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# Kamajors Regroup In Bo For Combat

MEMBERS of the local hunter militia residing in and around the Bo Township were reported to have met over the weekend to stage a comeback as the state security degenerate following reports of a foiled coup.

Reports from Bo Town itself speak of a heavy Kamajor presence during the meeting and strategies planned as news of the ousted Junta Leader and Member of Parliament Johnny Paul Koroma's evaded arrest by police personnel was reported.

The commanders of the militia are from various chiefdoms

were summoned to the said meeting and contingency plans were made to counter any activity that might endanger state security in the future.

It could be recalled that former Junta ruler cum political leader of the Peace and Liberation Party Johnny Paul Koroma escaped arrest and subsequent deten-

tion when arms and military fatigue were discovered in his Juba residence.

However, FDP also learnt that the Kamajor assembly in Bo is also connected with griev-

ances of DDR process which they claimed had not benefitted their lot.

The meeting thus is aimed at ironing out some of these grievances the source said.



KAMAJORS:preparing to defend democracy

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## Justice Ademosu to try Foday Sankoh and others

*By Sylvester Suaray*

Twenty-seven criminal cases have been lined up for trial in the January 2003 criminal session of the Freetown High Court that started yesterday. The session is being presided over by Justice Samuel Ademosu, who would deal with eight murder cases, which includes that of Foday Sankoh, Jerold Hadson Taylor and Foday Kallay and the 'West Side' boys. Other

matters to be heard during the criminal session include; Fraudulent Conversion, Conspiracy to Defraud, Wounding With Intent and House breaking and Larceny. Others are Defamatory Libel, Burglary and Larceny and Obtaining Money by False Intent. Justice S. A. Ademosu replaced Justice Patrick O. Hamilton who has been transferred to preside over

the High Court in the Southern Province. At yesterday's hearing, Mohammed Mansaray pleaded not guilty before Justice Ademosu to a charge of robbery with aggravation. The particulars of offence are that; on the 23 February 2000, being armed with a weapon, robbed the late Ishmael Dyfan of

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## Foday Sankoh and others

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properties worth the sum of Le 1.2 million leones and foreign currencies. He was granted bail in the sum of Five million leones and the

matter adjourned to 6<sup>th</sup> February 2003. Two prisoners who are standing trial for murder also pleaded not guilty. They are; Abdul Rahim Barrie who is facing a

murder trial of one Mariatu Jalloh in Port Loko and Vandy Swaray for the death of one Gbessay Swaray. Both cases were adjourned to 11<sup>th</sup> February.

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# Special Court Goes To UN



**David Crane: Special Court Prosecutor**  
A second two-week trip is planned for March and scheduled for February. May of this year. Additional trips are

hold talks with senior government officials and human rights leaders regarding cooperation and coordination with the Office of the Prosecutor. Crane also plans to solicit increased support and funding for the Court's work. "The world must never forget the atrocities that took place in Sierra Leone," said Crane. "We must continue to speak out against impunity. I plan to tell international community about the suffering that has taken place here." Crane's itinerary includes a visit to the United Nations where he and the Registrar, Robin Vincent, will brief the Court's management committee on their progress to date. The committee, which represents some of the nations that have contributed financially, provides advice and support to the Court.

*The Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone David M. Crane departed Freetown yesterday on a diplomatic mission in support of his mandate to prosecute those bearing the greatest responsibility for atrocities committed during the country's civil war. Travelling to Europe and North America, Crane will*

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# IRIN News

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UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs  
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### DRC: MONUC confirms cannibalism in Mambasa, Mangina

KINSHASA, 15 Jan 2003 (IRIN) - The UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, known as MONUC, confirmed on Wednesday that rebel groups in the northeast of the country had been engaging in acts of cannibalism.

"The rebels forced people to consume body parts of their family members," Patricia Tome, MONUC's director of information, said.

MONUC said it had received witness reports of rebels belonging to the Mouvement de liberation du Congo (MLC) and its ally, the Rassemblement congolais pour la democratie-National (RCD-N), being involved in cannibalism and forcible cannibalism in Mambasa and Mangina, respectively situated 50 and 70 km northwest of Beni.

A preliminary report, which has been forwarded to the UN Security Council and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, cites 117 cases of arbitrary execution, 65 of rape, including child rape, 82 cases of abduction either for sexual purposes or work, and 27 of torture.

"There were horrifying things in the report concerning cannibalism, such as babies whose hearts were torn out and taken away or given to someone to eat, of small children who were killed, mutilated, and of people who were executed in front of their families," Tome said.

Witnesses told MONUC that soldiers belonging to MLC, RCD-N and the Union du peuple congolais had looted property, committed systematic rape, summary executions, and been involved in kidnappings in an operation called "clean the blackboard [effacer le tableau]".

The summary executions were perpetrated primarily among the Nande in Mambasa, the pygmies, and populations in villages around Mambasa and Beni.

MONUC sent a team of investigators to North Kivu and Ituri District on 31 December 2002, to investigate allegations of serious human rights abuses committed during the MLC and RCD-N occupation of Mambasa between 12 and 29 October, their return there on 29 November, and advances made around Beni. A total of 368 victims and witnesses were interviewed, MONUC said in a communique. The total number of victims remains unclear.

The head of MLC, Jean-Pierre Bemba, announced on Tuesday the arrest of five members of his rebel group accused of crimes in Mambasa. Bemba has assured MONUC that he will cooperate with investigations.

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