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Awoko

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# Morris Kallon testifies

*By Betty Milton*

The trial of the three Revolutionary United Force (RUF) members started over the weekend, with the second accused in the trial Morris Kallon taking the witness stand to testify in his defence.

Giving his evidence in English, the witness told the court that in 1991 he was abducted by the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL) fighters at Monrovia's Roberts International Airport as he was on his way to Abidjan.

He disclosed that among those abducted were four West African and some Lebanese men and the moment they were arrested one Ghanaian and a Senegalese were shot to death and his own hands were tightly tied together with a joint cable.

Morris Kallon further told the court that the remaining abductees were asked to take out their passports and when he took his own out the fighters told him that "we are going to kill you because you are a Sierra Leonean and your government hosted ECOMOG that has been killing the Liberian people but luckily for me one of the commanders came and asked that we be taken to Habbel Hills."

Continuing his ordeal with the NPFL Mr Kallon said that in the evening, a man approached him and introduced himself as Pa Morlai and he later came to know him as Corporal Foday Sankoh who gave him confidence.

The witness also said that four days later Major Mike Lamin went to their camp and informed him that he was going to take him [Morris Kallon] to the Sierra Leone border and so they left and arrived at Gbarnga.

Continuing the witness said that later he was taken to camp Jackson Naama where he was given a stick and his number as 118.

At camp Jackson Naama, the witness went on, they were engaged in serious exercises which include morning parades which start around 6:30am and then they will have to jog 12 miles and at the end of the exercise they were served bare cassava.

As the training continued at camp Jackson Naama, "what I liked more was the political ideology by Mike Lamin and Foday Sankoh as they were going to change the system of government under JS Momoh. We were also given the three points of attention, the eight code of conduct, the 11 general orders guiding the armed struggle and also the 25 standing orders of the RUF."

Answering to specific questions by defence counsel Charles Taqu, the witness denied that he was ever called Moses Kallon but that there was a certain Malosy Moses Kallon who was appointed by Foday Sankoh to collect all orphaned children connected with CARITAS.

The 47 year old husband of 9 children also refuted allegations by a certain prosecution witness who told the court that he was Moses Kallon and that he was among the people present when some civilians were put on fire in a house.

Exclusive

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# Morris Kallon Testifies:

## 2 Ghanaians, 1 Senegalese Killed

Former RUF Commander, Morris Kallon, recently told the Special Court in Freetown that three foreigners were

killed by NPFL fighters in 1989-1990.

Kallon said he was in the company of the three African nationals while heading for

La Cote D'voire via Monrovia, when they encountered a check-point mounted by NPFL fighters. The fighters, he said,

wasted no time in killing one Ghanaian and the Senegalese.

He said they tied him up tightly and later took them to Kataka. NPFL fighters said they were

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# Morris Kallon Testifies

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going to handle him severely because Sierra Leone abhorred the then West African force, ECOMOG. At Kataka, he went on, the other Ghana-

ians was killed. He said he was later taken to Gbanga, where he had the opportunity to meet Foday Sankoh who admonished them to stay calm as they have nothing to worry about. He added

that they later met Mike Lamin and started rigorous arms training, feeding on only cassava. He denied any involvement in the 2005 massacre as testified by a witness.

New Citizen  
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# Amputee Team presents Runners-up Trophy To Africell

*By Bedor Kamara*

Past Friday, Africell, in collaboration with UNDP and the media, gave a rousing welcome to the National Single Leg Amputee Football Club that emerged runners-up in the Amputee African Cup of Nations hosted in Monrovia, Liberia at a prestigious ceremony held at the Mamba Point Restaurant, Wilberforce,



*Joe Amara Bangali Jr,  
Africell CCO*

Freetown:  
The Single Leg Amputee  
Football Club departed

Freetown on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2008 to participate in the continental competition, courtesy of Africell's sponsorship of the club as part of the company's corporate social responsibility.

Chief Commercial Officer of Africell, Joe Amara Bangali Jr. pointed out that the company's assistance inspired the team to perform exemplarily in the tournament, an indication of the

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# Amputee Team Presents

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company's keen interest in promoting sports in addition to also rendering invaluable assistance to the less privileged and disadvantaged in society.

"Our support to the Single Leg Amputee Football Club will not end with this tournament but will continue more meaningfully with requisite financial assistance in other ways," Africell's Chief Commercial Officer guaranteed revealing that the cell phone company has reached an agreement with the Ampu-

tee Club to host a friendly football match next month with an Amputee Club from the United Kingdom adding, "we are prepared to render financial assistance to make that match a reality."

On behalf of the management of Africell, Joe Amara Bangali Jnr. congratulated the Single Leg Amputee Football Club for the laudable achievement that has won laurels for the country.

Public Relations Officer, Single Leg Amputee Football Club, Albert Mustapha Manley, on behalf of the club, lauded


and expressed immense appreciation to Africell for its financial assistance highlighting, "we hope and pray that Africell, with its mission statement 'Bringing People Closer', has made us feel part and parcel of the Sierra Leone society."

Highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of the runners up trophy to Africell's Chief Commercial Officer, Joe Amara Bangali while Africell's Marketing Supervising Relations Officer; Nancy L. Joseph, rendered the vote of thanks.



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# President Koroma Mourns Hinga Norman



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[We Yone is the official newspaper of the All People's Congress]

*By Sia Somsiana*

President Koroma fondly remembers the late Chief Sam Hinga Norman.

This was disclosed by National Secretary General Victor Bockarie



Foh to the family and friends of the late veteran politician and statesman at a memorial service in commemoration of his one year anniversary at the church of Salvation, Sewa Road, Bo, followed by a grand reception at the Bo Town Hall last Friday April 11<sup>th</sup> 2008.

Noting that the days of dirty

politics in Sierra Leone are over, Victor Bockarie Foh maintains

that Chief Sam Hinga Norman died under patriotic motives for

which many citizens blame the then ruling SLPP government and its party hierarchy. "The APC notes that the death of Chief Norman remains a sad episode in our nation's history" the APC National Secretary General stressed as he assured the family that all well meaning Sierra Leoneans,

including President Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, will continue to mourn with them.

Secretary General Foh recalled that whilst Chief Sam Hinga Norman was in prison he visited him on four occasions in his capacity as secretary general of the APC to sympathize with him. "It is on record that His Excellency President Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma paid two visits to sympathize with Chief Sam Hinga Norman while he was in detention at the Special Court for Sierra Leone" Victor Foh disclosed to the



family and thousands who had gathered to mourn with the family as they commemorate the one year anniversary of the death of their father, uncle, grand father and friend, stating that "as a party we are stilling mourning with the family and friends of Chief Sam Hinga Norman."

He further recalled the chagrin with which the SLPP responded to those visits stating that the SLPP was so angered that they had wanted to proffer charges of treason against him.

Although he was not physically present as he was off to The Gambia to attend some state functions, President Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma sent special condolence to the Hinga Norman family which was delivered by a high power APC delegation including Ministers, Deputy Ministers, party stalwarts and more particularly the National Secretary General Victor Bockarie Foh who has ever since been the party's representative to

the Hinga Norman Family. "It may not be unlikely that for a valuable services rendered to the people of this country the All Peoples Congress government under the

dynamic leadership of President Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma may grant the deceased man a respectable post-humus award" Victor Foh again disclosed to the family.

A wake keeping conducted by the versatile wake-keeper, the high spirited and well meaning Rev. Wilfred Jones on Saturday was part of the weekend programme in honour Chief Sam Hinga Norman.

Born in Nguala village near Mongere in the Valunisi Chiefdom, Bo District, in the Southern Region of Sierra Leone on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1940, Chief Sam Hinga Norman joined the Boys Platoon of the British Colonial Army in 1954. He attended the

Royal Military Academy at Mons where he graduated as a



Second Lieutenant and became an Officer and Captain in the Royal Sierra Leone

Military Forces. He retired from the Army in 1972.

He was appointed Regent Chief of Jaiama-Bongor, Bo District in 1994 and later Deputy Minister of Defence and Minister of Internal Affairs. He was founder and National Coordinator of the Sierra Leone Civil Defence Forces which fought alongside the West African Defence force, ECOMOG, to twice remove AFRC and RUF rebels which had overthrown the constitutional government of Sierra Leone. He died in Dakar, Senegal on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. He is survived by his elder brother Albert, four wives: Josephine, Mamie, Hawa and Mariama, twelve children and eight grand children.

## BBC World Service Trust

Friday, 11 April 2008

On the third day of his direct examination, the Prosecution insider witness in the Charles Taylor war crimes trial has been testifying to force labour in RUF diamond mining camps and the network of diamond distribution.

As Alphonsus Zeon reports from The Hague, where the trial is taking place, witness TF1-516, revealed, the rebels rounded up civilians and commanded them into pits to dig diamonds.

ZEON: TF1-516 said the rebels, using guns, commanded the civilians to jump into pits to mine the precious stones, Prosecution here say, a major source the rebel used to finance their insurrection.

TF1-516: They moved around to get manpower – civilians...They were beaten. They were forced to... "Move" and they took them to the pit. They commanded them to... They used the arm to create panic in them to obey their instructions.

ZEON: Charles Taylor faces charges including forced labour. Prosecution say he received the diamonds from the rebels and supplied them guns to fight the war.

TF1-516 said leading RUF figures, including one time interim leader Issa Sesay and frontline commander Sam Bockarie paid regular visits to the Front's Mining Commander, Captain Moriba, in Kono District in Sierra Leone to collect the stones.

ZEON: They said another senior RUF operative, Eddie Kanneh, routinely travelled with diamonds to Monrovia. The witness said as a senior radio operator he tracked in a book key communication by RUF leaders and their partners using codes to discuss diamond and arm transactions.

TF1-561: Sam Bockarie used to talk about the movement of Eddie Kanneh, that he was moving with the diamonds to see with the chief and after the movement of Eddie Kanneh then Sam Bockarie sometimes would be called to report to call sign 020. Thereafter he would come with the materials into Buedu... the commander thought it wise that instead of just using codes to codify two or three letter words, he then strategised another method to have those two or three letter words codified.

MOHAMED BANGURA: Now, this code chart which we have, did it keep some of the old codes that you had before?

TF1-561: Yes, sir... The military terminologies remained untouched.

ZEON: After two and a half days of direct examination by Prosecution lawyer Mohamed Bangura, TF1-516 is now in the hands of Charles Taylor's lawyers for questioning, led by Morris Anyah.

ANYAH: When this exhibit was presented, it came from the Case Manager in the back, that there were 46 pages cover to cover, yes? Mr Witness, do you know if what you have before you contains 46 pages?

TF1-561: You will have to give me a chance to count: 1, 2, 18, 36, 40, 42.

ANYAH: If you add the two covers, the back and front cover, it comes up by your count to about 44... We counted 46 but you say it's 44. Mr Witness, what happened to 52 pages from this book?

TF1-561: The prescription was done in this book and left there for quite some time. It was later on replicated... I had it properly written and discarded the coded message.