said he said he did not want to know, because the
7 orders that were given to us, be you RUF or STF, they said, the
8 orders that were given to us was - and even when they told him
9 that I was one of those of them who came, he said no, he did not
16:21:53 10 want to know, it was the orders. Then I asked him what route did
11 he take. They told me he went towards Guard Street and I went
12 there, I realised that Blood had already captured about seven men
13 and he decapitated them. I can recall that. It happened on
14 Guard Street and everybody ran away. So I had nothing to
16:22:17 15 question him about, neither to do any other thing to him, because
16 he was attached to Bazzy and that happened during the second week
17 of January, 6 January, I saw it with my own eyes.

18 Q. Witness, the seven men that were decapitated, who were
19 they, do you know?

16:22:40 20 A. Well, these were all young men who were captured by the man
21 in that area. When I went there I saw that he had captured them
22 and he was saying that these were collaborators and that they
23 were working with the Nigerians, so he executed them and he
24 decapitated them.

16:22:58 25 Q. Were you there when he was decapitating them?

26 A. Yes, my Lord. When I left where my family house was on
27 Guard Street, because they told me that he had gone ahead and
28 when I moved to meet him, because he was still on the same Guard
29 Street, when I met him there I saw that he was doing this action.

1 But I had nothing else to do to him because that was an order
2 that came from above: That when we get to Freetown we should
3 burn down and do killings.

4 Q. Can you remind us who that order was from?

16:23:37 5 A. Well, it was Gullit who gave the order before we entered
6 Freetown, so this was one of the orders that he told me that he
7 executed.

8 Q. Do you recall anything else that happened during the second
9 week of January 1999?

16:24:02 10 A. Well, what I also recall that happened during the second
11 week was that we had a call from RUF Rambo in which he said that
12 they were preparing reinforcement to come and reinforce us,
13 because at that time now we had started getting some threats from
14 ECOMOG. He said, well, the SLA Rambo whom we referred to as Red

16:24:38 15 Goat, who was alongside with them, they were now advancing
16 together with Superman and others and he said he was going to
17 lead some men to come to Freetown to reinforce us. So Gullit
18 gave him a location that we were going to receive them in Allen
19 Town and he said the manpower was on their way coming to
16:25:07 20 reinforce us in Freetown, so that happened and Gullit chose some
21 men --

22 Q. Witness, I will ask you to pause at this point. How do you
23 know about this communication?

24 A. Well, this communication took place just after we started
16:25:29 25 receiving threats from ECOMOG and when Gullit called back to the
26 rear. He called Rambo, who was the RUF commander, and he told
27 him that now that we have pressed on, we have also started
28 getting pressure from ECOMOG so we need reinforcements and it was
29 the time that Rambo said that he had moved with Issa, they have

1 come as far as Hastings together with SLA Rambo, but he said they
2 had some fear in them. He said because maybe SAJ Musa was
3 amongst them and that they were planning something else against
4 us, but he said Rambo SLA will come in with the reinforcement to
16:26:22 5 see and reinforce us.

6 Q. Witness, how do you know about this communication? That
7 was my question.

8 A. Well, like I said, after the second week we were at State
9 House when we had started getting pressure from the enemy. It
16:26:46 10 was in State House that Gullit sent this message and it was that
11 time that I knew about the communication, because myself, Colonel
12 Eddie and some other men were chosen to go as far as Allen Town
13 to receive the reinforcement that was on their way.

14 Q. Where were you at the time --

16:27:10 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just pause, Ms Alagenda. They said that
16 "maybe SAJ Musa was amongst us". At this point SAJ Musa has been
17 dead for about two weeks, so I'm not quite clear where that idea
18 came from.

19 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I was going to take the
16:27:27 20 witness through to clarify what he has just testified about the
21 communication. So I was going to deal with --

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: I understand. Please proceed to do so.
23 Unfortunately we have only about three minutes left, but please
24 continue.

16:27:40 25 MS ALAGENDRA:

26 Q. Witness, where were you at the time of this communication
27 between Gullit and RUF Rambo?

28 A. At State House. I was at State House, but at that time we
29 had threats. We were still at State House.

1 Q. And where was this communication taking place from?

2 A. The communication was taking place in State House.

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

4 A. Well, like I said, I was there at the headquarters at State
16:28:18 5 House when Gullit mounted the set and called Rambo and Rambo said
6 that they had come as far as Hastings and they were preparing to
7 reinforce us, but he said they had some fear in them regarding
8 SAJ. They said they had heard rumour that SAJ was dead, but they
9 did not still believe that.

16:28:42 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagendra, unfortunately I think the
11 tape and time have run out so we will be obliged to adjourn at
12 this point.

13 MS ALAGENDRA: Certainly, your Honour.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, it is now 4.30 and as you
16:28:55 15 know we adjourn at this point until 9.30 tomorrow morning. I
16 again remind you, as I've done on other afternoons, that you've
17 taken a solemn declaration and you are not to discuss your
18 evidence with any other person until all your evidence is
19 finished. You understand?

16:29:12 20 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please adjourn court until 9.30 tomorrow
22 morning.

23 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.30 p.m.
24 to be reconvened on Wednesday, 23 April 2008 at
16:29:19 25 9.30 a.m.]

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