



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-PT

THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

Tuesday, 11 December 2007
11.00 a.m.
STATUS CONFERENCE

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before the Judges:

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

For Chambers:

Mr Simon Meisenberg
Mr William Romans

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Ms Brenda Hollis
Mr Mohamed A Bangura
Ms Leigh Lawrie
Ms Maja Dimitrova

**For the accused Charles Ghankay
Taylor:**

Mr Terry Munyard
Mr Courtenay Griffiths QC
Mr Anyah Morris
Mr Logan Hambri ck

**For the Office of the Principal
Defender:**

Mr Vincent Nmeielle

1 Tuesday, 11 December 2007

2 [Status Conference]

3 [Open session]

4 [The accused present]

10:23:47 5 [Upon commencing at 11.00 a.m.]

6 MS IRURA: The Special Court for Sierra Leone is sitting
7 for a Status Conference pursuant to Rule 65 *bis* in the case of
8 the Prosecutor verses Dankpannah Charles Ghankay Taylor.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. Could we take appearances,
11:00:22 10 please.

11 MS HOLLIS: Good morning, Madam President, your Honours.
12 Brenda J Hollis, Mohamed A Bangura, Leigh Lawrie and Mia
13 Dimitrova appear today for the Prosecution.

14 MR MUNYARD: Good morning Madam President and your Honours.
11:00:47 15 Courtney Griffiths QC, myself Terry Munyard, Morris Anyah, Logan
16 Hambri ck appear for the defendant.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated].

18 MS HOLLIS: Thank you, Madam President. We are fully
19 engaged. This week we will be providing a witness list for the
11:01:29 20 first two weeks of trial in January. We will be providing copies
21 of proposed exhibits for the first two weeks. In accordance with
22 an existing agreement we have provided the Defence with a
23 provisional list of the witnesses we anticipate will be called in
24 the month of January.

11:01:50 25 Also this week we anticipate filing a motion for trial
26 protective measures for witnesses we anticipate will testify in
27 February. We also expect to file a Rule 92 *ter* motion for two
28 witnesses and we expect to file a motion seeking leave to vary
29 the witness list and to order disclosure.

1 We hope we will be able to provide this week an updated
2 exhibit list which will be provided to you in the way of a filing
3 with alternative requests for relief. We do anticipate that
4 during the holiday break the 42 day period will arise for certain
11:02:39 5 witnesses and we have made arrangements with the Defence to
6 provide unredacted copies of the statements of those witnesses.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you for the update, Ms Hollis. On
8 the witness list for the witnesses to be called in the first
9 fortnight is it my understanding that you will also file the
11:03:03 10 order of call?

11 MS HOLLIS: Yes, your Honour.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Because that is very helpful I think for
13 everybody, the order of call. Also if you could pay attention to
14 the language that the witnesses will use in order to provide for
11:03:20 15 the appropriate interpreters to be in court.

16 MS HOLLIS: Yes, your Honour. We have coordinated with the
17 interpretation section and CMS regarding the languages to be
18 used.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Ms Hollis. Could we hear from
11:03:35 20 Mr Griffiths, or, I beg your pardon, Mr Munyard.

21 MR MUNYARD: Thank you, Madam President. The Defence are
22 working undoubtedly as hard as the Prosecution. We have a great
23 deal of work still to do and of course, as the Court will
24 appreciate, filings, disclosures, all sorts of matters come in on
11:03:54 25 almost a daily basis and we're dealing with those as
26 expeditiously as we can. We are expecting to be fully ready on 7
27 January to continue the trial which, as you yourself pointed out
28 on the last occasion, has already formally commenced but will be
29 commencing in real terms on that date.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you very much, Mr Munyard. Now I
2 wanted to briefly remind the parties of the sitting times we
3 agreed upon when we resume on 7 January. You remember the
4 sitting times were revised at the request of the ICC staff that
11:04:39 5 do assist us in the course of this trial.

6 The revised schedule has three sessions a day. The first
7 session begins exactly at 9 a.m. and runs until 10.30 at which
8 time we then have a break of 30 minutes. We resume at 11 o'clock
9 and sit for the second session through to 1 p.m. We then break
11:05:11 10 for lunch from 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. and we resume for the third or
11 afternoon session from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and then close for
12 the day. This is the schedule from Monday until Thursday. Then
13 Friday we cut out the afternoon session. So the Friday session
14 is exactly the same, but court stops sitting at 1 o'clock.

11:05:37 15 I just wanted to remind the parties that these are the
16 sitting hours that we will be following, which now brings me to
17 the second agenda item where the judges will consider any issues
18 arising, any additional issues. Of course if there are none we
19 will be happy to rise.

11:06:06 20 MR MUNYARD: Madam President, there are no additional
21 issues arising as far as the Defence are concerned.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Munyard.

23 MS HOLLIS: We have no additional issues. We will be
24 prepared at 0900 on 7 January to begin to present evidence.

11:06:27 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is very good news indeed. It looks
26 to me as if we have nothing else additional other than to wish
27 everybody happy holidays, especially the Defence as you work your
28 way through your disclosures.

29 MR MUNYARD: Madam President, we wish the Court and

1 everybody here happy holidays, whatever sort of holidays they're
2 having, and we will be ready at 9 a.m. on Monday 7 January.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Court is accordingly
4 adjourned to 9 o'clock on 7 January 2008. Thank you.

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5 [Whereupon the Status Conference adjourned
6 at 11.08 a.m.]

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