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Concord Times

Thursday February 20, 2003

The rise and fall of Johnny Paul Koroma

paying for his prize.

Koroma never knew he would face such problems from his former colleagues whom he had once brought on board. He struggle with them until he was released and came to town as the country was yearning for peace

He was appointed chairman of the commission for the consolidation of peace, a position he held until he formed a political party, Peace and Liberation Party in which he was the leader and after the elections he was able to get two seats in parliament.

Johnny Paul as if that was not enough for him, he was alleged to be involved in a shooting incident at Wellington.

Investigations by police stated that he was connected with the incidents. Police decided to carry out a search at his Shepkendeh Road residence west of Freetown but escaped.

"Where is Johnny Paul" is the question every Sierra Leonean is asking?

Some people say that the raid carried out by the police is fishy as the senior officer who went with them said that he was only a driver. How can a senior

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police officer be the driver of his juniors especially in cases like that one.

This is the fall of Johnny Paul , once a major, heading a junta, chairman of the Commission for the Consolidation of Peace, leader of a political party and member of parliament.

Where does he now lie?

In the bush watching for those that would be looking for him to get the Le10 million that is placed on his head?

If he knows that he is not guilty of any crime, let him come out and tell the world what he knew about the allegations levied on him.

Still Wanted By The Police



ID CARD No: Wa027417
FIRST NAME: JAMES
MIDDLE NAME: --
SURNAME: Koroma
DATE OF BIRTH: 09/07/66
CATEGORY: A
ADDRESS: 71 STATE ROAD 113/111
AREA CODE: W-04-W-III
CITY: FREETOWN
FORUM NUMBER: 0008266
Dad's First Name: Jami
Mum's First Name: Bekai
Enrolled Date: 07 Dec 2001



C. Pl. Sesar
Alias "KASGER"
Attached Army Engineer
Wellington



Abdul Mansaray
Alias "RAMBO"
Devil Hole
New Freetown Waterloo Road



ID CARD No: Wa027417
FIRST NAME: SAMUEL
MIDDLE NAME:
SURNAME: KARGBO
DATE OF BIRTH: 06/06/70
CATEGORY: A
ADDRESS: 52B REGENT ROAD LUMLEY
AREA CODE: W-04-W-III
CITY: FREETOWN
FORUM NUMBER: 0008866
Dad's First Name: MANSO
Mum's First Name: AMINATA
Enrolled Date: 16 Feb 2001



ID CARD No: SA07747588
FIRST NAME: BOCKARIE
MIDDLE NAME:
SURNAME: SELLU
DATE OF BIRTH: 24/12/67
CATEGORY: A
ADDRESS: DISPLACED CAMP SEIN A SECTION
AREA CODE: S-1-8
CITY: BO
FORUM NUMBER: 0052894
Dad's First Name: SAMBA
Mum's First Name: MAMARIE
Enrolled Date: 04 Aug 2001



ID CARD No: Wa027417
FIRST NAME: GEORGE
MIDDLE NAME: --
SURNAME: NANAHI
DATE OF BIRTH: 14/01/67
CATEGORY: A
ADDRESS: 8870 Cape
AREA CODE: W-04-W-III
CITY: FREETOWN
FORUM NUMBER: 0142379
Dad's First Name: George
Mum's First Name: NANAHI
Enrolled Date: 14 Jan 2001

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Special Court Registra explains progress

By Abubakarr Karebo

The Registra of the Sierra Leone's Special Court, Robin Vincent, has told journalists at a press conference held last week about the progress made so far in the construction work of the court's premises. He said the whole construction work is expected to end in August, emphasising that since the mandate of the court is expected to last for three years, the works need to be sped up in order to meet the target date for its start of operations. He noted that the first phase of the construction involves an expenditure of three million dollars (3,000,000), and the second phase requires the same amount for its final completion. "We have



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supported the Prosecutor to where he is today, and also have regular contacts with the judges who are presently in London working out modalities on whether the court should take the format of the Rwanda Tribunal", he said. The Building Supervisor, Lamin Jobe who took journalists on a site tour,

said the four acres of land which is divided into two parts comprises of the detention areas made up of two block buildings of 24 cells, and the court centre which is expected to have two court rooms, a cafeteria and has already got the offices of the prosecutor, investigators, registrars, security management, the judges and a library. Mr. Jobe went on to say that the cells will be of international standards with facilities to suit human condition. "With the help of UNAMSIL we are able to get our cables connected in order to send out informations to the public", he concluded.

Salone Times
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Special Court Committee Meets Kailahun People

By Mohamed Mansaray
The Special Court Management Committee from the office of the United Nations Secretary General, Kofi Annan, has paid a three-day working visit to Sierra Leone.

The Committee will evaluate the progress of the Special Court. It will also hold talks with Sierra Leoneans to hear their views on the Special Court.

The Committee according to Special Court sources, "oversees the non-judicial operations of the court. The Special Court Management Committee visited Eastern Kailahun on Wednesday.

They received a warm reception by hundreds of Sierra Leoneans. They

also held discussions with the people at the local court 'Barray' in

Kailahun.

In an interview with SALONE TIMES, the
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Chairperson of the Management Committee Canadian-born Deborah Chatsis, described the reception as impressive. She expressed her optimism that the Sierra Leoneans would see "justice as a way of ending impunity in the country."

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Special Court Delegation In Kailahun

Representatives of the Special Court's management committee visited Kailahun on Wednesday as part of their efforts to talk with Sierra Leoneans and hear views on the Court. Hundreds of people in the area turned

out to meet them at the local 'court barry', the town's official meeting place. "We were very impressed by the level of interest in the Court," said the Chairperson of the

management committee, Ms. Deborah Chatais who represents the Government of Canada. "Many Sierra Leoneans seem to place importance on justice as a way of ending impunity here." Also part of the delega-

tion was Mr. Ralph Zaacklin, Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs; Ambassador Aliku Kenu from the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations as well as officials from the Gov-

ernment of Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States. The committee oversees 5th Special Court's non-judicial operations and has been on a three day visit to Sierra Leone evaluating the Court's progress.



David Crane

Wisdom

Friday, 21 February 2003

SPECIAL COURT HUMAN RIGHT OFFICER DEFRAUDS NGO

Impeccable source from the diamond rich town of Kono in Eastern Sierra Leone, have informed this press of a fraudulent act carried out by Isaiah Sulaku who claimed to be Regional Human Rights Officer of the Special Court Working Group and a staff of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

According to our sources, Isaiah is on a probation basis and also doubles his responsibilities as a worker for "Save the Children Fund", a programme designed to help address the problems of street children and to care for the well being of the general children population with particular reference to those in dire need of humanitarian assistance being the organization's

representative in Kono, Isaiah was ordered to sign and collect 6 bundles (120 leaves) zinc from UNAMSIL Civil Affairs Section for the implementation of a shelter programme designed to rehabilitate a community primary school. On October 23 2002, Isaiah in the presence of the Inspector of Schools Kono district, Mr. T.M.T. Komba and Mr. Patrick Tichi of UNAMSIL Civil Affairs, signed and collected the bundles of zinc allocated. Unfortunately, Isaiah failed to account for the items and went into hiding. This incident happened previously in 2001 and the public as Wisdom Press learnt and confirmed. Few months ago, the same man thus completely rendering the efficient implementation of the scheme reportedly embezzled hundreds of boards,

meant for the implementation of the same shelter scheme. Meanwhile the Founder and

Director of the organization Mr. Emmanuel A.B. Turay has decided to take ap-

propriate legal actions against Mr. Isaiah. He has been a suspended

until further notice while investigations still continues

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Special court contractor announced yesterday

The architectural firm that wins the contract for the design of the Special Court house was announced yesterday at the new site, New England Ville, Freetown.

Representatives of the organisation that provided the funds for the Special Court are in Freetown. The representatives are part of the management committee that oversees non-judicial operations of the court. They are in Sierra Leone to evaluate the progress of the court and

meet with key Sierra Leoneans to hear their views. The delegates include the chairperson, Ms. Deborah Chatsis from Canada, Mr. Ralph Zacklin, assistant secretary general of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, Ambassador Alieu Kanu from the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations as well as other officials from the governments of Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Standard Times
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Berewa accuses Kamajors of plundering Brookfields Hotel

BY THEOPHILUS S. GBENDA

The Vice President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Mr. Solomon E. Berewa, has accused the former occupants of Brookfields Hotel, the Kamajors, of being responsible for the dilapidated state of the hotel, which used to be the pride of the Brookfields community.

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Berewa, Vice President

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The Vice President made this disclosure during the official commissioning of the permanent secretariat of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), which is situated in the premises of the once acclaimed hotel.

The interim secretariat of the Commission was situated at Pademba Road, but because of the proximity of the building, coupled with its unsuitable location, the essence for a more suitable and spacious secretariat, was deemed necessary. It therefore became incumbent on the Sierra Leone government to locate suitable premises for the Commission so as to enable it carry out its all importation and horrendous functions smoothly.

It was in view of this that Block 'A' of the vandalized hotel was eye marked.

With support from donors and considerable input by the government, the block was rehabilitated and refurbished to the standard befitting the all-important Commission.

Mr. Solomon Berewa explained that

when the building was first identified, it was difficult to believe that it will ever regain its original outlook.

The Kamajors, Mr. Berewa said, did not only remove the doors, windows and ceilings but also mess up the entire hotel premises.

Even the toilet facilities were not spared, the Kamajors and their dependants were also using the nearby bushes within the hotel premises to attend to pressing issues (toilet) and for the disposition of rubbish.

During their stay at the hotel, the place was known as 'the valley of no return' as anyone suspected of being a rebel or a collaborator taken there, was either shot at, beheaded or beaten to death.

Several attempts to peacefully move them out of the hotel premises proved futile until when their mentors, the SLPP government, realized that they wanted to take the hotel as their permanent home. Security forces were ordered to forcefully evict them.

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EX-RUF FIGHTERS

From front page

gally occupying the residence of Pa Minkailu Bangura, Mr. Alhaji Conte, and Usuf Koroama respectively.

Speaking to our correspondent in Kono, Mr. Alhaji Conte said that it was his greatest dismay that the former fighters are refusing to return his house to him.

"We have met with the chiefs, police and UNAMSIL and informed them about this ugly issue," he said, adding, "we want this rebels to give us our houses."

Mr. Conte further re-

vealed that he has a large family, who have been prevented from occupying what is legally theirs.

A resident of Koquima, Ya Mame expressed her frustration at the continued occupation of her house, by people as said, are responsible for her current misery. "How can these men cause double trouble in our lives - cause us untold suffering during the war years and then occupy our houses without permission," she quizzed.

Similar problems are reported to be garnering an uneasy calm in Small Sefadu, where

former rebels supporters have refused to return houses to their legitimate owners. Our reporter observed that this problem has been precipitated by the fact that most former combatants are afraid to return to their home towns, for fear of reprisals from the local communities.

"I will prefer to stay in Kono until I die," a former rebel vowed.

Sierra Leone News

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Sierra Leone News from www.sierra-leone.org

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Liberian government forces battled LURD rebels at the Sierra Leone border Friday in an effort to retake the strategic Mano River Bridge and the town of Bo Waterside, the Reuters news agency reported. "Fighting is going on in that area. Bo and Tiene are being strongly contested right now," Defense Minister Daniel Chea said. "LURD is present in that area and we are moving in to see how best we can dislodge them." At talks brokered by ECOWAS parliamentarians and civil society groups in Freetown this month, LURD dropped its preconditions for peace talks with the Liberian government. Meanwhile, however, the rebel group has launched offensives on four fronts aimed at toppling the government of President Charles Taylor. The United Nations refugee agency estimates that 36,000 people have been displaced in the latest fighting, with some 6,000 Liberian refugees crossing into Sierra Leone in recent days.

The United Nations refugee agency (UNHCR) wants to repatriate some 34,000 Sierra Leonean refugees in Guinea by the end of June, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). The opening in March of a new route from Guinea's Languette, or "Parrot's Beak" into eastern Sierra Leone with a footbridge is expected to expedite the repatriation process.

Sierra Leone's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) has recorded the stories of more than 3,500 war victims and perpetrators since its statement takers first fanned out across the country last December, the TRC's new Executive-Secretary said on Friday. Franklyn Bai Kargbo, who took up his post on Tuesday, told the Sierra Leone Web that the commission now hoped to begin public hearings in early April. The statements, which detail atrocities both committed and suffered during a decade of civil war, are confidential. But Kargbo said the hearings would highlight interviews which document a pattern of abuse. And the commission might go even further. "Part of our mandate allows us, if we deem it necessary, to have perpetrators and victims in some cases confront each other," he said. "I'm sure that will be a very useful tool." Kargbo added that the TRC would also work with local communities to help them heal the scars of the war. "In some cases, apart from the individual reconciliation cases, communities might need to be cleansed," Kargbo said. "The various groups in Sierra Leone have ways in which over the centuries they think some catastrophe that befell the community or society can be put in the past." He added the commission would, whenever possible, work to promote reconciliation through that traditional system. As the commission prepares to hire investigators, researchers and translators, it is looking at taking statements from Sierra Leonean refugees in Guinea, Liberia, the Gambia and Ghana. The TRC would like to reach out to victims living in the West as well, he said – if it can get the funding. "Certainly we would want to move farther afield," he said. "That's something to be explored." Kargbo will meet with international donors in Switzerland and the United States early next month. Meanwhile, Kargbo said he was working to heal a rift which had opened between the TRC and its local support base – Sierra Leone's civil society groups. "I think there was a misunderstanding there," he said. "The civil society organisations perceived the commission as having been derailed from the ownership concept that was originally designed to anchor the truth and reconciliation." Kargbo said he met this week with a number of civil society leaders to hear their concerns, and that several of the groups had now pledged to support the commission. "I'm sure in the coming weeks we should be able to successfully tap into this cooperation and collaboration by civil society organisations," he said. "Through that (we will) more effectively tap into local communities in getting them to participate in the process."

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Special Court Delay is Not As a Result of Funds Ambassador Kanu

Concord Times (Freetown)

NEWS

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By Osman Benk Sankoh

Freetown

Sierra Leone's permanent representative to the UN, ambassador Alieu Kanu has Thursday said, " the delay in the procedures of the Special Court is not as a result of unavailability of funds." Kanu who is in town as part of the Special Court's management committee was speaking at a press conference where the delegation also announced that a UK based architectural firm, Norman & Dowbarn has won the contract to design the court House.

" The delay is due to the UN process," the ambassador said and continued, " you cannot just hand down indictments, you have to prepare a solid case." For him, " the investigators are busy preparing their case." He said, " we are pleased with the progress thus made at the present site which was a little over a year ago, a desolate land." Chairperson for the management committee, Deborah Chatsis said they have no shortage of funds for the first year.

" Pledges are also available for the second year," she added.

A Special Court Press Release issued after the Press Conference states, " Thirty-six firms from Africa, Asia, Europe and North America were asked if they were interested in submitting a detailed proposal stating how they planned to design the court house, what it would cost and how they would supervise its construction." The delegation, which is on a 3- day- visit to the country, was in Kailahun Wednesday as part of their efforts to talk with Sierra Leoneans and hear their views on the court.

Assistant Secretary General of the UN office of legal affairs, Ralph Zacklin also formed part of the delegation.

New Storm
Monday, 24 February 2003

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After 37 Days In Hiding

Johnny Paul To Surrender In Jui

Latest reports reaching The New Storm state that the fugitive junta leader who went into hiding since 3th January Hon. Johnny Paul Koroma yesterday rang senior police and Unamsil officers informing them that he wanted to surrender himself to the police

through Unamsil at an undisclosed place in the Jui area.

The reports further state that after making telephone calls to the relevant authorities, the Inspector General of Police Keith Biddle, Francis A. Munn Senior Assistant Commissioner in charge of Opera-

tions ordered the acting Director of the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) F.U.K. Daboh to coordinate the programme with Unamsil.

The reports also state that Johnny Paul told the officers that he wanted both Unamsil and po-

lice officers to meet at the area he suggested to them around Jui between 2pm to 3pm yesterday Sunday, so that he can give himself up together with his followers.

An emergency meeting of the Joint Coordinating Committee CONTINUED PAGE 7

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(JCC) yesterday at police headquarters was organised to draw a plan of operation for the whole exercise without any problem. Police headquarters was yester-

day making contingency plans to make sure if Johnny Paul gives himself up, he is well protected from angry people who would want to tear him apart.

New Vision
Monday, 24 February 2003

Johnny Paul

Crony Missing

By Foday Fofana

Another notorious crony of fugitive former junta leader, failed presidential candidate and Honourable Member of Parliament, Johnny Paul Koroma is declared badly wanted.

This notorious character, Ibrahim Farkah Conteh, was the Public Relations Officer of the People's Liberation Party (PLP) for East II Con-

stituency in Freetown. Police rescued his over Bridge residence late last week but could not lay hands on him. "Ibrahim is my son indeed but I am not involved in politics... he was just stubborn since I have been telling him all along that I support President Alhaji Dr. Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, the saviour," Mrs. Yammie Conteh told New Vision.

A brother of the fugitive PRO, Alpha Conteh added that they had never trusted Johnny Paul Koroma who has boundless political ambitions. "Is Johnny Paul a match to President Kabbah?" He asked.

Meanwhile, New Vision has reliably learnt that Capt. Manderah and Johnny Paul's Personal Assistant, Dr. Kandeh Konteh had long



Johnny Paul

warned the PLP leader not to attempt at destabilising the state as they now want peace in order to forge ahead with their lives.

For di People
Monday, 24 February 2003

AS JOHNNY PAUL GOES UNDERGROUND

Police Target PLP Supporters

FOLLOWING THE disappearance of the Peace and Liberation Party Leader from Police net on January 18th this year, scores of PLP supporters have been subjected to undue arrest, harassment and intimidation for their association with the fugitive Hon Johnny Paul Koroma currently wanted by police following an armed raid at a military depot in Wellington on January 15.

By H.I

JANSAVAH

However, Abdul Aziz Turay and family of 6 Byrne Street Kingtom say they have been subjected to constant harassment and arrest since the intensification of the search for the fugitive former junta leader

According to 47 year old Abdul Aziz Turay, armed officers including some "plain clothes," raided his residence at Kingtom on January 27 and said they

were looking for "subversive documents". Turay stated that in the event, his 25 year old daughter Alima's Aziz Turay, who served as office secretary of PLP between March to August last year was picked up.

He said the reason given by the Police for picking her up was because she was found with PLP documents, which among them included a letter to Liberian President Charles Taylor from the PLP requesting election assistance and two PLP ID cards.

"From that day neither



Alima:unlawful detention have I set eyes on my daughter nor heard from her", Turay lamented.

Turay added that two days after her daughter was picked-up security officers made a second raid at his premises and that although nothing incriminating was found, the Police picked up a friend of his, Ernest Cole who had paid him a visit. He said the Police arrested him because he had a PLP ID Card. "Since then, myself and the entire family have been subjected to a

string of threats and surveillance", Turay said.

However, this is not the first time Turay has been villified on behalf of the PLP leader. He said on Tuesday October 20, 1998 he was picked-up and detained by security personnel who claimed to have orders from above. He said he was accused of having travelled to Burkina Faso to purchase arms with Johnny Paul, then junta leader, and was also accused of being a boyhood friend of Johnny Paul at Adelaide Street. Turay denied the Police claims at the time, stating that the said visit to Burkina Faso in June 1998 was infact an official one he undertook with his then boss, Mr Sirajin Munir Rollings-Kamara, Director of Gospel Recordings Sierra Leone. He appealed that his daughter be charged to court or released.

The Focus
Monday, 24 February 2003

Johnny Paul's Escape, A Threat To The Nation

The escape of fugitive Johnny Paul Koroma to face justice should not be treated with levity rather, it is a slap in the face of the security particularly the Police. It has been said and the saying continuous, unless and until Johnny Paul is brought to book, well thinking and patriotic Sierra Leonean will continue wandering and have sleepless night.

There is a possibility that Johnny Paul had escaped ever since to Liberia and would one day, call BBC to threaten peace loving Sierra Leonean with the pretext of liberating Sierra Leone.

Since Johnny Paul failed to deliver the goods to this nation in his nine (9) months of blood interregnum, he didn't create any impact or make parliament a lively one by contributing eminently to the development issues as parliamentarian.



Fugitive Johnny Paul: your days are numbered
narrow thinking ideologies for this nation. As such, the investigations by the

he would never ever convince level headed thinking citizens to join his

police now on course seems to be taking a snail pace. The suspects including the two (2) suspended police officers could surface in giving accurate moves of Johnny Paul if they are thoroughly squeezed to the corner.

Cordon and search could also be the solution to track fugitive J.P.K. Meanwhile, routine transfer or changing personnels be it the police or Sierra Leone Army from their point of deployment will also ease the problem of insecurity in the country.

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In Makeni Hunt For Johnny Paul Intensifies

As the hunt for Johnny Paul Koroma and eight others continues nationwide, the E- Division of the Sierra Leone Police has intensified the man hunt by erecting checkpoints on the major routes in and out of Makeni.

The Local-Unit Commander, Superintendent Alimamy Bangura, speaking to *The Exclusive*, said that if intelligence they have received turns out to be true, they will soon

arrest the fugitives. Acting Commissioner North, Christopher E. John, who was in a non-sense mood when speaking to our re-

porter revealed that he has ordered all the Divisional Heads within his area of responsibility to mount a large scale hunt for the

fugitives. Commissioner John, at a meeting with community leaders, called on everyone to come forth with any infor-

mation that might help the police in their search for and arrest of the fugitives.

He, also, applauded the youths for working hand in gloves with the police!

For di People
Tuesday, 25 February 2003

Johnny Paul Sends 'February Fool' To Police ...his house looted

AN ANONYMOUS caller claiming to be fugitive Peace and Liberation Party Leader Hon Maj(Rtd) Johnny Paul Koroma on Sunday fooled the Sierra Leone Police hierarchy when he telephoned that he intended to give himself up at the 'Orugu Bridge', in the outskirts of the capital.

By
HH YANSANEH

FDP learnt a cross section of police top bras and some security personnel quickly dashed to the Orugu bridge and patiently laid in waiting as per arrangement for the better

part of Sunday. According to a senior police officer, the whole event appeared to be a hoax as there was no sign of the fugitive former Junta boss till sun set. Johnny Paul Koroma who has Le 10 million on his head, mysteriously evaded police arrest on Januray 18 af-

ter he was implicated in a shooting incident at the military engineering base in the eastern suburbs of Wellington January 13 this year. Since then, the police have come under intense bashings for allegedly aiding his escape. This led to the re-

cent suspension of two senior police officers by a police investigating panel looking into the circumstances surrounding Johnny Paul's escape from the police drag net.

Meanwhile, in another development, FDP also learnt that the fugitive PLP Leader's Juba residence has been completely looted by security personnel deployed there since his disappearance more than a month ago.

However, a source at police headquarters hinted that there are plans to secretly punish police officers believed to have involved in the looting.



BIDDLE:...your men fooled



JPK:outsmarts Police

According to an inside source, the fear is that if the theft is made public, it might be blown out of proportion there by legitimizing the fugitive PLP Leader's claims over the BBC that he was merely a victim of a witch hunt by the authorities.

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Sierra Leone Web

Wednesday, 26 February 2003

Sierra Leone News from www.sierra-leone.org

26 February: Sierra Leone's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) has received in excess of 3,500 statements from both victims and the perpetrators in the country's decade-long civil war, TRC Executive-Secretary Franklyn Bai Kargbo said on Wednesday. Kargbo told the Sierra Leone Web that the commission's three-week pilot phase in December netted about 1,400 statements and revealed more than 3,000 violations against individuals and communities. The process continued in January and February. "The statement-taking phase will extend to the 31st of March," he said. "We are now preparing the hearing stage." Kargbo said he met Wednesday with Eldred Collins of the Revolutionary United Front Party (RUF) over a submission by the former rebel group which was deemed to be inadequate. "We've given them guidance as to the format and details of what we expect them to tell us," he said. "They are quite willing to cooperate with us, and we meet with them again on Friday morning. This time they'll form a delegation of about four to five key people. We'll emphasize to them the importance of cooperating in terms of giving us a statement and lining up for public hearings." Kargbo is due to meet with potential donors in Geneva this weekend at a forum arranged by the U.N.'s Office of the High Commission for Human Rights to add to the cash-strapped commission's coffers. He added that he had received generally positive responses from meetings in Freetown this week with the American ambassador, members of the Lebanese Committee, and the visiting U.N. Secretary-General's Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, Olara Otunnu. "(Otunnu) also urged in particular that we pay special emphasis on children as they were affected by the war," Kargbo said. "Indeed that has been one of the planned fanatic aspects that we hope the report will reveal."

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