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Historic postcard. Outreach experts agree that the Mende masked devil pictured is Jobai, not Goboy.

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Sierra Leone war crimes convicts in Rwanda get a visit from Deputy Justice Minister

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The eight former rebels, sentenced by the SCSL for atrocities perpetrated during the civil war in Sierra Leone, are principally three officials of the United Revolutionary Front (URF), three others of the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC) and two officials of the Civil Defense Forces (CDF).

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The Sierra Leoneans are being jailed in the Mpanga prison in southern Rwanda, 106 km away from the capital Kigali. It was built to accommodate su spects who committed genocide and sentenced by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), which is based in the northern Tanzanian town of Arusha.



Some of the convicts Morris Kallon, Augustine Gbao, and Issa Haussan Sesay, seated left to right in the 2nd row

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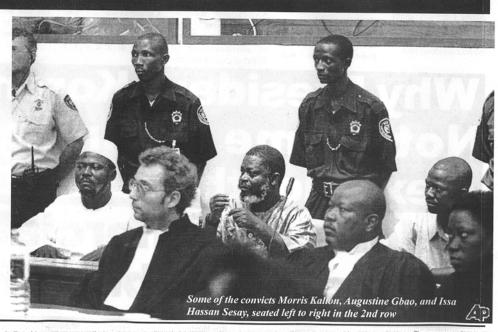
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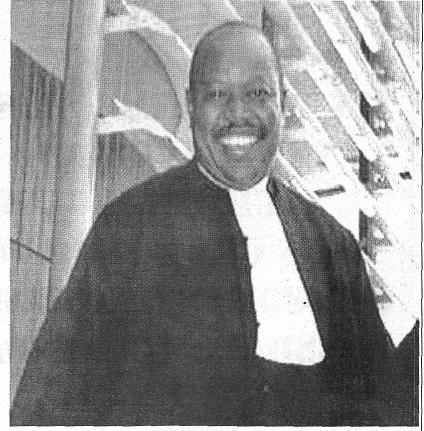


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