



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2009
9.30 A.M.
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before the Judges:

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

For Chambers:

Mr Simon Meisenberg
Ms Doreen Kiggundu

For the Registry:

Ms Rachel Irura
Mr Benedict Williams

For the Prosecution:

Ms Brenda J Hollis
Mr Mohamed A Bangura
Ms Maja Dimitrova

For the accused Charles Ghankay
Taylor:

Mr Morris Anyah
Mr Silas Chekera

1 Tuesday, 4 August 2009

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.]

09:32:43 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. We'll take appearances,
6 please.

7 MS HOLLIS: Good morning, Mr President, your Honours,
8 opposing counsel. This morning for the Prosecution, Mohamed A
9 Bangura, myself Brenda J Hollis and our case manager, Maja
09:33:01 10 Dimitrova.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Yes, Mr Anyah.

12 MR ANYAH: Good morning, Mr President. Good morning, your
13 Honours. Good morning, counsel opposite. Appearing for the
14 Defence this morning, myself Morris Anyah and Mr Silas Chekera.

09:33:18 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Anyah.

16 MR ANYAH: Yes. Good morning, your Honours. Mr President,
17 your Honours would have noticed Mr Griffiths is not present.
18 Before the Court session commenced we passed some messages
19 through your legal officers to advise the Chamber that

09:33:34 20 Mr Griffiths is ill. I believe the Prosecution is aware of this
21 as well. Mr Griffiths sent me a text message late last evening
22 and I did not read it until this morning, and it simply said that
23 he had sustained some food poisoning and that he hoped to feel
24 better today, being 4 August.

09:33:55 25 This morning when I saw the text I also noticed a voice
26 mail message from Mr Griffiths. That came in this morning, and
27 in the voice mail message he said that he was unable to be here
28 today and that he was ill. I then telephoned him and we spoke,
29 and he sounded terribly ill. He is, as we now know, unable to be

1 here and he suggested that he might be able to be here tomorrow,
2 but it one of those things that we are not particularly sure at
3 this time.

09:34:28 4 So we have no recourse but to ask respectfully for an
5 adjournment for one day from today until tomorrow, at which time
6 we will be in a better place to advise the Chamber about the
7 health state offence Mr Griffiths.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Anyah. I might say the
9 Trial Chamber did get your message this morning.

09:34:47 10 Ms Hollis, I don't know if you have anything to say to that
11 application. I'll certainly give you the opportunity now.

12 MS HOLLIS: Mr President, only to say that we would support
13 the application.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: All right. Thank you, Ms Hollis.

09:35:18 15 We're sorry to hear Mr Griffiths is not well, and he has
16 the Trial Chamber's best wishes for a speedy recovery. We don't
17 see any other alternative but to adjourn the case until tomorrow
18 morning. We'll adjourn until 9.30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

19 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Mr President. We're grateful.

09:35:41 20 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 9.35 a.m.
21 to be reconvened on Wednesday, 5 August 2009 at
22 9.30 a.m.]

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