



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF  
THE SPECIAL COURT  
V.  
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

FRIDAY, 18 APRIL 2008  
9.30 A.M.  
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

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Before the Judges:

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

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Mr Morris Anyah

For the Office of the Principal Defender:  
Mr Silas Chekera

1 Friday, 18 April 2008

2 [The accused present]

3 [Open session]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.]

09:29:46 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. It would appear that  
6 appearances are as yesterday?

7 MS ALAGENDRA: No, your Honour.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: No? Well then please let me have  
9 appearances, Ms Alagendra.

09:29:58 10 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, for the Prosecution is  
11 Mr Nicholas Koumjian, myself Shyamala Alagendra, Alain Werner and  
12 Maja Dimitrova. Thank you, your Honour.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Yes, Mr Anyah?

14 MR ANYAH: Yes, good morning, your Honours. Good morning,  
09:30:17 15 Madam President. For the Defence is myself Morris Anyah, Silas  
16 Chekera from the Office of the Principal Defender and Lansana  
17 Kamara.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. If there are no other  
19 matters, I will remind the witness of his declaration.

09:30:33 20 Mr Witness, you recall that you took the solemn declaration to  
21 tell the truth. I again remind you that that declaration is  
22 binding on you and you must answer questions truthfully. Do you  
23 understand?

24 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord.

09:30:47 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Please proceed.

26 WITNESS: TF1-334 [On former affirmation]

27 EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MS ALAGENDRA: [Cont.]

28 Q. Good morning, Mr Witness.

29 A. Good morning, my Lord.

1 Q. Mr Witness, before we continue from where you stopped  
2 yesterday, there are a few matters I want to clarify about your  
3 testimony in court yesterday. First I want to take you back to  
4 your testimony about a radio communication that took place in  
09:31:26 5 Kabala and I want to read back your answer to you. You said:

6 "This communication took place in my presence and in  
7 Superman's response you will know that Mosquito was asking him  
8 where the chairman was and then he said, 'Please, sir. He is in  
9 his village close to Binkolo, but SAJ Musa has now mobilised  
09:31:58 10 men'. Myself, together with Papa, he said we should go now to  
11 collect the chairman from Binkolo and to head towards Kono."  
12 This was your answer yesterday, witness.

13 A. Yes, my Lord.

14 Q. Now, can you clarify for the Court who was it who said,  
09:32:18 15 "Please, sir. He is in his village close to Binkolo"?

16 A. This was the response from Denis Mingo, who is Superman, to  
17 Mosquito.

18 Q. And who is the "he" you are referring to when you say, "He  
19 said we should go now to collect the chairman from Binkolo and to  
09:32:41 20 head towards Kono"?

21 A. Mosquito ordered Superman to go and collect the chairman  
22 and he answered, "Yes, sir, we have already mobilised together  
23 with SAJ Musa to move to go and meet chairman Johnny Paul Koroma  
24 at Binkolo."

09:33:09 25 Q. I am going to now ask you something about your answer in  
26 relation to the move of the convoy from Makeni to Sewafe. In  
27 your answer you told the Court:

28 "Because it was a long convoy and it included even the  
29 civilians that we captured in Makeni, they were all there. The

1 vehicles were more than 200. We arrived in Sewafe and we waited  
2 there for the arrival of Johnny Paul Koroma."

3 Witness, why were the civilians that were captured in  
4 Makeni part of this convoy?

09:33:45 5 A. My Lord, those civilians as we were capturing them from  
6 Makeni we used them to carry loads, and some of the able ones  
7 including women whom we captured in Makeni we were to take them  
8 as far as Kono. So, at the end of the day we would train them  
9 and use them.

09:34:20 10 Q. Witness, when answering questions in relation to orders  
11 given by Johnny Paul Koroma in the village that you said is  
12 between Woama and Tankoro you said this. You said:

13 "And then he said we should get some able bodied civilians  
14 who will assist us and they will serve as recruits and that we  
09:34:53 15 could make sure that we burn down houses in Kono."

16 Did Johnny Paul explain what he meant when he said "able  
17 bodied civilians who will assist us"? Did he explain what kind  
18 of assistance?

19 A. Exactly what he said was that some of these civilians would  
09:35:20 20 use to train some and the others would be engaged in doing some  
21 other activities like working for us, like pounding rice and the  
22 others would be used in case there was any battle, we would train  
23 them for reinforcement, to reinforce the troops.

24 Q. These civilians that he said that would be used to train,  
09:35:45 25 did training eventually take place?

26 A. Yes, my Lord. Training was going on in the two areas, the  
27 RUF side and the SLA side.

28 Q. Where?

29 A. Like in Masingbi Road we had individual trainings. The

1 civilians whom we had, we were giving them basic training.

2 Q. And when was this training taking place?

3 A. Just after Johnny Paul had left Kono and had returned, he  
4 tried to make sure that the ground was free of civilians so the  
09:36:30 5 training started. It was just basic training.

6 Q. Can you give us a time period?

7 A. It was within March - from mid-March to April, around  
8 there.

9 Q. Of which year?

09:36:50 10 A. 1998.

11 Q. These civilians who were being trained, did you know their  
12 age group?

13 A. Actually we had small boys among them whom we referred to  
14 as SBU, Small Boys Unit. Some were around the ages of eight, ten  
09:37:19 15 and 12 and there were some other adults who were within the age  
16 of 25 going on to 30.

17 Q. How did you know the ages of the SBUs?

18 A. In the area where we were most of the children who were  
19 there we asked them, because we had a man who was the political  
09:37:52 20 advisor called Coachy Borno. He was doing most of those things  
21 to get the details from the captured civilians.

22 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Coachy Borno is C-0-A-C-H-Y,  
23 Borno is B-0-R-N-0:

24 Q. Witness, do you know how Coachy Borno got the details of  
09:38:23 25 these civilians that were being trained?

26 A. When we got those civilians we kind of mustered them and  
27 during the muster he would have a book and a file and he will  
28 take down their names and ages of each and every one. And he  
29 said in case we would be successful in the operation he would

1 have something to do for those children. That was the assurance  
2 he used to give to them. That was why he was asking for their  
3 ages, their names and after the completion of the mission he  
4 would know what to do for them.

09:39:13 5 Q. What kind of training did these civilians and SBUs go  
6 through?

7 A. Mostly we just gave them training in weaponry, that is  
8 basic weapon training, how to shoot a weapon. Like for some of  
9 the children, the SBUs, most of the commanders just gave them  
09:39:44 10 machetes because we didn't have sufficient arms so they issued  
11 out machetes to them.

12 Q. Were they told why they were being issued machetes?

13 A. Well, even myself together with the commander Bomb Blast,  
14 would move around. Like, for example, we will go as far as  
09:40:15 15 Yomandu, wherever we targeted civilians we would use the SBUs to  
16 amputate people, to amputate their arms.

17 Q. What do you mean by you will use SBUs to amputate people,  
18 to amputate their arms? How did you use them?

19 A. Like in some areas where we captured some civilians whom  
09:40:46 20 I and the others would capture we would make sure that the SBUs -  
21 we would command the SBUs saying, "Amputate these ones arms. Let  
22 him or her go to Freetown and tell them that we are ready for  
23 them." So it was a kind of giving out a message to the other  
24 civilians that they should fear us and they should tell ECOMOG  
09:41:07 25 about us.

26 Q. What would the SBUs do once they were commanded to  
27 amputate?

28 A. They were executing the orders. They executed the orders  
29 that we gave to them.

1 Q. Who was training these civilians and SBUs?

2 A. Like in Kono, our area, the commanders who were there, the  
3 various commanders and like even Junior Sherri f, they were all  
4 training in their various battalions. They were training, basic  
09:41:54 5 training.

6 Q. Did you train any civilians or SBUs in Kono?

7 A. Well, my own area, yes, we had civilians whom I gave  
8 training to; training in weaponry, how to cock a gun, to fire, to  
9 fix a magazine and how to fix the ammunition into the magazines.

09:42:22 10 Q. Did you train SBUs in Kono?

11 A. Well, I too was part of the trainers, but it was just basic  
12 training because we were too engaged so we just gave them basic  
13 weapon training.

14 Q. Witness, you also told the Court yesterday that Johnny Paul  
09:42:53 15 Koroma said he was going to get arms and ammunition from  
16 President Charles Taylor in Liberia and the rest of your answer  
17 was, "He would try and get them so that we would continue to hold  
18 the ground." Is this something that Johnny Paul Koroma said?

19 A. He said this clearly in that meeting, in that village  
09:43:25 20 between Tankoro and Woama, he said it clearly.

21 Q. Did he explain what he meant by "hold the ground"?

22 A. He said Kono was a di amondi ferous area, so by capturing  
23 Kono we would be able to get di amonds that we would use to go to  
24 Liberia and purchase arms and ammunition which could support us  
09:43:57 25 and we would defend Kono thoroughly and therefore we would be a  
26 force to reckon wi th by the international communi ty, that the  
27 international communi ty should reckon wi th and even the Sierra  
28 Leone government.

29 Q. Did anybody else who spoke in the meeting say this?

1 A. As I said, it was only Issa who responded to what Johnny  
2 Paul said in relation to the defence of Kono.

3 Q. What did Issa say in relation to the defence of Kono?

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4 A. As I said earlier, he said just as the chairman has said we  
5 would make sure that we should not encourage or allow any  
6 civilian within that area, within Kono area, so they would not  
7 have any way to regroup or be able to locate our position and  
8 they would bring in enemies to fight us. So we should not allow  
9 houses even to exist, we should burn them down so that no  
10 civilian will be able to settle in Kono.

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11 Q. Witness, when you were telling the Court yesterday about  
12 the killings that took place in Yardo Road you referred to  
13 members of the squad together with the RUF. When you say  
14 "members of the squad", what do you mean?

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15 A. I was referring to the SLA and the RUF because it was a  
16 combined troop that went to that area, captured Kono. It was a  
17 joint operation.

18 Q. In describing the command structure in Kono you spoke about  
19 battalions and companies. Were companies further divided into  
20 squads?

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21 A. No, I spoke about battalion in Kono. I did not talk about  
22 company. I spoke about battalion. You just asked me how a  
23 battalion was organised. I said it comprised about four  
24 companies, according to the American system, that is what builds  
25 up a battalion.

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26 Q. In Kono was the battalion also divided into companies?

27 A. Actually no, that did not obtain. The only thing was that  
28 the various battalions where they were based like Yengema,  
29 Yengema is so big that we organised guard posts. It was at those



1 guard posts that we had manpower that was sent to those guard  
2 posts. We would send - for example, if these set of people go  
3 and two hours the others will do four hours, something like that.  
4 So they will change shifts. That was what was going on. And in  
09:47:19 5 the town we will organise patrols, like food finding patrols,  
6 they will take some section from the battalion to go and find  
7 food for the entire battalion.

8 Q. Who would organise patrols to find food?

9 A. Like me at the headquarters, whenever there was any food  
09:47:43 10 finding patrol Bazy, Hassan Papa Bangura would call and take  
11 from various brigades - take people from the brigade and organise  
12 a patrol. It was the same with the battalion.

13 Q. What would happen once the men were organised to go on food  
14 finding patrols?

09:48:21 15 A. Well, the most interesting thing about food finding patrol  
16 that I have participated in, you go and wherever you locate  
17 civilians - because at that time when I and the others captured  
18 Kono the civilians ran into the forest, so we will go as far into  
19 the jungle and we will attack them and take away the food that  
09:48:52 20 they had from them and most times we will be lucky to capture  
21 even the civilians and we used them to carry the food for us. At  
22 times we will take along with us unarmed civilians to help us to  
23 carry the food if we get some food from the other civilians.

24 Q. And these unarmed civilians that you would take with you,  
09:49:17 25 where would you take them from?

26 A. The time we entered Kono, the able ones that we captured,  
27 whom the RUF and SL captured, we used them during those patrols.

28 Q. Witness, you were telling us yesterday about the command  
29 structure that was put in place in Kono with Superman as overall

1 commander. Do you recall that?

2 A. Yes, my Lord.

3 Q. When was this command structure put in place?

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4 A. It was just after Johnny Paul had gone and I told you after  
5 that operation in Gandorhun when we failed to capture Koidu Geiya  
6 we returned. That was when the command structure was put in  
7 place.

8 Q. Can you give us a time period?

9 A. As I said earlier, it was within March '98.

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10 Q. You told the Court that one of the names that you went by  
11 was Ice T. Do you remember that?

12 A. Yes, my Lord.

13 Q. How did you get that name Ice T?

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14 A. Actually I got the name through honourable Papa because of  
15 my bravery and I was mostly engaged in the battlefield. I never  
16 was afraid. Whenever I was called I was always ready to go and  
17 attack. So they compared me to one actor in America called Ice  
18 T. They said the guy is always ready, so that's why they gave me  
19 the name Ice T.

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20 Q. Witness, what, if anything, happened after the command  
21 structure was put in place in Kono?

22 A. Well, actually after the command structure had been put in  
23 place we used to go to various strategy areas, as I said, where  
24 the battalions were. Apart from food finding we will go and  
09:51:58 25 observe how the battalions were going on. We will go and attack.  
26 We will go as far as Yomandu to make sure the civilians actually  
27 leave the whole area.

28 Q. When you say, "We will go and attack", who is we?

29 A. Like me, Hassan Papa Bangura and the others from the

1 headquarters, we moved to go to Mohamed Savage in Tombodu, we  
2 moved as far as Kayima to Komba Gbundema's place. Wherever  
3 civilians were we attacked the place. That was what we did and  
4 we burnt most of the areas in Tombodu, Yomandu. Burnt houses,  
09:52:50 5 attacked civilians after the command structure was now in place.

6 Q. Witness, which towns in Kono were attacked? Can you just  
7 name the towns?

8 A. Tombodu was one of the towns that I too participated in its  
9 attack. Went as far as Yomandu and Kayima.

09:53:18 10 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagenda, what was that word on line  
11 10? There is an indiscernible word that actually even I didn't  
12 get. As far as?

13 MS ALAGENDRA: The first one, your Honour, "We moved to go  
14 to Mohamed Savage is the first one."

09:53:36 15 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: The one after that.

16 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, if I can just clarify that  
17 with the witness:

18 Q. Witness when you were explaining the meaning of "we will go  
19 and attack" the answer we have is: "Like me, Hassan Papa Bangura  
09:54:06 20 and the others from the headquarters, we moved to go to Mohamed  
21 Savage in Tombodu. We moved as far as" - I think maybe you named  
22 a place - "to come back to Komba Gbundema"?

23 A. I said as far as --

24 Q. Please proceed witness, as far as?

09:54:26 25 A. Yomandu and Kayima. Those villages.

26 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Kayima is K-A-Y-I-M-A:

27 Q. Apart from Tombodu, Yomandu and Kayima do you recall the  
28 names of any other villages or towns that were attacked?

29 A. Well, we would return, the operation commander Hassan Papa

1 Bangura would take me and some other men to go to as far as  
2 Yengema. We would go there and meet the battalion commander and  
3 we would go and attack - because as soon as they saw us they knew  
4 we had gone there for attacks, so they will join us and we would  
09:55:28 5 go and attack. And Bumpe too. Those were the areas that we  
6 attacked to move civilians away from the entire area.

7 Q. Who would join you to go on attack?

8 A. This was a combined attack. There was the RUF and the SLA  
9 too.

09:55:49 10 Q. These attacks you are talking about, can you recall over  
11 what period of time they took place?

12 A. That was within March/April as I am saying. At that time  
13 we had a continuous attack and burning of houses. That was our  
14 operation in Kono. Because at that time we hadn't any enemy  
09:56:15 15 threat. We were just burning and attacking civilians. That was  
16 all we were doing.

17 Q. When you say within March or April, did it all happen  
18 within that month?

19 A. Well, it continued to happen until I and Commander Bomb  
09:56:44 20 Blast withdrew from Kono. Until the time of the withdrawal  
21 burning used to take place. May/June, around there, 1998.

22 Q. In March or April which year are you talking about?

23 A. 1998.

24 Q. Witness, do you know what happened in Bumpe during these  
09:57:13 25 attacks?

26 A. Well, during the attack at Bumpe the only thing was Amara  
27 Kallay got some civilians whose heads were decapitated and put on  
28 the guard posts. There was a stick put on the guard post and  
29 they attached their heads on the sticks. The same thing happened

1 at Tombodu.

2 Q. What do you mean by - your Honours, I think the name was  
3 Amara Kallay. Is that the name you said, witness?

4 A. Yes, he was the battalion commander at Bumpe.

09:57:59 5 Q. And when you say Amara Kallay got civilians whose heads  
6 were decapitated and fixed on the guard post, who decapitated  
7 these civilians' heads?

8 A. He, the Amara Kallay himself participated and the troops  
9 that were there. Most of the civilians who were captured, their  
09:58:21 10 heads were cut off and put on the sticks just to create fear for  
11 ECOMOG or even the civilians.

12 Q. How do you know this?

13 A. I witnessed it. It happened in my presence.

14 Q. Apart from this did anything else happen in Bumpe during  
09:58:44 15 this time period?

16 A. Well, the Bumpe Town was almost completely burnt down  
17 except the area where the battalion occupied, but it was  
18 completely burnt down.

19 Q. And who was responsible for burning Bumpe?

09:59:06 20 A. Well, as I said, it was a joint patrol, joint operation.  
21 We would move from the brigade, the RUF too would come, we would  
22 go there and burn. It was just burning that we were engaged in.  
23 Koidu Town was so big and even Bumpe was so big so we didn't want  
24 ECOMOG or any other group to settle there. That's why we were  
09:59:34 25 burning the places.

26 Q. What was being burnt in Bumpe Town?

27 A. The houses which were in Bumpe Town, all. Just few were  
28 left unburnt. That was where the troops, or the battalion which  
29 was there, that was where they occupied. Those were the only

1 houses that were spared.

2 Q. Who did those houses belong to?

3 A. It was the civilians who were residing in Bumpe.

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4 Q. And where were those civilians when the houses were being  
5 burnt?

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6 A. As I said, before ever we would bring a battalion there we  
7 would attack some would be lucky, we will capture them, some  
8 others will escape. Those that we were able to capture, if any  
9 one of them will be fit we will locate the person and train the  
10 person and the others who were not fit, we will execute them.

11 Q. The houses that were being burnt, were they empty?

12 A. Some houses were empty, yes, because when we would attack  
13 civilians would escape. Some of them, we would run after them,  
14 we would chase them. Like for Bumpe some houses were empty.

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15 Q. You say some houses were empty, what about other houses?

16 A. Because there were times, some houses, we will lock them.  
17 When we set the houses ablaze you will hear people screaming from  
18 within the houses whilst the house would be on fire.

19 Q. Who were those people who were screaming?

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20 A. All I knew was those people were the civilians who were in  
21 the village. They were the ones screaming in the houses on fire.

22 Q. Do you know what, if anything, happened to those civilians?

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23 A. The houses would be completely burnt down. We would not  
24 bother ourselves to go and watch whether anything was in there  
25 because we knew the houses were completely burnt down.

26 Q. But do you know what happened to those civilians who you  
27 say were inside the houses when the houses were being set on  
28 fire?

29 A. As I said, I was not going there to watch, you would hear

1 the screaming and I believe most of them died in there. You  
2 would hear the screaming and mostly when we put the houses on  
3 fire we will surround the houses. There will be soldiers and RUF  
4 outside the houses so if anybody attempts to go out we just shoot  
10:02:20 5 the person. So that is it.

6 Q. Witness, did anything happen in Sewafe?

7 A. Sewafe where Lieutenant Mosquito was, when we went there we  
8 display - he displayed corpses in the streets and he too  
9 displayed human heads at the guard post and corpses on the  
10:02:49 10 streets. That's what he did.

11 Q. How do you know this?

12 A. When we went on patrol in that area that was what we saw.  
13 We met, Mosquito had displayed corpses in the street and  
14 displayed human heads on sticks at the guard post, just to make  
10:03:11 15 the area fearful.

16 Q. Do you know who was responsible for the killing of those  
17 civilians?

18 A. Well, he himself said that he and his men had done that.

19 Q. Do you know who were his men?

10:03:31 20 A. Yes, as I said, Mosquito was an SLA and he had RUF with  
21 him. There were two forces, RUF and SLA.

22 Q. Are you able to say how many corpses you saw in Sewafe?

23 A. No, I cannot tell you that now because they were just  
24 displayed there. I cannot say I counted. No, I did not count,  
10:04:01 25 but I saw the corpses displayed.

26 Q. Did anything else happen in Sewafe that you know about  
27 during this time?

28 A. The only thing, they were on stand by and we came back to  
29 the headquarters.

1 Q. Were there houses in Sewafe?

2 A. That area where they were, as I said we had burnt some  
3 areas. The unburnt places were where they occupied.

4 Q. Witness, do you know if Sewafe is known by any other name?

10:04:43 5 A. People used to call the place Njaiama Sewafe.

6 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Njaiama is spelt N-J-A-I-M-A:

7 Q. Witness, do you know what if anything happened in Yengema  
8 during this time?

9 A. Well, Yengema, as I said, where Tito was, the same thing  
10:05:22 10 continued and happened there. They displayed bodies and human  
11 heads were displayed on sticks at the checkpoints. Wherever you  
12 go you see heads on sticks. Yengema was completely burnt down.

13 Q. By who?

14 A. Tito was the commander there, because when we go and we  
10:05:47 15 meet them on the operation Tito and the SLA and the RUF they were  
16 there. The operation was continuous, just as I said.

17 Q. How do you know what happened in Yengema?

18 A. When I go on patrol with Commander Bomb Blast, because we  
19 go there to see we will meet them on the operation and they will  
10:06:10 20 tell us that they have to continue even after that time. All  
21 these towns that I am naming these are big towns, so it was a  
22 daily affair. They used to burn the towns on a daily basis and  
23 whosoever they saw, civilians, they would kill that person.

24 Q. When you say Yengema was completely burnt down, what was  
10:06:35 25 burnt in Yengema?

26 A. The houses. The houses in Yengema were burnt down  
27 completely.

28 Q. And who did those houses belong to?

29 A. Well, it was the civilians who were resident in Yengema.



1 Q. Did anything happen to the civilians who owned those  
2 houses?

3 A. As I said, when I and Commander Bomb Blast would go on  
4 patrols we would meet them on the action. We will go to their  
10:07:11 5 battalion headquarters, where they were, and Tito would explain  
6 and we will see ourselves burning going on. That was what was  
7 going on in the villages. It was an organised command.

8 Q. Where were the civilians when the houses were being burnt  
9 in Yengema?

10:07:30 10 A. Since we went there on a visit, Tito just said some  
11 civilians had been captured and some others had escaped. That  
12 was what he told us.

13 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagendra, when the witness said - you  
14 asked him who burnt the houses in Yengema and he said, "It was an  
10:07:56 15 organised command. We would meet them on the action. We would  
16 go on patrols and we would meet them on action", who is "them"?  
17 This is line 12, I think, of page 18.

18 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I will clarify that with the  
19 witness:

10:08:33 20 Q. Witness, when you said in relation to the burnings in  
21 Yengema you said, "When I and Commander Bomb Blast would go on  
22 patrols we would meet them on the action", who is the "them" that  
23 you are referring to?

24 A. Like I have said, like Yengema when we went with Tito,  
10:08:59 25 Tito, the SLA and the RUF who were there those were the people  
26 I was referring to who were doing the burning - the burning in  
27 Yengema. The burning of the houses.

28 Q. Now, you have said that you participated in the attack in  
29 Tombodu.

1 JUDGE LUSSICK: I am sorry to interrupt, Ms Alagendra, but  
2 are you happy with that answer to your last question? Your  
3 question was, "Where were the civilians when the houses were  
4 burnt down in Yengema?", and the answer was, "Since we went there  
10:09:36 5 on a visit and Tito just said some civilians had been captured  
6 and some others had escaped. That was what he told us", but you  
7 will see that that question does not deal with where the  
8 civilians were when the houses were burnt down.

9 MS ALAGENDRA: Thank you, your Honour. I will go back to  
10:09:54 10 that:

11 Q. Witness, when you were testifying about houses being burnt  
12 in Yengema, I was asking you where were those civilians whose  
13 houses were being burnt?

14 A. As I said earlier Tito only informed us that whilst they  
10:10:20 15 were there they would capture some of the civilians and some  
16 others escaped, so when they escaped they would burn their  
17 houses.

18 Q. Did you tell us if anything happened to civilians during  
19 the burning of the houses?

10:10:35 20 A. Well he said the civilians whom they captured, those who  
21 were not strong enough they will kill them.

22 Q. Witness, my question to you is in relation to whether  
23 anything happened to civilians while houses were being burnt.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pause, Ms Alagendra. Mr Anyah, you are  
10:11:09 25 on your feet.

26 MR ANYAH: Yes, I make an objection because at this point  
27 the question is inviting speculation. The witness has drawn a  
28 line, if you consider his responses, in maintaining that he was  
29 not present when some of these events took place. He heard all

1 of this from the commander, Tito, and he keeps drawing the line  
2 saying on the basis of what Tito has told him and Papa Bangura  
3 this is what he knows about what happens to civilians. They are  
4 now pressuring him to the point where I suspect they want him to  
10:11:40 5 say in more detail whether people were in houses when they were  
6 burnt and the like and he does not appear that he is comfortable  
7 getting to that degree of specificity.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagendra, your reply?

9 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, all along the witness has been  
10:11:58 10 testifying about what he was told by Tito, my line of questioning  
11 is about what he was told and as pointed out by Judge Lussick and  
12 I myself don't think the witness understands the question. So,  
13 if I may attempt for the last time to see if I can rephrase the  
14 question in a way that the witness can understand.

10:12:22 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: He has not specifically answered the  
16 question --

17 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: -- and I will allow it to be rephrased.  
19 However, he answered - he gave an answer to - he answered, but  
10:12:33 20 not to the point raised in the question. I will therefore allow  
21 the question.

22 MS ALAGENDRA:

23 Q. Witness, when Tito was telling you about what happened in  
24 Yengema, did he say anything about what happened to civilians  
10:12:56 25 when houses were being burnt?

26 A. As I said, he only told us that some of them he was able to  
27 capture and some others escaped. Those who were not strong  
28 enough he said he executed them. That is why I told you when  
29 I got to Yengema, together with Bomb Blast, the men displayed

1 corpses at Yengema. That was what I saw, corpses displayed and  
2 human heads displayed as well.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: That answers the question, Ms Alagendra.

4 MS ALAGENDRA:

10:13:42 5 Q. Witness, you told the Court that you participated in  
6 attacks in Tombodu. Can you tell us what happened during the  
7 attacks in Tombodu that you participated in?

8 A. Well in Tombodu, when I, Bomb Blast, Mohamed Savage, moved  
9 to go to Tombodu, the civilians saw us and we just gestured to  
10:14:20 10 them and we pretended to be a government force and they waited.  
11 We came closer to them and we opened fire at them - we started  
12 shooting at them - and the attacks started right there. We  
13 killed a lot of them, but some others escaped. Those who were  
14 unlucky died.

10:14:49 15 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Mr Interpreter, you said certain words we  
16 just didn't get. You said, "The civilians saw us and we just" -  
17 what did you say there?

18 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the sentence was disjointed  
19 by the witness himself.

10:15:08 20 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagendra, you see the word  
21 "indiscernible". Actually, I didn't get the word from the  
22 interpreter either. He said something that was too fast.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: I heard the word gestured.

24 THE INTERPRETER: The word is gestured. It is gestured,  
10:15:22 25 yes, your Honour. One sentence was disjointed, but he said  
26 gestured. G-E-S-T-U-R-E-D, your Honour.

27 MS ALAGENDRA:

28 Q. Witness, when you say, "We just gestured to them and we  
29 pretended to be a government force", what do you mean?

1 A. At that time the civilians were watching us. Whilst we  
2 were coming with vehicles we were waving to them, pretending to  
3 be government forces. That was why the civilians waited, but  
4 immediately we got very close to them and jumped out of the  
10:16:08 5 vehicles we opened fire on them in Tombodu.

6 Q. Did the civilians believe that you were the government  
7 force?

8 A. At that time we had on uniforms, so they just misunderstood  
9 us to be government forces who had come to rescue them.

10:16:25 10 Q. How do you know that?

11 A. I too was there. We went very close. We were waving to  
12 them, telling them not to run away. We were shouting, "You  
13 should not escape. We are reinforcements", so most of them stood  
14 there in waiting. While they were there we jumped out of the  
10:16:52 15 vehicles and we started firing at them.

16 Q. How do you know that the civilians thought you were the  
17 government forces who came to rescue them?

18 A. It was the way we were shouting out to them that, "We are  
19 government troops. We have come to reinforce and protect you."

10:17:16 20 Q. How did the civilians react to that when you said that?

21 A. Well they were standing there observing until we got very  
22 close and they were watching until we got very close to them, and  
23 we - as we got very close we jumped out of the vehicles and we  
24 opened heavy firing on them.

10:17:39 25 Q. Apart from yourself, Hassan Papa Bangura and Mohamed  
26 Savage, were there any others in the group?

27 A. Yes, there were RUF men. It was a combined operation.

28 Q. Are you able to say how many civilians were killed during  
29 this attack?

1 A. Well the civilian population was so much that a lot of them  
2 died, more than 20, at the time we captured Tombodu.

3 Q. Witness, apart from this attack in Tombodu that you have  
4 told us about, were there any other attacks in Tombodu?

10:18:28 5 A. Well the only attack was later when Savage was there, when  
6 he had based there in Tombodu as battalion commander. At one  
7 time we were at the headquarters and Savage sent a message that  
8 he had captured some civilians, about 77 or 78 of them, whom he  
9 had captured, and he said they thought he was an ECOMOG officer  
10:19:01 10 and they were happy, saying that, "Oh, the ECOMOG guys have  
11 come", and he asked Commander Bomb Blast Bazzy to come and see  
12 these civilians and so I, Commander Bomb Blast and some other  
13 guys moved to Tombodu. We got there and we saw the civilians.  
14 Savage took some of them, about 15, put them into a house and  
10:19:31 15 burnt them in the house. He amputated some of them, about 15.  
16 The rest he decapitated them and dumped them into a pit.

17 MR ANYAH: Could we get some foundation for the second  
18 event, the capture of the 70 civilians, as opposed to the first  
19 event where 20 civilians were killed?

10:19:59 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Ms Alagendra? You have heard  
21 Mr Anyah's objection.

22 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, my question to this witness  
23 was about another attack in Tombodu and I asked him, "Do you know  
24 if there was any other attack in Tombodu apart from what you have  
10:20:16 25 told us about?"

26 MR ANYAH: And his response was at page 21, starting at  
27 line 8, "Well, the only attack was later when Savage" and  
28 I understood that to mean a different time frame.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Clarify the time, Ms Alagendra, because

1 he has described two different attacks - two different incidents  
2 I should say.

3 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, my question did relate to a  
4 separate incident, but I will clarify it with the witness:

10:20:49 5 Q. Witness, this attack you are talking about referring to the  
6 77 or 78 civilians, when did that take place?

7 A. This was after - just as I have said, it was after Savage  
8 had gone and based as a battalion commander in Tombodu, while we  
9 were at the headquarters at Masingbi Road.

10:21:15 10 Q. When did the attack that you participated in take place?

11 A. That was to go - that was the capture of Tombodu. That was  
12 what I explained about, before Savage was sent there as battalion  
13 commander.

14 Q. How long after the first attack on Tombodu did the second  
10:21:40 15 attack take place?

16 A. It took some time actually. It took some time because  
17 Mohamed Savage had been there now based as battalion commander  
18 before he invited us.

19 Q. Are you able to give us an estimate in terms of time?

10:22:03 20 A. It was within a month when he had been there now as  
21 battalion commander, because after we had ensured that all  
22 battalions were based in the areas and pushed the civilians from  
23 the entire area the place was then quiet, we had no threats and  
24 when Savage invited to us the headquarters, that he had some  
10:22:40 25 visitors who were civilians, so we went to Tombodu to see.

26 Q. Witness, you have said that you received a call from  
27 Savage, or received a message that he had captured about 77 to 78  
28 civilians and you subsequently went there with Bomb Blast and  
29 Bazy to go and see these civilians. Did you see the 77 or 78

1 civilians?

2 A. Well, when we arrived we saw them. Well, as soon as we got  
3 there Savage started displaying. He took some, put them into a  
4 house and set them on fire, and some others he amputated them,  
10:23:36 5 and the others he cut off their heads. Like --

6 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, the witness has called  
7 names that I would like him to repeat.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Pause Mr Witness. Please repeat that,  
9 Mr Interpreter.

10:23:49 10 THE INTERPRETER: He called out some names of fighters that  
11 I didn't get clearly.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, the interpreter did not hear  
13 the names of the fighters. Could you repeat those names, please?

14 THE WITNESS: I spoke about Staff Alhaji, Guitar Boy.

10:24:13 15 MS ALAGENDRA: Staff Alhaji is A-L-H-A-J-I. Guitar Boy is  
16 Guitar spelt like the instrument, Boy.

17 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagenda, if you look at the answer  
18 the witness actually didn't get an opportunity I think to finish  
19 his answer and these names he is giving are not put in context in  
10:24:39 20 the answer. If you could revisit that area, please.

21 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I will do. With the  
22 permission of the Court if I can just re-put the question to get  
23 a complete answer:

24 Q. Witness, can you tell us again what happened to the 77 or  
10:24:55 25 78 civilians that you saw when you arrived in Tombodu?

26 A. Well, I and Commander Bomb Blast arrived in Tombodu, Savage  
27 showed us the civilians. He said these were the people who were  
28 rejoicing that ECOMOG had captured Tombodu because they thought  
29 we were ECOMOG people because of the uniforms we had and he said



1 he was coming to display. He took some and locked them up in a  
2 building and set the building ablaze. We heard them screaming.  
3 And the others, he, Guitar Boy and others started amputating  
4 them. The rest of the others were beheaded and he put them into  
5 a pit in Tombodu.

10:25:46

6 Q. How many civilians were locked up in a building and the  
7 building set on fire?

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think he has given us that number,  
9 Ms Alagenda. He said about 15, didn't he?

10:26:04

10 THE WITNESS: 15, yes.

11 MS ALAGENDRA:

12 Q. Did anything happen to those civilians who were inside the  
13 burning building?

14 A. Yes, they were completely burnt down. Nobody escaped

10:26:22

15 because there were soldiers surrounding the building. Nobody  
16 escaped. All of them were burnt down.

17 Q. Did any of them survive?

18 A. None of them survived. You will see the skeletons.

19 Q. Do you know how many civilians were amputated?

10:26:49

20 A. Yes, about 15 civilians were amputated and he told them to  
21 go and tell ECOMOG that he was in Tombodu as battalion commander.

22 Q. Do you know who was doing the amputating?

23 A. Savage, Guitar Boy, Staff Alhaji and there were some SBUs,  
24 they were doing the amputation.

10:27:18

25 Q. Were you present when the amputation was going on?

26 A. It was right in my presence. Bomb Blast was there and  
27 I was there.

28 Q. Are you able to tell us the age group of the civilians who  
29 were being amputated?

1 A. These were young people. You will see that they were  
2 within the ages of 20, 25. They were young men.

3 Q. Can you describe how the amputation was taking place?

10:28:03

4 A. They were amputating them from the wrist area and telling  
5 them to go and tell ECOMOG.

6 Q. Do you know how many civilians were decapitated and put  
7 into the pit?

8 A. Well, there were about 78, the rest of the others whose  
9 heads were beheaded were dumped into the pit.

10:28:32

10 Q. This pit that you are referring to, witness, did it have a  
11 name?

12 A. Pits where they had dug - where they had dug for diamonds.  
13 That was the pit.

14 Q. Did it become known by any name?

10:28:55

15 A. Yes, later it had a name. I think it was something like  
16 Savage Pit in Kono.

17 Q. Do you know why it was called Savage Pit?

18 A. Well, it was the number of - it was because of the number  
19 of corpses and heads that were in there. That was why the place  
20 was called Savage Pit.

10:29:24

21 Q. Witness, you said yesterday that Mohamed Savage also went  
22 by the name Changa Bulanga, is that correct?

23 A. Yes, sir, my Lord we had Changa Bulanga and later he was  
24 called Mr Die.

10:29:47

25 Q. You may have told us yesterday at which point in time he  
26 got that name, but can you remind us, please?

27 A. Yes, my Lord.

28 Q. When was that?

29 A. As I said, when we captured Kono and when we based in

1 Tombodu. That was when the name was given to him, Changa  
2 Bulanga.

3 Q. Was it after or before this incident?

10:30:24

4 A. He had had the name and when he went to - it was before  
5 that incident. It was from that incident that we gave him the  
6 name Changa Bulanga.

7 Q. Witness, now you have said it was before that incident and  
8 then you say it was from that incident, which is it? Is it  
9 before that incident or is it because of that incident he got the  
10 name?

10:30:44

11 A. It was after the incident that he got the name Changa  
12 Bulanga.

13 Q. While you and Bomb Blast were in Tombodu at this time do  
14 you recall if any of the commanders came there during this  
15 particular incident I am talking about?

10:31:09

16 A. Yes, my Lord.

17 Q. Who?

18 A. Well, Superman himself came to Tombodu.

19 Q. What did he do when he came?

10:31:27

20 A. Savage showed him the pit and he told him where he cremated  
21 the people and Superman was shocked and said, "Savage, these are  
22 the things that people will be charged to court for. This is  
23 crime against humanity. These things that you are doing, this is  
24 crime against humanity." After which Superman came back and he  
25 was drinking palm wine. All of us were drinking palm wine.

10:31:54

26 Q. When you say all of us were drinking palm wine, who?

27 A. Superman, Savage, Bomb Blast, everybody, because there was  
28 palm wine which Savage had. It was brought for him so we were  
29 drinking the palm wine.

1           PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagendra, I really don't want to be  
2 pedantic but the witness used the word "cremated the people" and  
3 I haven't got evidence that they were cremated.

10:32:33

4           JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Also I think the evidence was they drank  
5 palm wine.

6           PRESIDING JUDGE: Not palm oil, they would be in serious  
7 trouble.

8           THE WITNESS: Palm wine, your Honours. Palm wine.

10:32:46

9           PRESIDING JUDGE: I wouldn't like to think of the effects  
10 of drinking palm oil.

11           MS ALAGENDRA:

10:33:11

12 Q.   Witness, you said when Superman came Savage showed him the  
13 pit and he told him where he cremated the people. Now when  
14 describing what happened in Tombodu you spoke about civilians  
15 whose heads were decapitated and put into a pit, but you did not  
16 talk about any cremation taking place?

17 A.   I did not get that clearly.

10:33:42

18 Q.   The answer that you have given us, witness, "Savage showed  
19 him", meaning Superman, "the pit and he told him where he  
20 cremated the people."

21 A.   Yes, my Lord.

22 Q.   What did you mean by "cremated"?

10:34:05

23 A.   The house where you will see the ashes and the bones where  
24 the burning had taken place, where these 15 civilians were burnt  
25 in the house you will see, where he went and showed Superman you  
26 see the ashes.

27           PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, I understand the situation  
28 now.

29           MS ALAGENDRA:

1 Q. Witness, you have said that Superman came and when he saw  
2 all this he said this is something one could be charged for a  
3 crime against humanity for. Do you know if Superman took any  
4 action against Savage for this?

10:34:42 5 A. My Lord, as I have told you Superman, Hassan Papa Bangura,  
6 myself and Savage were just drinking palm wine. No action was  
7 taken against him, nor was he being threatened that he would be  
8 changed from the battalion, no. We were just drinking palm wine.

9 Q. Did Savage continue to be the commander in Tombodu after  
10 this incident?  
10:35:08

11 A. Yes, my Lord, Savage continued to be a commander there.

12 Q. Witness, during this time did you go to Jagbwema Fiama?

13 A. The only time I went there was with Hassan Papa Bangura.  
14 I went there on a patrol to see how the ground was doing.

10:35:39 15 Q. Do you know if anything happened there?

16 A. The only thing I saw at Jagbwema Fiama, we met houses which  
17 had been burnt down and the commander was there. I said before  
18 human heads were displayed on sticks. That is what I saw at  
19 Jagbwema Fiama.

10:36:06 20 Q. These human heads that were being displayed on sticks, who  
21 were they? Whose heads were they?

22 A. According to the commander who was there, Junior, he said  
23 some civilians were attempting to come to the village and settle.  
24 Those were the civilians who were captured and killed and their  
10:36:29 25 heads were displayed just so that it would be a warning to  
26 others.

27 Q. Do you know who killed these civilians?

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Anyah?

29 MR ANYAH: Yes, I am merely seeking some foundation.

1 I recall when we started the line of questioning there were four  
2 towns in question, Tombodu, Yomandu, Kayima and Bumpe, in  
3 relation to attacks on Kono. Counsel has covered them and now we  
4 are in Jagbwema Fiama and I don't know if this is the same time  
10:37:08 5 period that we are talking about.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagenda?

7 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, I can clarify that with the  
8 witness.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well, thank you.

10:37:14 10 MS ALAGENDRA:

11 Q. Witness, in relation to this incident in Jagbwema Fiama, do  
12 you recall when it took place?

13 A. Well, just as I had earlier said, in Jagbwema Fiama we had  
14 a battalion which was headed by Captain Junior, so I and  
10:37:36 15 Operation Commander Bomb Blast went on a patrol in that area. We  
16 went on a patrol and saw this incident.

17 Q. Witness, I am seeking a time period. When is it that you  
18 went there and saw this incident?

19 A. That was in 1998, just as the battalions had been formed in  
10:38:02 20 those areas. 1998, I think March, July, April. March/April  
21 1998.

22 Q. Do you know who killed the civilians in Jagbwema Fiama?

23 A. The only thing Captain Junior told me was that they were  
24 the ones who killed the civilians. The civilians had attempted  
10:38:32 25 to come to the village and - to the town and stay and live there,  
26 so that was why they killed them so others will fear not to come  
27 there again.

28 Q. When you say "they", "they are the ones who killed the  
29 civilians", who is "they"?

1 A. I said he, himself, and his men. I mean the RUF and the  
2 SLA who were on the ground. They did that.

3 Q. Do you know who burnt the houses?

10:39:15

4 A. Even that one he told me that they did burning so civilians  
5 would not come there to live.

6 Q. Do you know if at the time they were burning the houses the  
7 houses were empty?

10:39:42

8 A. No. Well, I did not go into details to ask about those  
9 areas. He only told us that the civilians who attempted to come  
10 they captured them and then they killed them and then they burnt  
11 down houses so that civilians will not be able to come and settle  
12 in those areas.

13 Q. Now, how long were you in Jagbwema Fiama at this time when  
14 you went and witnessed this?

10:39:58

15 A. Well, we did not stay there. We returned to Jagbwema Fiama  
16 and then later went back to the headquarters at Masingbi Road.

17 Q. Now when you left Jagbwema Fiama and you were heading  
18 towards Masingbi Road, did you meet anybody on the way?

10:40:27

19 A. Well, yes, we met with Colonel Isaac Mongor. He also told  
20 us that he was going on patrol. He had a twin barrel and then he  
21 stopped us.

22 Q. And what happened?

10:40:52

23 A. Well, we had a young civilian in the vehicle who was  
24 actually gallant in structure. He was a young man. Isaac saw  
25 him and then he asked me why - the reason why we were going with  
26 that man to Koidu Town. Then he said that we had all said that  
27 Koidu should be a non-civilian zone, but I told him that this man  
28 is fit enough and he will be able to do this thing. But then he  
29 said, no, the man should come down. Then when the man came down

1 he ordered one amongst the RUF to - they shot the guy in his head  
2 and the twin barrel rolled on top of him. So, I returned  
3 together with my commander to Koidu Town.

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4 Q. When you say, "I told him this man is fit enough and he  
5 will be able to do this thing", what do you mean?

10:42:04

6 A. Well, I told him that this man is fit for training and this  
7 man will be able to carry arms and he will serve as manpower for  
8 us. But then he said, no. He said, "We had all agreed that we  
9 shouldn't allow any civilian any longer", so he said I should put  
10 him down and then when I put him down they shot him in his head  
11 and the twin barrel rolled on top of him.

12 Q. Now, who is saying this to you?

13 A. It was Colonel Isaac Mongor who said this to me.

14 Q. When you say, "They shot him in his head", who is "they"?

10:42:25

15 A. I said he ordered one amongst his RUF junior soldiers. He  
16 gave him the order to shoot him and then he shot him in his head.  
17 The guy dropped, he died and then the twin barrel rolled on top  
18 of him.

19 Q. What is a twin barrel?

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20 A. Well, it is an anti-aircraft weapon which was planted -  
21 mounted on top of a vehicle; one of the vehicles we had in Kono.  
22 It was mounted in a Bedford truck. It was an anti-aircraft  
23 weapon, but there were two - two anti-aircrafts mounted on top of  
24 that vehicle.

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25 Q. And how did that vehicle roll over the civilian?

26 A. After the civilian boy was shot, the driver reversed and  
27 later rolled over him. The front tyres - the front wheels - and  
28 the back wheels all rolled over him.

29 Q. Did you know who the driver was?



1 A. Well he had an SLA fellow who was driving the twin barrel  
2 vehicle in Kono, but I can't recall his name.

3 Q. He had an SLA driving the vehicle, who is "he"?

10:44:09

4 A. It was Isaac who had an SLA who was driving the twin barrel  
5 vehicle.

6 Q. Is it the same Isaac Mongor you are referring to?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Witness, you have been testifying about - before I move on  
9 to that, after this incident and you got back to Masingbi Road,  
10 did you do anything?

10:44:31

11 A. Well, we got back to Masingbi Road and Bazzy said that the  
12 houses that were in front of us we should burn them down because  
13 it is possible enemies will occupy there to attack us, so when we  
14 got there that was the burning we started. Myself, Bazzy, the  
15 RUF and the SLAs who were around, we all started burning the  
16 houses around the Masingbi Road.

10:44:57

17 Q. Did any of the senior commanders know about this incident  
18 involving Isaac Mongor?

19 A. Bomb Blast knew about it and Superman knew about the  
20 incident, because they brought up the question to me. Ibrahim  
21 Bazzy too knew about the incident.

10:45:21

22 Q. How do you know that they knew?

23 A. Well, when we got there Isaac later called and they asked  
24 why did we want to break the law because we had all said that we  
25 shouldn't bring civilians again. Then I answered to them and  
26 said, "The man looked strong enough. That was the reason why  
27 I wanted to bring him." So, that was what happened.

10:45:49

28 Q. Who asked you that?

29 A. Well, later when I got there I went to Superman and

1 Superman told me that Isaac called him and told him that I had  
2 wanted to bring a civilian. And he said to me that they had  
3 passed a law and that should be a warning to me and any other  
4 person that nobody should bring a civilian, and that they said  
10:46:30 5 they had passed a law that any civilians we come across we should  
6 kill them and so that should be a warning.

7 Q. Witness, you have been testifying about civilians who were  
8 captured and who were now with the troops in Kono. Did you have  
9 women amongst those civilians?

10:46:57 10 A. Yes, we had women. Women were there. Young women were  
11 there, many.

12 Q. What were the age group of these women?

13 A. Well, we had the young ones, we had those who were above  
14 15, we had some who were 8, 10, 12, 15 and there were some who  
10:47:21 15 were 20. They were young women, actually. Young women.

16 Q. What, if anything, happened to these women in Kono?

17 A. Well all of those women were living with various  
18 commanders, both junior and senior SLA and RUF commanders. Some  
19 of them made them their wives.

10:47:48 20 Q. What do you mean by some of them made them their wives?

21 A. Well, even myself I had one that I captured in Kono. She  
22 was staying with me. And all the other commanders had. Even the  
23 junior commanders had.

24 Q. When you say they were made wives, can you explain that?

10:48:14 25 How were women made wives?

26 A. Well, actually I did not marry mine and they themselves did  
27 not marry the ones that they had. We captured them, so whatever  
28 they did we were forcing them to do it because we had guns. So,  
29 that is what I mean.

1 Q. What is it that they did which they were forced to do?

2 A. Well we had sex with them, that was what was happening,  
3 because even some of them later went pregnant and they gave birth  
4 to children for us.

10:48:59 5 Q. Now apart from having sex with them, did these women have  
6 to do anything else?

7 A. Well, these women were responsible for cooking for us and  
8 some of the men and some of the women helped to pound rice. Some  
9 were also responsible for laundry.

10:49:29 10 Q. Now, witness, these women who were taken as wives, what was  
11 their age groups?

12 A. Well some were above 15, within those ages, 15, and some of  
13 our SBUs had the younger ones who were around the ages of 10,  
14 just like that.

10:49:58 15 Q. Witness, can you state the ages again - the age group - of  
16 the women taken as wives?

17 A. Well like the one I had she was about 15/16 years, she was  
18 very young, and I saw younger ones who were around 8, 10. Those  
19 ones were taken by the SBU boys. They were with them.

10:50:30 20 Q. Now when you say "our SBUs had the younger ones", what do  
21 you mean by that?

22 A. Well like I said the SBU, who were the Small Boys Unit,  
23 they also will capture the younger ones when we went to capture  
24 civilians. They will capture the younger ones and they will live  
10:50:56 25 with them.

26 Q. Did they do anything with them?

27 A. Well, in fact the SBUs were more desperate than us. They  
28 also had sex with them.

29 Q. How do you know this?

1 A. These are things I saw myself, because nobody stopped them  
2 because they had also become part of the movement.

3 Q. Were the commanders aware of this?

4 A. Yes, my Lord, they were aware but nobody did anything about  
10:51:35 5 it. They told them, "Boys, enjoy yourselves." They said, "This  
6 is your own time."

7 Q. Which commanders are you referring to who said this?

8 A. The commanders that I was with and even the RUF commanders.  
9 Nobody disciplined anybody with regards those things.

10:51:58 10 Q. Witness, can you give us some names?

11 A. Well, like I said, Bazzy did not say anything about that,  
12 Bomb Blast did not talk anything about that. Even Superman did  
13 not say anything against that. Nobody disciplined the young boys  
14 for those acts.

10:52:18 15 Q. Now this matter in relation to what happened to the women  
16 in Kono, what time frame was this taking place in?

17 A. Well, this was after the battalions had been organised and  
18 it was within March, April, May, within all those periods.  
19 March, April, May, when we were in Kono those things were going  
10:52:51 20 on, 1998.

21 Q. Witness, you told us about civilians being killed during  
22 the attacks in these various towns and villages. Were there  
23 women amongst the civilians who were killed?

24 A. Well, it was mixed, men, women, it was a random type of  
10:53:31 25 killing. As long as you were not strong enough for us to bring  
26 you to be trained and that you were not beautiful, you would die.

27 Q. Witness, during this period did you go to Gandorhun?

28 A. Well, the only time I went to Gandorhun was the time we  
29 were preparing to go and recapture Koi du Geiya.

1 Q. When was this?

2 A. Well, it was after a communication that went on whilst we  
3 were at headquarters when Superman sent to call Bazy and Bomb  
4 Blast and he said Mosquito had called and he wanted to talk to  
10:54:38 5 them.

6 Q. Witness, I am going to pause there you. Your Honours, it's  
7 Koidu Geiya K-O-I-D-U, not Koindu. Witness, when you say  
8 headquarter what are you referring to?

9 A. Well, it is Masingbi Road, the headquarter that was there.

10:55:01 10 Q. How do you know that Superman sent for Bazy and Bomb  
11 Blast?

12 A. Well, I was present there. There was somebody, he had a  
13 runner, somebody who was in charge of that at Masingbi Road. The  
14 person came from Dabundeh Street and came to Masingbi Road and he  
10:55:27 15 said that Superman wanted to talk with Bazy and Bomb Blast, that  
16 is Hassan Papa Bangura.

17 Q. What happened after this message was brought?

18 A. Well, Hassan Papa Bangura together with Bazy prepared  
19 themselves, myself and others we all moved and we went to  
10:55:54 20 Dabundeh Street to meet Superman.

21 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Dabundeh is spelt  
22 D-A-B-U-N-D-E-H, street:

23 Q. Please proceed, witness. What happened when you moved to  
24 Dabundeh Street and met with Superman?

10:56:14 25 A. Well, when we met Superman and on our arrival Superman was  
26 with the set and he was waiting for Mosquito's call and when we  
27 arrived Mosquito called and he ordered Superman that now he has  
28 got arms and ammunition and that we should go and get the  
29 ammunition to recapture Koidu Geiya and he said men were coming

1 from as far as Kailahun so that we will continue to defend Koidu  
2 Town since ECOMOG had gone over air and said they are in Makeni  
3 and heading to go to Koidu Town and he said we should use those  
4 ammunition to fight to defend Koidu Town.

10:57:04 5 Q. Witness, you have spoken in your testimony so far about two  
6 Mosquitos, one is a Lieutenant Mosquito and one is the RUF  
7 commander, Sam Bockarie alias Mosquito. Which Mosquito was this  
8 communication with?

9 A. Well, this was General Mosquito, Sam Bockarie, who was the  
10:57:28 10 RUF commander at that time.

11 Q. Now when he said that he has got arms and ammunition, who  
12 said he has got arms and ammunition?

13 A. Well, it was Mosquito who said he has got ammunition from  
14 Liberia and he said he will want us to go and receive them since  
10:57:54 15 ECOMOG is threatening that they are coming to recapture Koidu  
16 Town, so he said we should use that to repel them.

17 Q. During that communication did he say where in Liberia he  
18 got the ammunition from?

19 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I don't recall hearing Liberia.

10:58:23 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: I heard Liberia. Just let me check the  
21 record, because I certainly have it in my notes. Yes, the  
22 answer, Mr Anyah, "Well, it was Mosquito who said he had got  
23 ammunition from Liberia and he said he will want us to go and  
24 receive them since ECOMOG is threatening." That's how I heard  
10:58:48 25 it, Mr Anyah.

26 MR ANYAH: I see it and I withdraw the objection.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

28 MS ALAGENDRA:

29 Q. Witness, during that communication did Mosquito say where

1 in Liberia he got the ammunition from?

2 A. Well, what he told us was that, he said the President of  
3 Liberia had arranged and ammunitions have now arrived and that we  
4 should go and receive them.

10:59:19 5 Q. Did he state the name of that President of Liberia?

6 A. Yes, he said President Taylor. He said President Taylor,  
7 he has organised for us to get arms and he has sent them and then  
8 we should go and collect them to go and defend Kono.

9 Q. During this communication did anybody else speak over the  
10:59:44 10 radio?

11 A. Well, after that also Issa spoke with Bomb Blast because  
12 that was his friend and he said, "Please, they should hold onto  
13 the ground" and he said also that very soon he would also come to  
14 Koidu in Kono.

11:00:07 15 Q. Hold which ground, did he say?

16 A. Well, Kono. He said we should hold on Kono District strong  
17 and firm so that when the ammunitions come we will continue to  
18 defend there thoroughly.

19 Q. Did anybody else speak?

11:00:35 20 A. Morris Kallon also spoke to Bazzy and he also gave him  
21 encouraging words and he said they should be determined and he  
22 said he was also coming very soon to reinforce us.

23 Q. Did he explain they should be determined for what?

24 A. He said because ECOMOG had gone over the air and that they  
11:01:07 25 were in Makeni and they were coming to recapture Kono. He said  
26 he was also coming to reinforce us so that we will fight and push  
27 ECOMOG back.

28 Q. Now after this communication did Morris Kallon come to  
29 Kono?

1 A. Yes, he later came to Kono.

2 Q. Did anything happen after this communication?

3 A. Immediately after this communication Superman organised  
4 men, Hassan Papa Bangura and Bazy organised men and it was  
11:01:51 5 Hassan Papa Bangura who led them from Masingbi Road and we went  
6 to Superman at Dabundeh Street and then we left, we used  
7 Gandorhun route to go to Koi du Geiya.

8 Q. Witness, when you talk about Hassan Papa Bangura, Bazy and  
9 Superman organising men who are these men that you're talking  
11:02:18 10 about?

11 A. These were the immediate commanders in Koi du Town.  
12 Superman was the overall, Bazy was the commander for the  
13 Masingbi Road area and Hassan Papa Bangura was the operations  
14 commander and deputy commander.

11:02:34 15 Q. Witness, the men that were organised, who were those men?

16 A. Well, I was also part of it and together with the RUF and  
17 the SLA, it was a combined force.

18 Q. You said you used the Masingbi Road to go to where?

19 A. To Superman at Dabundeh Street. We left Dabundeh Street  
11:03:18 20 and then we used the Gandorhun route.

21 Q. And where did you go?

22 A. Well, we went through Koi du Buma.

23 Q. To where?

24 A. And we attacked Koi du Geiya.

11:03:38 25 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Koi du Buma is spelt B-U-M-A  
26 for Buma:

27 Q. Did anything happen on the way to Koi du Geiya?

28 A. Well, on our way whilst we were advancing Rambo was ahead.  
29 That is the RUF Rambo. He was the deputy operations and he was



1 the acting commander in Gandorhun. We met, he had already  
2 captured some civilians and he had hacked about 15 of them. He  
3 had hacked them, in Koidu Buma, to death.

4 Q. How do you know this?

11:04:27 5 A. Well, I saw it myself.

6 Q. At the time that you saw this --

7 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagenda, I'm not sure what he saw  
8 when he wasn't there. He was on his way when this happened.

9 What exactly did he see?

11:04:52 10 THE WITNESS: The corpses that Rambo had hacked, because he  
11 was in the advance team, he had gone ahead with the advance team.  
12 So when he got there he waited for us and when I also got there  
13 I saw the corpses and I confirmed it and I knew that these were  
14 civilians that he had hacked to death.

11:05:14 15 MS ALAGENDRA:

16 Q. How is it you know it was RUF Rambo who hacked these  
17 civilians?

18 A. He said it himself. He said he displayed with the men. He  
19 said he hacked them.

11:05:30 20 Q. What do you mean by, "He said he displayed with the men"?

21 A. Well, the bodies were hacked. In fact they did not use  
22 weapons. They hacked them and they were displayed in the street.

23 Q. Do you know why they were displayed?

24 A. He said this was to create fear so that no civilians will  
11:05:58 25 come to that area again.

26 Q. At the time he was saying this to you where were the  
27 commanders that you went with?

28 A. Well, when we all arrived at the point they all stopped and  
29 we all waited and all of them took notice of it and all the

1 commanders were eager to know whether it was as a result of an  
2 attack or what. But then he himself explained what happened.

3 Q. Witness, can you name those commanders again, please?

11:06:45

4 A. Well, Hassan Papa Bangura was there, Superman was there and  
5 those were the two senior commanders that went with us.

6 Q. How far is Koi du Buma from Koi du Geiya?

7 A. Almost about three to five miles, about that.

8 Q. And you said that the group eventually arrived at Koi du  
9 Geiya, is that correct?

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10 A. We launched an attack on Koi du Geiya and finally we were  
11 able to recapture Koi du Geiya from the Kamajors.

12 Q. Can you describe what happened in Koi du Geiya?

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13 A. Well, when we arrived at Koi du Geiya we captured two  
14 Kamajors and one amongst them, one of our men called Ahchebe, he  
15 had to slit open one of that Kamajor's stomach and he took out  
16 his heart and he started chewing it raw. So since that day each  
17 and every one of us started calling him Charma'raw. We gave him  
18 the name Charma'raw.

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19 MS ALAGENDRA: I am going to ask the witness to assist us  
20 with the spelling of these names, your Honour:

21 Q. Witness, the name you called out Ahchebe, was that the name  
22 you said?

23 A. Yes, Ahchebe, yes.

24 Q. Can you spell that for us?

11:08:28

25 A. A-H-C-H-E-B-E.

26 Q. You said Charma'raw?

27 A. Well, that is a Krio word. That is when you eat something  
28 raw. In Krio we call it Charma'raw. It is a Krio spelling.

29 Q. Will you be able to spell it?

1 A. C-H-A-R-M-A-' -R-A-W.

2 Q. What happened after this?

3 A. Superman went angry with him. He told him that he never  
4 liked that kind of idea. He said to bring cannibalism in the  
11:09:29 5 operation is not good. So he was angry with him, but he did not  
6 actually do anything to him. He only warned him. He asked him  
7 not to do that again.

8 Q. Did he explain why he didn't like the idea of cannibalism?

9 A. Well, he said if Ahchebe had started this kind of action,  
11:09:53 10 tomorrow if we run out of food then we will start eating human  
11 beings. He said he wouldn't like that.

12 Q. Did he say anything else?

13 A. Like I said, he just warned him. He said he will not  
14 encourage that kind of thing. He said the next time he did that,  
11:10:24 15 he will be harsh with him.

16 Q. When he said, "If we run out of food then we will start  
17 eating human beings", was he specific about any category of human  
18 beings that will be eaten if you ran out of food?

19 A. He said, "well, if you have done this, the next time if you  
11:10:52 20 don't eat your fellow soldier you will eat civilians", so that  
21 was the reason why he asked him to stop that.

22 Q. You said Koidu Geiya was captured, is that correct?

23 A. Yes, my Lord.

24 Q. What happened after that?

11:11:21 25 A. Well, after that we waited for some time and then the  
26 troops that left Kailahun came with the ammunition.

27 Q. Which troops?

28 A. The combined troop that came from Kailahun. That is SLAs  
29 mixed with RUF. They arrived with the ammunition.

1 Q. How do you know that the troop was coming from Kailahun?

2 A. Like I said earlier, Mosquito had told Superman in my  
3 presence and the other two commanders that ammunition had arrived  
4 and that he was releasing a troop to come and we should capture  
11:12:24 5 Koidu Geiya so that they will bring this ammunition and give it  
6 to us, then we will defend Koidu Town.

7 Q. This ammunition that came from Kailahun that you saw, do  
8 you know where it came from?

9 A. Well, the way I came to know that these arms came from a  
11:12:53 10 specific place, because there were boxes of AK rounds, 60  
11 millimetre mortars, RPGs and we saw them, they were in green  
12 boxes and it was written on them AFL, Armed Forces of Liberia,  
13 and these were clearly written on them. AFL, Armed Forces of  
14 Liberia.

11:13:13 15 Q. Witness, can you repeat again the type of ammunition. You  
16 said AK rounds, 60 millimetre - can you finish that?

17 A. 60 millimetre bombs, mortar bombs.

18 Q. What happened to this ammunition once it arrived?

19 A. Well, they were under the full control of Superman.

11:13:44 20 Q. Did he do anything with it?

21 A. Well, they loaded them on board a vehicle and then later  
22 when we arrived in Koidu Town they distributed them and that was  
23 the time the ECOMOG had started their advance.

24 Q. Who distributed the ammunition?

11:14:08 25 A. Well, before that happened and whilst we were at Koidu  
26 Geiya we saw Eldred Collins and then they also called - we also  
27 saw Mammy Sankoh, that is Sankoh's wife. When they came they  
28 told us that ECOMOG has started bombing Koidu Town and then we  
29 decided to go back there. And we had looted some money from the

1 bank in Kono and even that day they had decided that they should  
2 be on their way to take them to Kailahun. These were bags of  
3 money, over six bags of money. So as a result of this news that  
4 we had from Eldred Collins we left and we went to Koidu Town.

11:15:02 5 Q. Witness, who made the decision about the bags of money?

6 A. Well, actually the earlier moment we were in Kono, myself,  
7 Superman, together with Bomb Blast, we went to a bank that was in  
8 Kono. They gave us information that there was money. We went,  
9 we broke into the bank and we took the monies. So the money was  
10 with Superman, but when --

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11 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, could the witness go over  
12 that area, please. He was going too fast.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Witness, the interpreter found that  
14 you were going too fast. Could you repeat your answer, please.

11:15:56 15 Pick up where - you have already said, "They gave us information  
16 that there was money. We went and broke into the bank and took  
17 the money, the money was with Superman." Continue from there.

18 THE WITNESS: The money was with Superman, but when we  
19 moved to Koidu Geiya and we captured there and whilst the ECOMOG  
20 jet was bombarding Koidu Town, like I said, we saw Eldred Collins  
21 Mammy Sankoh and others, they came. So they had this money on  
22 them, about six bags of money. So from there Superman said that  
23 Mosquito has called and asked for the money. So we left the  
24 money in care of the same people and they took it to Kailahun.

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11:16:53 25 So when they left, myself, Superman, Bomb Blast, Rambo, we left  
26 Koidu Geiya and then we moved back to Koidu Town.

27 Q. Witness, you are talking about ECOMOG jet was bombarding  
28 Koidu Town. Before the ECOMOG jet actually started bombarding  
29 Koidu Town did you know that they were going to bombard Koidu

1 Town?

2 A. Well, it was Mosquito who called and that was after we had  
3 returned and through monitoring we came to understand that the  
4 jet 448, because that was how they used to call it, it was moving  
11:17:46 5 to come and bombard Koidu Town as ECOMOG were en route to enter  
6 there.

7 Q. Could you explain your answer, please. You said it was  
8 Mosquito who called and that was after we had returned. After  
9 you had returned from where?

11:18:11 10 A. We left Koidu Geiya to go to Koidu Town.

11 Q. What do you mean by, "Through monitoring we came to  
12 understand that the jet 448", what does that mean?

13 A. Well, on the radio set we had a continuous monitoring of  
14 all activities, but on our arrival in Koidu Town Superman later  
11:18:45 15 called Bomb Blast, that is Hassan Papa Bangura, and he went to  
16 meet him at Dabundeh Street. He said that he had got a call from  
17 Mosquito that ECOMOG were on their way, that they were advancing  
18 towards Sewafe.

19 Q. Did he explain how Mosquito knew that, that ECOMOG were on  
11:19:08 20 their way?

21 A. Yes, he said he got information from Liberia that he had  
22 monitored from Liberia that the ECOMOG forces were moving now,  
23 that the 448 was moving, because we later understood that it was  
24 from Liberia that the ECOMOG Alpha Jet was moving from. He said  
11:19:30 25 that they were moving to come and bombard Koidu Town. So he said  
26 we should prepare to go and destroy the Sewafe bridge.

27 Q. Witness, do you know who in Liberia Mosquito got this  
28 information from, or how he got this information?

29 A. Well, all what he said, he said he got it from President

1 Taylor. He said he got information from President Taylor that  
2 the ECOMOG forces were moving and that they were advancing to  
3 capture Koidu Town.

4 Q. What is 448?

11:20:17 5 A. That was the Alpha Jet, because that was the code that we  
6 used on the radio set when communication was going on. They will  
7 say that the 448 had left, so all the areas that monitored, that  
8 was what they will understand.

9 Q. Who would say the 448 has left?

11:20:35 10 A. That was what Mosquito said, that he had got information  
11 from President Taylor that the 448 had left and it was coming to  
12 attack positions in Koidu Town.

13 Q. Was it only on this occasion that you heard communication  
14 relating to 448 and the way you described it?

11:21:03 15 A. Well, actually when we went to Koidu Town we never used to  
16 have jet raids, but it was at the time that it started and it was  
17 through monitoring and at any time we monitored he would pass the  
18 word that the 448 had left.

19 Q. Who would pass the word that 448 had left?

11:21:30 20 A. Well, it was through monitoring and whenever Superman got  
21 it he would send it to SAJ Musa in Koinadugu and he also will  
22 send it to the other bases about the 448 and each and everybody  
23 will disguise. Everybody will leave the town and go to the bush.

24 Q. And this information relating to 448, did it only come from  
11:21:57 25 Liberia?

26 A. Well, that was the only source through which we got  
27 information about the ECOMOG movement. That is, the movement of  
28 the 448, the movement of the jet.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am not entirely clear on that answer.

1 That was the only source. We have been told about a radio and  
2 the monitoring on the radio. Does the only source mean the  
3 radio, or from Liberia, because you were very specific in your  
4 question, Ms Alagendra?

11:22:38 5 MS ALAGENDRA:

6 Q. Witness, when you say, "The only source through which we  
7 got information" what is the only source that you are talking  
8 about?

9 A. Well, it was through the communication from Liberia to  
11:22:52 10 Mosquito that the information will circulate that the 448 had  
11 left. That was how we got the information. After that everybody  
12 would disguise. We would all leave the town and then we will go  
13 to sokoin and what we call sokoin was hide outs.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, I am clear now.

11:23:18 15 MS ALAGENDRA: I will need some assistance in spelling that  
16 word. I am not sure if it is the witness or the interpreter.  
17 Perhaps I will ask the witness:

18 Q. Witness, can you repeat that word please, sokoin?

19 A. This is a Mende word. These were hiding places, like the  
11:23:37 20 forest areas where we will go and hide, they call it sokoin. It  
21 is S-0-K-0-I-N, sokoin.

22 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: The witness kept saying, "We would  
23 disguise" meaning what?

24 MS ALAGENDRA:

11:23:59 25 Q. Witness, can you explain what you meant by that?

26 A. Well, immediately the information went around that the 448  
27 was coming, myself, that is the SLA, the RUF and the other  
28 civilians, we called them family members, that was how we called  
29 them, we would withdraw from the houses and then we would go to



1 the bush, because when the 448 came it would target the houses,  
2 so we would all go to the bush.

3 Q. Witness, describe what you mean by - or, rather, explain  
4 what you mean by family members? Who are family members?

11:24:45 5 A. This was a code that we used. All captured civilians were  
6 called family members, so when they said that 448 was coming they  
7 will say, "Move the family members" and those were the captured  
8 civilians that we had. We called them family members. Those  
9 were the codes that we used.

11:25:12 10 Q. Who would say, "Move the family members"? You said they?

11 A. Well, the commanders, myself and all the others, RUF, SLA,  
12 we will say to move them because we strictly protected them for  
13 them not to escape.

14 Q. After this operation in Koidu Geiya did you go anywhere?

11:25:40 15 A. Well, we undertook an operation to put down the bridge at  
16 Sewafe.

17 Q. When did this operation take place?

18 A. Just like I said, that Mosquito had called us and told us  
19 that ECOMOG were on the advance and he told Superman that we  
11:26:11 20 should organise and go to the Sewafe bridge and try to put it  
21 down.

22 Q. What happened after Mosquito said that to Superman?

23 A. Well, the troop prepared. We prepared and then we went to  
24 ensure that we put down Sewafe bridge.

11:26:46 25 Q. Did you go to Sewafe bridge?

26 A. Yes, I together with Superman, Bomb Blast and the others,  
27 we moved to the Sewafe bridge.

28 Q. When did this happen in terms of time?

29 A. Well, it was around May, mid-May or so, because at that

1 time we were now preparing for any attack from ECOMOG.

2 Q. What happened during this operation?

3 A. Well, we went with one D-8 Caterpillar or bulldozer to  
4 bring down the bridge, but the operator ran away, so we did not  
11:27:41 5 bring down the bridge. The only thing, we created an obstacle.  
6 We dug the bridge seriously so that no vehicle will be able to  
7 pass through there.

8 Q. Who was digging the bridge?

9 A. I, together with the RUF and the SLA that went to that  
11:28:02 10 ground.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am just watching the time,  
12 Ms Alagenda. We have been told there are about two minutes, so  
13 is this a convenient time for you?

14 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, it would be, your Honour.

11:28:15 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Mr Witness, we are now taking  
16 the mid-morning break. We will resume court again at 12 o'clock.  
17 Please adjourn court until 12.

18 [Break taken at 11.30 a.m.]

19 [Upon resuming at 12.00 p.m.]

11:59:46 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagenda?

21 MS ALAGENDRA: Thank you, your Honour:

22 Q. Witness, before the break we stopped at where you were  
23 describing what was taking place during the Sewafe bridge  
24 operation and you were telling the Court that obstacles were  
12:00:09 25 being created by the SLA and RUF who were digging around the  
26 bridge. Do you remember that?

27 A. Yes, my Lord.

28 Q. Now during this operation at Sewafe bridge can you tell us  
29 if there were any RUF members present?

1 A. Yes, my Lord.

2 Q. Do you recall who they were?

3 A. Commander Isaac Mongor was among, Superman and also junior  
4 commanders of the RUF and the SLA were there.

12:01:00 5 Q. Who led this operation?

6 A. Well, Superman was the overall commander for this  
7 operation.

8 Q. How did the operation end?

9 A. Well, we were not able to demolish the bridge, but we  
12:01:19 10 created an obstacle. We dug the bridge, we created holes in the  
11 bridge.

12 Q. Did anything else happen?

13 A. Well, after that we tried to ensure that we blocked the  
14 bridge, but we were unable. So we withdrew from that area.

12:01:45 15 Q. Where did you withdraw to?

16 A. Well, we came back to Masingbi Road.

17 Q. What did you see when you came back to Masingbi Road?

18 A. Well, I think I have left something out because I have  
19 recalled and that is going back to - after the operation from  
12:02:10 20 Koi du Geiya.

21 Q. Please tell us, witness, what you forgot?

22 A. Okay. Well, after we had arrived from Koi du Geiya we met  
23 Bazy had burnt down the entire Masingbi Road. The residence  
24 where we were and where he was had all been burnt down and we  
12:02:40 25 raised an objection that he should have waited for us because we  
26 had some things in there. So we had to move to the Five-Five  
27 Spot. On arrival from Koi du Geiya, Gullit had arrived. That is  
28 Tamba Alex Brima. Morris Kallon too had come. Gullit came with  
29 some rice, oil and drinks and alcohol - [i ndi scerni ble] alcohol.

1 Q. Where was he coming from, Gullit?

2 A. Well, he came from Kailahun according to him when he  
3 explained to us.

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4 Q. You said he came with some rice, oil, alcohol, do you know  
5 where he got those from?

6 A. Well, he said they were given to him by Mosquito because he  
7 told Mosquito that since some dispute was going around he would  
8 be able to settle those disputes, so he said he was coming to be  
9 an advisor so that those little disputes would be settled.

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10 Q. What disputes are you referring to?

11 A. Well, we had some problems with Morris Kallon in Kono when  
12 at one time he went and shot two SLAs. That caused some  
13 friction. We said he shouldn't have done that. So it was Gullit  
14 who came and said he had told Mosquito that he would be able to  
15 put the situation under control. That was why he was released to  
16 come from Kailahun.

12:04:46

17 Q. Do you know why Morris Kallon shot these two SLAs?

18 A. Yes, my Lord.

19 Q. Where?

12:05:02

20 A. Well, at one time we had a short muster at Masingbi Road,  
21 so Morris Kallon came and said that was not supposed to happen  
22 because we hadn't two factions. Whatever muster was taking  
23 place, it should be only one, so nobody else should call a muster  
24 around that area. So he said people should go towards Tankoro  
25 police station. He said that was where all of us were to muster.

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26 Whilst this was going on I and the other men were going,  
27 one of the men who was called Four-Four, Mohamed but we called  
28 him Four-Four, he and one Alhaji Borbor, but we used to call him  
29 Alhaji, they went to drink somewhere and Morris Kallon said they

1 had disobeyed him. He shot him. He shot Four-Four on his leg  
2 and Alhaji, he shot him through his throat. We even called him  
3 Alhaji Burst Throat.

12:06:15 4 Q. Witness, you said, "At one time we had a short muster at  
5 Masingbi Road." Who had a short muster at Masingbi Road?

6 A. Well, it was just that when the ECOMOG was advancing it was  
7 just a muster to address the RUF and SLA together with Bazy,  
8 Bomb Blast, all of us were together. So it was just because  
9 Bazy had just said he wanted to encourage people - encourage us  
12:06:40 10 to withstand ECOMOG. But when Morris Kallon came he was angry  
11 and said that should not happen. He said we only had one  
12 command; whatever was happening, the command should have been  
13 coming from Mosquito to Superman and then to us.

14 MR ANYAH: Madam President, can we get some time frames for  
12:06:58 15 the shooting of the SLAs and perhaps the muster as well?

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Indeed. If we could deal with that,  
17 please, Ms Alagendra.

18 MS ALAGENDRA: Indeed I will deal with that first before I  
19 continue on the details:

12:07:12 20 Q. Witness, when did that take place?

21 A. Well, it was just after the arrival - after the arrival of  
22 Morris Kallon in Koidu Town. That was around June - I mean,  
23 sorry, May/June, within those times, 1998.

24 Q. The shooting of the SLAs, when did that take place?

12:07:34 25 A. It was within that time frame that I have talked about.  
26 That was when that happened.

27 Q. Now when Morris Kallon said we had only one command, who is  
28 the one that he was talking about?

29 A. That is Superman was the overall commander there. He said

1 so the troop had no right to undertake any other muster except  
2 the one that goes on at Tankoro.

3 Q. The muster that had taken place, who had called that  
4 muster?

12:08:17 5 A. Superman used to call - used to - sorry, weekly musters,  
6 most times to give briefing, especially the brigade headquarters.  
7 Sometimes they would send representatives from the battalion to  
8 take briefing and they would return.

9 Q. Witness, the muster that was called and Morris Kallon was  
12:08:40 10 angry about, that particular muster, who had called it?

11 A. It was Ibrahim Bazzy Kamara.

12 Q. Witness, you have been testifying about radio  
13 communications taking place whilst you were in Kono?

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just a moment, Ms Alagendra. If I recall  
12:09:09 15 correctly, Mr Anyah also raised the timing of the shooting.

16 MS ALAGENDRA: The witness has addressed that, your Honour.  
17 He said it was the same time frame.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see, thank you.

19 MS ALAGENDRA:

12:09:23 20 Q. Witness, talking about radio communications taking place  
21 whilst you were in Kono, do you know how many radio sets were  
22 there in Kono at the time?

23 A. Well, all we knew was that there was one central radio set  
24 which was controlled by Superman. The set which we had was for  
12:09:50 25 monitoring. We were not doing any other communication. It was  
26 Superman who had a set. Whenever any information came, it came -  
27 he will call Bazzy and Bomb Blast who will go there. We only had  
28 a monitoring set at Masingbi Road.

29 Q. Who is the "we" that you are talking about?

1 A. I am talking about Bazzy, Bomb Blast and the troops that  
2 were at Masingbi Road.

3 Q. Now, the group that was under Bazzy, do you know if there  
4 was any reason why the group was not doing any communication, but  
12:10:30 5 only monitoring?

6 A. Well, as I had earlier said, all orders and commands, the  
7 troops received from Superman, so whatever communication we had  
8 was from Superman. They only gave us the monitoring set - sorry,  
9 they gave the Masingbi Road.

12:10:59 10 Q. Why was there no communication taking place from the radio  
11 at Masingbi Road?

12 A. Well, this was an order from Superman: That no other place  
13 should have a communication set, except a monitoring set.

14 Q. Now, you have talked about Morris Kallon coming to Koidu  
12:11:24 15 Town. When was that?

16 A. Well, it was just before - after the Koidu Geiya operation  
17 that he arrived. That was when Morris Kallon arrived.

18 Q. Now, did anything happen in relation to the command  
19 structure that was in place in Kono when Morris Kallon arrived?

12:11:51 20 A. Well, when Morris Kallon arrived Bazzy - sorry, Superman  
21 called Bazzy and told him that Morris Kallon had come and he will  
22 become an adviser. He will be there to advise in Koidu Town. He  
23 will be there as an adviser for the troop.

24 Q. And when Gullit came, did this effect the command structure  
12:12:21 25 that was in place in Kono at any time?

26 A. Yes, automatically when Gullit came at Five-Five Spot Bazzy  
27 handed over command. So he became the commander for the Masingbi  
28 axis, The Masingbi Road axis.

29 Q. Who was immediately subordinate to Gullit?

1 A. Well, Bazy was subordinate to him.

2 Q. Can you give us a time frame when Gullit came to Koidu  
3 Town?

4 A. Well, like I said, it was within June, around June, yes,  
12:13:07 5 because it was just a short time before I and them withdrew  
6 finally from Kono when ECOMOG came in, 1998.

7 Q. Now, witness, going back to what took place after the  
8 operation at the Sewafe bridge, can you tell us where you went?

9 A. Well, after the operation we came back to Masingbi Road -  
12:13:41 10 sorry, Five-Five Spot, because we had left Masingbi Road and we  
11 were now at Five-Five Spot. Gullit, that is Tamba Alex Brima,  
12 called a short meeting together with Ibrahim Bazy, Hassan Papa  
13 Bangura and other commanders. They briefed us that now when he  
14 went to Kailahun Mosqui to took all the diamonds from him. He  
12:14:14 15 said but because of the incident that had happened between  
16 himself and Morris Kallon, that was why Mosqui to released him  
17 with some logistics to come and advise the two sides. They said  
18 but he was advising that now that the ECOMOG was piling pressure  
19 we should withdraw immediately to Tombodu, from there to head for  
12:14:39 20 Koinadugu. That is Koinadugu District where SAJ Musa was based  
21 in Mongo Bendugu.

22 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I am just having a look at the  
23 record and here it says they "believed" us, but what I heard  
24 coming from the witness is he "briefed" us.

12:14:56 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: I heard that too. These matters are  
26 usually picked up when the transcript is checked from the tape,  
27 Ms Alagenda.

28 MS ALAGENDRA: Thank you, your Honour:

29 Q. Witness, during the time that the SLA and the RUF were



1 based in Kono, were there any particular activities going on?

2 A. Well, as far as I can recall we had mining going on during  
3 our stay in Koidu Town.

4 Q. What kind of mining?

12:15:41 5 A. Well, it was diamond mining. Well, the area where we were,  
6 where I and Hassan Papa Bangura were, and Bazy were, at Masingbi  
7 Road, we had a place around Five-Five Spot which was a good area  
8 where people said diamonds were. They were mining there.

9 Q. Apart from this place, do you know in which other areas  
12:16:14 10 diamond mining was going on in Kono?

11 A. Yes, Tombodu also.

12 Q. Any other place?

13 A. Well, this was the area because it was an organised mining  
14 wherein no other person was allowed to mine, except through the  
12:16:38 15 supervision of Superman, Morris Kallon and other commanders whom  
16 they will appoint to do the mining. But these two areas were the  
17 ones I knew about: The Masingbi Road area and Tombodu.

18 Q. Now, who was doing the actual mining of the diamonds?

19 A. Well, this was done by the captured civilians whom the  
12:17:08 20 troops had - the SLA and the RUF had in Kono.

21 Q. Why is it that the civilians were doing the mining?

22 A. Well, since they were captured civilians and they were  
23 under gunpoint they were forced to do it.

24 Q. They were under whose gunpoint?

12:17:35 25 A. Well, it is both the RUF and the SLA that was based at  
26 Masingbi Road and the Tombodu axis.

27 Q. Do you know which of the RUF commanders were involved in  
28 this diamond mining going on in Kono?

29 A. Well, Superman was one of the commanders who was going

1 around monitoring the diamond mining areas, like that Tombodu  
2 area. We also had Morris Kallon and Issa Sesay had his men who  
3 were representing him, because he had representatives at the  
4 various grounds, whereas Bazy and Hassan Papa Bangura were doing  
12:18:24 5 secret mining which was not to the knowledge of Superman. They  
6 did that at night.

7 Q. Who was doing the mining for Hassan Papa Bangura and Bazy?

8 A. It was the civilians whom were captured together with the  
9 men who were at Masingbi Road. They were doing it.

12:18:51 10 Q. Witness, in Tombodu are you able to say the number of  
11 civilians that were doing the mining?

12 A. No. Well, when we go and visit, mostly on patrols in the  
13 night, you will see Superman with his men. I can't tell you the  
14 number of civilians, but it was in a big pit and so you will see  
12:19:16 15 the civilians down there doing the work because they had what  
16 they call tripping. They will clear the top soil, get rid of the  
17 water and excavate the gravel and wash the gravel.

18 Q. Who is "they"? That "they" will clear the top soil and get  
19 rid of the water, who is "they"?

12:19:43 20 A. Well, this was done by the civilians, the captured  
21 civilians who were in the hands of the RUF and the SLA. They  
22 were the ones doing the mining.

23 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, just to go back a little bit  
24 there was a place that was named by the witness, Mongo Bendugu,  
12:20:00 25 M-O-N-G-O-R, Bendugu is B-E-N-D-U-G-U:

26 Q. Witness, where is Mongo Bendugu?

27 A. Well, Mongo Bendugu is in the Koinadugu District.

28 Q. Witness, after this meeting that you were talking about  
29 where Gullit had said the SLAs should go up and join SAJ Musa,

1 what happened?

2 A. Well, after this meeting we received a lot of pressure from  
3 the ECOMOG forces as they were rapidly advancing towards Koidu,  
4 so Superman called for an operation to repel the ECOMOG forces.

12:21:06 5 He distributed some ammunition for us to go and repel the ECOMOG  
6 advances.

7 Q. Do you know which was the ammunition that he was  
8 distributing?

9 A. Yes, my Lord. The ammunition which we got - which we had  
12:21:26 10 taken from Koidu Geiya, those were the ammunition that he was  
11 distributing to each and every one of us.

12 Q. Is this the ammunition you testified earlier came in boxes  
13 labelled "AFL"?

14 A. Yes, my Lord. Those were the ammunition.

12:21:44 15 Q. Who did Superman distribute this ammunition to?

16 A. He gave to Bazzy, Bomb Blast and the entire troop that was  
17 going to fight, the RUF and the SLAs.

18 Q. The entire troop that was going to fight the RUF and the  
19 SLAs?

12:22:11 20 A. It was a combined troop, combined forces. The RUF and the  
21 SLA, both senior and junior commanders.

22 Q. Who were they going to fight?

23 A. Well, since we had received information that the ECOMOG  
24 forces were rapidly advancing towards Koidu Town, we were going  
12:22:35 25 to attack them.

26 Q. Is this the 448 information that you were talking about  
27 earlier?

28 MR ANYAH: I will object to the leading.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, that is a leading question,

1 Ms Alagendra. Please rephrase it.

2 MS ALAGENDRA:

3 Q. What is the information that you received?

12:23:13

4 A. As I said earlier, when Mosquito had called and alerted us  
5 at the time ECOMOG forces were rapidly advancing on Koidu, based  
6 on information - after we had demolished the bridge we were still  
7 having threats. They were using long range missiles that was  
8 landing into Koidu Town. So we prepared to advance again to stop  
9 them.

12:23:47

10 Q. Witness, what happened after this?

11 A. Well, after this I, together with Superman, Hassan Papa  
12 Bangura and the team, the RUF and the SLA, moved towards the  
13 Sewafe bridge, but indeed the ECOMOG engineers enabled them to  
14 cross - to go across and so we withdrew gradually to return.

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15 Q. To return to where?

16 A. Well, since the ECOMOG were using heavy weaponry, they had  
17 tanks and ammo cars, we did some tactical withdrawal. We will  
18 shoot and withdraw. We will shoot and withdraw.

19 Q. Where did you withdraw to?

12:24:47

20 A. Well, we came as far as Koidu Town and went back towards -  
21 towards Dabundeh Street and to our surprise we found all the  
22 remaining houses on fire where Superman was based. Superman's  
23 base, his headquarters, we met the place burning.

24 Q. Do you know who was responsible for burning the place?

12:25:20

25 A. Well, Superman was based there with his men, but when we  
26 withdrew and found the place burning --

27 Q. Yes?

28 A. -- well, they - it was the RUF, from the information that  
29 we received from one of them who was around there that they had

1 left. Superman and the other men have moved with their families  
2 towards Gandorhun.

3 Q. What happened after that?

12:26:01 4 A. Well, from there I, Hassan Papa Bangura and some of the men  
5 with us, we moved directly to Tombodu.

6 Q. Can you give us a time frame when you moved to Tombodu?

7 A. Well, this was around May/June. June 1998. June 1998.

8 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Sorry, Ms Alagenda, did you get an  
9 answer to the question who was responsible for burning the place?

12:26:27 10 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour.

11 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: And you are satisfied with the answer  
12 that you got?

13 MS ALAGENDRA: He said it was, "They, the RUF, from the  
14 information we received from one of them who was around there  
12:26:38 15 that they had left." For me it is page 69, line 8:

16 Q. Witness, apart from Dabundeh Street, were there any other  
17 areas where houses were being burnt in Koidu Town at this time?

18 A. Well, the only thing was that the remaining houses while I  
19 and Hassan Papa Bangura were withdrawing, we were setting them on  
12:27:21 20 fire up to Tombodu. We set fire to them because obviously we  
21 knew that the RUF had withdrawn, we too were withdrawing.

22 Q. Are you able to estimate that during this withdrawal how  
23 many houses were being burnt?

24 A. No, I can't, because as we were moving the remaining houses  
12:27:44 25 - because Koidu Town really when you go there you would notice  
26 the burning. As we were moving along we did the burning. I  
27 cannot estimate the number of houses.

28 Q. Now, witness, you were talking about diamond mining earlier  
29 in Kono. The diamonds that were mined, do you know what happened

1 to them?

2 A. Well, it was under the direct control of Superman. That  
3 was what he told us; that as he received order from above he will  
4 take them. He was in control of those diamonds. I did not know  
12:28:27 5 what he did with them. They called them government property.

6 They said this was government property. Whether you had money or  
7 diamond it was a government property.

8 Q. Just to clarify the answer you have given, "order from  
9 above", do you know who was the above he was referring to?

12:28:48 10 A. Well, he was receiving orders from Mosquito. All the  
11 mining orders were coming from Mosquito.

12 Q. And you say they called them government property. Who  
13 called them, the diamonds, government property?

14 A. Well, this - I heard this name in the jungle, government  
12:29:09 15 property, be it diamond, gold or any valuable, including money,  
16 dollars, pound sterling, they belonged to the government, that is  
17 the RUF organisation.

18 Q. How do you know that?

19 A. Well, this used to happen in my presence. It happened --

12:29:41 20 Q. Did you finish your answer, Mr Witness? Did you want to  
21 say something?

22 A. No, the mic went off. It used to happen in my presence,  
23 whenever the mining was going on Superman used to receive all the  
24 stocks intact.

12:29:58 25 Q. What stocks?

26 A. The diamonds, because he will call Bazzy, Bomb Blast and  
27 say these stocks are going back to Kailahun to Mosquito so  
28 logistics, arms and ammunitions used to arrive and he will say  
29 these are the stocks we are sending back to them from which we

1 were getting the logistics, arms and ammunition.

12:30:40 2 Q. Witness, can you clarify your answer, please. You are  
3 saying, "The diamonds, because he will call Bazy, Bomb Blast and  
4 say these stocks are going back to Kailahun to Mosquito so  
5 logistics, arms and ammunitions used to arrive" and you say you  
6 are referring to diamonds when you say "stocks"?

7 A. Yes, the diamonds that used to come which Superman used to  
8 receive, but when the commanders were concerned Superman will  
9 call them for whatever quantity of diamonds that he received, he  
12:31:01 10 will call them and show to them that these are the diamonds we  
11 are sending and we will get our logistical support, our arms and  
12 ammunition for the troop. He said these diamonds were going  
13 directly to Mosquito.

14 Q. And did he say what Mosquito was doing with these diamonds?

12:31:25 15 A. Well, just as I said, he said it was from these that  
16 Mosquito got arms and ammunition through Liberia.

17 Q. Did he say through who in Liberia?

18 A. Well, through President Taylor in Liberia.

19 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I would like the witness to be  
12:31:53 20 shown a map and this is in the map book provided by the  
21 Prosecution. Your Honours, I am specifically referring to the  
22 map of the Kono District.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, do you have this with you?

24 MR ANYAH: Yes, Madam President.

12:32:27 25 MS ALAGENDRA: Which is at the page numbered S11, your  
26 Honour. You will find that in the bottom left-hand corner:

27 Q. Witness, do you have the map of Kono District in front of  
28 you?

29 A. Yes, my Lord.

1 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, with the permission of the  
2 Court I would like to ask the witness to mark some locations.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, please proceed. Has the witness got  
4 something to mark with? And it might help us if we could have it  
12:33:33 5 on the overhead, please.

6 MS ALAGENDRA: Also, your Honour, how I propose to proceed  
7 is to ask the witness to circle the locations and put a number  
8 next to it and that number will reflect what place each number  
9 stands for.

12:33:50 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, let's try it and if it proves to be  
11 impractical or there's a problem I am sure Mr Anyah or one of the  
12 learned colleagues will indicate.

13 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Could the witness perhaps circle the copy  
14 that is on the overhead so that we simultaneously follow.

12:34:10 15 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour, that is what I was  
16 thinking was going to be done. Perhaps if the witness would like  
17 to move closer to the map:

18 Q. Witness, I am going to ask you to circle some of the  
19 locations in Kono District which you have mentioned during your  
12:35:00 20 testimony, so what I am going to do is ask you to circle the  
21 place and put a number next to it starting from number 1. Did  
22 you understand that?

23 A. Yes, my Lord.

24 Q. Witness, can you mark where Koidu Town is?

12:35:38 25 A. Yes, my Lord.

26 Q. Please do so and can you put a number 1 next to that. Your  
27 Honours, just to check with the Court Attendant if the number is  
28 visible clearly?

29 MS IRURA: I will ask him to make it a bit darker.



1 MS ALAGENDRA:

2 Q. Witness, you spoke about a village which Johnny Paul Koroma  
3 went to and that village was in between Woama and Tankoro. Do  
4 you see Woama on the map?

12:37:05 5 A. Yes, my Lord.

6 Q. Can you mark - can you circle it, please, and write number  
7 2 next to that. Do you see Tankoro on the map?

8 A. Yes, my Lord.

9 Q. Can you circle it and put a number 3 next to that. You  
10 have said that the place Sewafe that you have been testifying  
11 about is also known as Njaiama Sewafe. Do you recall that?

12 A. Yes, my Lord.

13 Q. Do you see Njaiama Sewafe on this map?

14 A. Yes, my Lord.

12:38:16 15 Q. Can you circle it and put a number 4 next to that. You  
16 have testified about a place called Gandorhun. Do you see that on  
17 the map?

18 A. Yes, my Lord.

19 Q. Can you circle that and put a number 5 next to it. You  
12:39:20 20 have testified about a place called Jagbwema Fiama. Do you see  
21 that on the map?

22 A. Yes, my Lord.

23 Q. Can you circle that and put a number 6 next to it. You  
24 have testified about a place Tombodu?

12:40:15 25 A. Yes, my Lord.

26 Q. Do you see that on the map?

27 A. Yes, my Lord.

28 Q. Could you circle that and put a number 7 next to it. You  
29 testified about a place called Bumpe. Do you see Bumpe on the

1 map?

2 A. Yes, my Lord.

3 Q. Can you circle Bumpé and put a number 8 next to that. Now,  
4 you testified about a place called Yengema.

12:42:07 5 A. Yes, my Lord.

6 Q. Do you see Yengema on the map?

7 A. Yes, my Lord.

8 Q. Can you circle it and put a number 9 next to that. You  
9 testified about a place Yomandu.

12:42:36 10 A. Yes, my Lord.

11 Q. Do you see Yomandu on the map?

12 A. Yes, my Lord.

13 Q. Can you circle it and put a number 10 next to it. Thank  
14 you, witness.

12:43:28 15 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, that is all the markings for  
16 this particular map. Can I ask that this map is marked for  
17 identification with MFI-21?

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. This is a map headed "Kono  
19 District - Sierra Leone" with markings by the witness TF1-334 and  
12:43:54 20 it is marked for identification MFI-21, is it?

21 MS ALAGENDRA: 21, your Honour.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you.

23 MS ALAGENDRA:

24 Q. Witness, you said that the group you were with was

12:44:41 25 withdrawing and you were heading towards Tombodu. Did your group  
26 arrive in Tombodu?

27 A. Yes, my Lord. I arrived with commander Bomb Blast, Hassan  
28 Papa Bangura, in Tombodu.

29 Q. When you went to Tombodu, who did you find there?

1 A. Well, when I arrived in Tombodu Gullit was there, Bazzy,  
2 Woyoh, Abdul Sesay who was the - who were the military  
3 supervisors. Ibrahim Bi oh Sesay was there and other commanders,  
4 and the family members as I have named them before.

12:45:38 5 Q. Witness, you earlier told us what family members meant.  
6 Could you tell us again, please, at this point. When you say  
7 family members, who are you referring to?

8 A. I said that these were the civilians who I and the other  
9 people captured who were under our command, both the RUF and the  
10 SLAs that were in that area, those whom we had captured.

11 Q. At this point when you withdrew to Tombodu, what was the  
12 number of the captured civilians that your group moved with to  
13 Tombodu?

14 A. Well, the number was large. The number was large, because  
12:46:26 15 most of them who continued to be with us at the base, we ensured  
16 that, like I said, we protected them so that nobody will escape.  
17 They continued to stay with us. About 200 of them were with us.

18 Q. These roughly 200 civilians, where were they captured from?

19 A. Well, some of them were captured in Makeni and some in Kono  
12:46:55 20 where we were based.

21 Q. Witness, you testified earlier about the ammunition that  
22 was distributed by Superman to Bazzy and Bomb Blast. At this  
23 point in Tombodu, were there any left?

24 A. Well, we had got this ammunitions before, like I said, to  
12:47:25 25 repel the ECOMOG forces. When we withdrew we still had this  
26 ammunition.

27 Q. How long were you and the group you were with in Tombodu?

28 A. Well, the same day of the withdrawal, when I and Hassan  
29 Papa Bangura arrived, Gullit informed Hassan Papa Bangura that

1 Savage had gone in search of him because he had not seen him. So  
2 Hassan Papa Bangura told Gullit, that is Tamba Alex Brima, that  
3 we should wait a little, maybe Savage will come. But Hassan Papa  
4 Bangura, me and the others waited for some time and we did not  
12:48:16 5 see him and so on that day we did not sleep in Tombodu. We left.

6 Q. Where did you go to?

7 A. Well, I and Gullit, Hassan Papa Bangura and the military  
8 supervisors, we had two vehicles. We moved to Mansofinia.

9 Q. What about the captured civilians that were with you in  
12:48:43 10 Tombodu, that you moved with to Tombodu?

11 A. Well, as I said, Tito, and the other commanders who hadn't  
12 vehicles, secured them and they used the footpath and they met us  
13 at Mansofinia.

14 Q. Witness, where is Mansofinia?

12:49:18 15 A. Mansofinia is in the Koinadugu District.

16 Q. Would you be able to estimate how far Mansofinia is from  
17 Tombodu?

18 A. Well, actually it is more than about 50 - well, 50 miles or  
19 so from Mansofinia to Tombodu. It is a long distance actually.

12:49:49 20 Q. Do you know how long Tito and the captured civilians, who  
21 were using the footpath, took to reach Mansofinia?

22 A. That was a day's journey in the jungle. It is a day's  
23 journey because when you use a footpath it is shorter than the  
24 motorway.

12:50:12 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Just for purposes of record, could we  
26 have an explanation of footpath, Ms Alagenda.

27 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour:

28 Q. Witness, when you say footpath, what do you mean?

29 A. Well, this was a bypass route in the villages which we used

1 to arrive at any town or village where we wanted to go.

2 Q. Now, at the time you moved from Tombodu to Mansofinia, do  
3 you recall if there were any SLA commanders who remained in Kono  
4 and not moved to Mansofinia? Just their names, witness.

12:50:55 5 A. Yes, my Lord.

6 Q. Can you give us the names?

7 A. Mohamed Savage left.

8 Q. What do you mean by left, to go to Mansofinia, or he  
9 remained in Kono?

12:51:17 10 A. Well, he did not go to Mansofinia. He stayed in Tombodu.

11 Q. Continue, witness. Are there other SLA commanders who  
12 stayed in Kono?

13 A. Yes, my Lord.

14 Q. Proceed.

12:51:36 15 A. Foday Kallay stayed.

16 Q. Who else?

17 A. Idrissa Kamara, Leather Boot, stayed.

18 Q. Who else?

19 A. George Adams stayed.

12:52:05 20 MS ALAGENDRA: It is George, G-E-O-R-G-E, Adams.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, that has been noted, Ms Alagenda.

22 MS ALAGENDRA:

23 Q. Proceed, witness. Who else?

24 A. Momoh Bangura, aka Momoh Derty, also stayed.

12:52:26 25 Q. Witness, at this time do you know where Akim Turay was?

26 A. Well, as I had earlier on mentioned, when we arrived in  
27 Gandorhun Akim Turay, as I said, Jungler, that is Samuel Kargbo,  
28 and Johnny Paul, Issa Sesay, they departed and used the footpath  
29 to go to Kailahun.

1 Q. At this time that you withdrew to Mansofinia, did you know  
2 where Akim Turay was?

3 A. Well, just as I said, the only thing I knew was that he  
4 left together with Johnny Paul Koroma to Kailahun.

12:53:19 5 Q. Witness, have you finished telling us the names of the SLA  
6 commanders who remained?

7 A. Well, yes, these were the commanders whom I can recall  
8 stayed in Kono.

9 Q. Can you remind us again of the time frame we are talking  
12:53:40 10 about when the troops withdrew to Mansofinia?

11 A. Well, this happened around the close of June, the end of  
12 June, around that time. June/July, yes, within that time in  
13 1998.

14 Q. Now, during June/July of 1998, do you know where Eddie  
12:54:06 15 Kanneh was?

16 A. Yes, all I know is that Eddie Kanneh was in Kailahun.

17 Q. How did you know that?

18 A. Well, this was through, as I said, monitoring  
19 communication. That was how we got all our information about  
12:54:32 20 their stay in that area.

21 Q. In which area?

22 A. In Kailahun District.

23 Q. Witness, what, if anything, happened on your arrival in  
24 Mansofinia?

12:54:50 25 A. Well, when I, Bazy and Gullit, Bomb Blast, Abdul Sesay and  
26 others arrived, we waited for some time so that those who were  
27 using the footpath could arrive. All of them came. As I said,  
28 Tito and the other men, all of them came to Mansofinia.

29 Q. Did anything happen when they all arrived?

1 A. Yes, my Lord.

2 Q. What happened?

3 A. Well, SAJ Musa - sorry, Gullit said that we should prepare,  
4 I, Junior Johnson whom we called Junior Lion, Hassan Papa  
12:55:41 5 Bangura, Bazzy, Abdul Sesay, Bi oh, we boarded a vehicle and went  
6 to Mongo Bendugu.

7 Q. Which you told us earlier is in Koinadugu District, is that  
8 correct?

9 A. Yes, my Lord.

12:56:07 10 Q. Now when you went to Mongo Bendugu, do you recall if you  
11 met anybody?

12 A. Yes, my Lord.

13 Q. Who did you meet?

14 A. Well, SAJ Musa was there. He was there with SLAs and RUF,  
12:56:27 15 The combined forces who had withdrawn from that Koinadugu area,  
16 they were all there.

17 Q. Do you recall how many RUF were there with SAJ Musa?

18 A. No, I can't recall the number, but it was a mixed force  
19 that was in Koinadugu.

12:56:53 20 Q. At this time did you know where Five-Five was who you said  
21 was Santigie Borbor Kanu?

22 A. Well, all upon our arrival together with Bazzy and others  
23 we met Five-Five in Mongo Bendugu through SAJ Musa.

24 Q. Did SAJ Musa have any security personnel with him?

12:57:21 25 A. Yes, he had his CSO who which called Alie Turay, Alabama.  
26 He was the CSO whom I knew.

27 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, Alie Turay is A-L-I-E

28 T-U-R-A-Y:

29 Q. Witness, you told us yesterday but can you remind us what

1 CSO stands for?

2 A. This was the chief security officer.

3 Q. What, if anything, happened when you arrived in Mongo  
4 Bendugu?

12:58:12 5 A. Yes, my Lord.

6 Q. What happened?

7 A. We had a closed door meeting with SAJ Musa together with  
8 Five-Five and the others.

9 Q. Who was present at this closed door meeting?

12:58:31 10 A. I was there, Bazzy was there, Gullit, Hassan Papa Bangura,  
11 Abdul Sesay, Bi oh, Five-Five and SAJ Musa was there, SAJ Musa's  
12 CSO was there and some other securities, but it was a closed door  
13 meeting.

14 Q. Do you recall what happened during that meeting?

12:59:02 15 A. Yes, I recall what happened in the meeting.

16 Q. What happened?

17 A. Well, during the meeting Gullit explained exactly to SAJ  
18 Musa about the treatment that was reached on him in Kailahun,  
19 that Mosquito took his diamonds, so he was not very happy with  
12:59:30 20 that. So now that he had arrived he wanted SAJ Musa to advise  
21 him on the next plan. So Bazzy explained exactly what happened  
22 in Kono up to the point of the withdrawal to the time they met  
23 SAJ Musa in Mongo Bendugu.

24 So SAJ Musa responded that now that Brigadier Mani had gone  
13:00:07 25 ahead to the north to look for a base to prepare for the  
26 advancement to Freetown, he said but now that Brigadier Mani is  
27 ahead he will want Gullit to move with the troop, he will ensure  
28 that Five-five join the group to go in search of Brigadier Mani  
29 so that they will set up an advance base and prepare for the



1 Freetown attack.

2 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, for the record Brigadier Mani  
3 is spelt M-A-N-I:

13:00:53

4 Q. Now, witness, you said, "He said but now that Brigadier  
5 Mani is ahead he will want Gullit to move with the troop." Who  
6 would want Gullit to move with the troop?

13:01:22

7 A. Well, SAJ Musa said this was an advice given to Gullit so  
8 that - because we hadn't a front line troop in the north, so  
9 there would be a strong troop in the north in preparation for  
10 whatever attack in Freetown.

11 Q. Who wanted Gullit to move with a troop?

12 A. Well, it was SAJ Musa.

13 Q. And when you say he will ensure that Five join the group?

14 A. Yes, my Lord.

13:01:47

15 MS ALAGENDRA: I heard the witness say Five-Five.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated].

17 THE WITNESS: Santigie Borbor Kanu.

18 MS ALAGENDRA:

13:02:04

19 Q. When you say he will ensure that Five-Five will join the  
20 group?

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagendra, I have noticed that what  
22 should be Five-Five has been written as Five only and I think  
23 that maybe that's where the problem lies.

13:02:19

24 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour. Your Honour, I will  
25 proceed on the assumption that it is Five-Five.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, Mr Anyah has not objected and I  
27 think that is the correct record.

28 MS ALAGENDRA:

29 Q. Witness, who said that he will ensure Five-Five will join

1 the group?

2 A. It was SAJ Musa.

3 Q. And he would ensure Five-Five would join which group?

4 A. Well, the group that left Kono which Gullit was the head.

13:02:56 5 Q. Did SAJ Musa say anything else in this closed door meeting?

6 A. Well, as far as I can recall, this was one of the most  
7 important thing he said. He said a troop should be there in  
8 preparation for an advance to Freetown, so we should go and  
9 prepare the way.

13:03:22 10 Q. Did he explain what he meant by go and prepare the way?

11 A. Like I have said earlier, there was no troop in the north  
12 at the time. He said if we go there and establish a base wherein  
13 later we will get a reinforcement to move to Freetown.

14 Q. Witness, what, if anything, happened after this closed door  
13:03:54 15 meeting?

16 A. Yes, my Lord. Later myself, Gullit, Hassan Papa Bangura  
17 and others left for Mansofinia.

18 Q. Witness, just to be clear, when you say the north, what  
19 area are you talking about? When you are talking about set up a  
13:04:23 20 base in the north, what do you mean by that?

21 A. Well, the north is a very large area. We hadn't a  
22 strategic area, but we were just moving ahead to the north. But  
23 he said we should go and look for a base in the north, because  
24 Makeni and all those areas were in the north.

13:04:58 25 Q. Witness, when you returned back to Mansofinia, how long did  
26 you stay there?

27 A. As far as I can recall in Mansofinia we spent three days  
28 there.

29 Q. During the three days who was in overall command of the

1 troops in Mansofinia?

2 A. It was Tamba Alex Brima.

3 Q. Did anything happen when the troops returned to Mansofinia?

13:05:45

4 A. Yes, we waited. Five-Five came with his squad. He came  
5 with a mixed force, RUF, SLAs were there, and they joined us in  
6 Mansofinia after which --

7 Q. Can I ask you to pause, please. The squad that Five-Five  
8 came with, what was the size of the squad?

13:06:14

9 A. It was like almost a battalion, because they too had their  
10 SBUs, they had children. They were more than a battalion.

11 Almost a hundred of them.

12 Q. Can you tell the Court out of the one hundred or so how  
13 many belonged to the RUF?

13:06:40

14 A. Well, I cannot say, because it was a mixed group, because a  
15 few of the SLAs that came, I knew them, but others I did not - I  
16 was unable to identify them.

17 Q. How did you know that there was RUF in that group?

18 A. Well, Five-Five did say that to Gullit. I also got that  
19 from some other RUF men that were there.

13:07:10

20 Q. Now at this time in Mansofinia did Gullit have a rank?

21 A. Well, Gullit restructured the command and he called himself  
22 a brigadier and he also named Bazy as another brigadier. At  
23 this time he also set up a brigade administration and made  
24 appointments in this brigade administration. In this brigade  
25 administration as well he established companies; A companies, B  
26 companies, C companies and D companies. He established four  
27 companies and appointed commanders to lead those companies.

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28 Q. Witness, who was the head of the brigade administration?

29 A. Well, Tamba Alex Brima was the head of the brigade

1 administration.

2 Q. Now what was Gullit's position at this time?

3 A. Well, he was the commander for that particular troop that I  
4 was with. He was the head of the brigade administration, CIC,  
13:08:53 5 chief in command.

6 Q. Did he have a deputy chief in command?

7 A. Yes, my Lord. He appointed Ibrahim Bazy Kamara as chief  
8 in command - I mean, I'm sorry, deputy chief in command.

9 Q. Now in this reorganisation of the troop by Gullit in

13:09:20 10 Mansofinia what did the brigade administration do?

11 A. Well, the brigade administration were there directly to  
12 deal with the day to day affairs of the brigade, the companies  
13 that he established. They were responsible for all the orders  
14 that came from the brigade administration. It was a chain of  
13:09:53 15 command.

16 Q. Now, was there anyone who was subordinate to the deputy  
17 chief in command, who you said was Bazy?

18 A. Well, yes, he appointed Five-Five as COAS, chief of army  
19 staff. He was subordinate to Bazy.

13:10:21 20 Q. Now, during this restructuring did Hassan Papa Bangura  
21 receive any appointment?

22 A. Yes, he continued. He remained as operation commander.

23 Q. Who was he supposed to be reporting to?

24 A. He reported directly to Gullit.

13:10:53 25 Q. Now, as operation commander did Hassan Papa Bangura have a  
26 deputy?

27 A. Yes, my Lord.

28 Q. Do you recall the person's name?

29 A. Junior Sheriff, yes. Junior Sheriff.

1 Q. What was his rank at this time, Junior Sheriff?

2 A. Captain. Captain Junior Sheriff.

3 Q. Now, was there anybody subordinate to Five-Five?

13:11:45

4 A. Yes, there was. There were the supervisors, battalion

5 commanders, they were all subordinate to Five-Five.

6 Q. What do you mean by supervisors?

7 A. Gullit appointed military supervisors also to supervise the  
8 various companies.

13:12:08

9 Q. Now, witness, you said earlier that Gullit formed four

10 companies: A, B, C and D. Now you are talking about battalion

11 commanders. Were there battalions in Mansofinia?

12 A. Like I said earlier, when Gullit came he appointed company

13 commanders, not battalion. Company commanders.

13:12:43

14 Q. So in answer to my question as to who was subordinate to

15 Five-Five, your answer was there were the supervisors, battalion

16 commanders. They were all subordinate to Five-Five. Can you

17 explain that answer in relation to your last answer?

18 A. Okay, okay.

19 Q. Please explain.

13:12:59

20 A. Well, that was just a mistake, but it was the company

21 commanders that were subordinate to Five-Five.

22 Q. You have said there were four companies. Did each company

23 have a commander?

24 A. Yes, my Lord.

13:13:19

25 Q. Do you recall their names?

26 A. Yes, my Lord.

27 Q. Company A, who was the commander?

28 A. It was Captain Tito.

29 Q. And company B?

1 A. It was Captain Foday Bah Marrah we called him Bulldoze.

2 Q. Company C?

3 A. It was Captain Arthur.

4 MS ALAGENDRA: I think that is A-R-T-H-U-R:

13:14:12 5 Q. Did Captain Arthur have any other name?

6 A. I cannot recall, but Arthur was his popular name.

7 Q. And company D, do you recall the name of the commander?

8 A. It was Captain George Johnson, also called Junior Lion.

9 Q. Now, at this point in Mansofinia, how many men were there  
13:14:49 10 in each company?

11 A. Well, some companies had 60, some 70, it was like that,  
12 some 80. That was the way we made them into companies.

13 Q. Do you know which group these men belonged to?

14 A. It constituted the SLA and the RUFs, but the dominant force  
13:15:24 15 was SLA, but the two groups were there.

16 Q. Witness, at some point did the companies change into  
17 anything else?

18 A. Yes, my Lord.

19 Q. What was it?

13:15:49 20 A. Well, that was when we arrived in Colonel Eddie Town. The  
21 companies changed into battalion after the arrival of Major  
22 O-Five from Koinadugu.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah?

24 MR ANYAH: It is a foundational objection as to how much  
13:16:17 25 time transpired when the companies changed in composition.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: We also seem to have a change of  
27 location. We were in Mansofinia and now he is referring to  
28 Colonel Eddie Town, so perhaps a bit more detail for that, Ms  
29 Alagenda.

1 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour:

2 Q. Witness, at which point did your group arrive in Colonel  
3 Eddie Town? Give us a time.

4 A. Well, this happened in stages from Mansofinia, Rosos, from  
13:16:57 5 Rosos to Colonel Eddie Town. It was around September/October  
6 1998.

7 Q. Witness, when did your group arrive in Colonel Eddie Town?

8 A. It was in September/October 1998 was the time we arrived in  
9 Colonel Eddie Town.

13:17:18 10 Q. And how soon after you arrived in Colonel Eddie Town did  
11 the companies change into battalions?

12 A. Well, when we arrived in Colonel Eddie Town it was up to a  
13 month when O-Five came and reinforced us, so after which the  
14 companies changed into battalions.

13:17:51 15 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Ms Alagenda, I see Rosos is spelt in a  
16 strange way.

17 MS ALAGENDRA: It is R-O-S-O-S, your Honour. Your Honours,  
18 I will be dealing with this matter in more detail when we reach  
19 that point in the witness's testimony.

13:18:23 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, you have noted that counsel  
21 will be dealing with it in more detail and that may overcome your  
22 objection as to time.

23 MR ANYAH: Yes, Madam President.

24 MS ALAGENDRA:

13:18:33 25 Q. Witness, going back to the restructure of these groups in  
26 Mansofinia, the group in Mansofinia, you have spoken about  
27 military supervisors. What was the function of these military  
28 supervisors now in Mansofinia?

29 A. Well, since when Gullit appointed them they were to

1 supervise the various companies that were under their control.

2 He appointed them to monitor those groups.

3 Q. Do you recall the names of the supervisors that were  
4 supervising the various companies, or who were appointed to  
13:19:12 5 supervise the various companies?

6 A. Yes, my Lord.

7 Q. Company A, who was the military supervisor?

8 A. Well, Five-Five, also Santi gie Borbor Kanu supervised  
9 company A.

13:19:35 10 Q. Company B?

11 A. Company B had Hassan Papa Bangura. He supervised it.

12 Q. Company C?

13 A. Company C it was Abdul Sesay and also Bi oh also supervised  
14 there.

13:20:00 15 Q. Supervised where?

16 A. Company C.

17 Q. It is Bi oh spelt B-I-O-H, and company D?

18 A. It was Ibrahim Bazzy, he too was a supervisor for company

19 B.

13:20:25 20 Q. Was there more --

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: I thought we were on to D just to make  
22 sure.

23 MS ALAGENDRA: Company B he had Hassan Papa Bangura, C he  
24 had Abdul Sesay.

13:20:43 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, the reason I am raising it is  
26 because the witness said company B and I thought we had moved on  
27 to company D.

28 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: It may have been a slip of the tongue.



1 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, but I see it here. It says - I spelt  
2 Bi oh and then company D.

3 JUDGE SEBUTINDE: Yes, but he answered - the point the  
4 judge is making is the answer is company B. Maybe it was a slip  
13:21:09 5 of the tongue.

6 MS ALAGENDRA: I see, I see:

7 Q. Witness, can you repeat again who was the supervisor  
8 appointed for company D?

9 A. It was Ibrahim Bazy Kamara and also Woyoh, Franklyn  
13:21:33 10 Conteh.

11 Q. Now, apart from Hassan Papa Bangura, company B, were there  
12 any other military supervisors supervising company B?

13 A. I will recall that later, sorry. Hassan Papa Bangura was  
14 supervising company B, but I will recall later as we go along.

13:22:23 15 Q. Did you receive an appointment?

16 A. Well, at the time I was still - like I said, I was there as  
17 one of the security, personal security to Hassan Papa Bangura at  
18 the brigade.

19 Q. Witness, apart from restructuring the group, did Gullit say  
13:22:57 20 anything else during the meeting in Mansofinia?

21 A. Well, yes. Gullit said now the brigade was about to move  
22 and we are heading for the north, he said he is giving out a  
23 warning to any civilian or fighter who will attempt to escape.  
24 He said that person will be executed. He also said the orders  
13:23:38 25 that are given out and whoever refuse to follow those orders will  
26 be executed.

27 Q. Did he say anything else?

28 A. As far as I can recall, these are some of the things he  
29 said before the troop left. He said on the way as we are going,

1 if we encounter an attack in any town the town should be burnt  
2 down as we are going ahead and as we are moving ahead we shall  
3 get - we should try and get able bodied civilians to join us.

4 Q. Did he say anything about civilians who were not able  
13:24:31 5 bodied?

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Anyah?

7 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I object in this sense: We are  
8 now talking about civilians and the exposure to harm or injury  
9 that may have manifested itself at this time, but in Koinadugu  
13:25:01 10 District, in particular Mansofinia, it is not alleged in our  
11 indictment of 29 May 2007. If the evidence were limited to the  
12 meeting of the minds of these people during a meeting I would not  
13 object, but to the extent we now start talking about treatment of  
14 civilians in that area I register an objection. It is not in the  
13:25:23 15 indictment.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Alagenda?

17 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, firstly the witness hasn't  
18 spoken about any particular area which these orders related to.  
19 Secondly, the evidence of crimes which may have taken place in  
13:25:39 20 Koinadugu would be relevant under Rule 93. And also, your  
21 Honour, it would go towards evidence of a widespread or  
22 systematic attack which has been alleged in the indictment.

23 Further than that, your Honour, this Court could possibly hear  
24 evidence about this same group moving to an area which is part of  
13:26:09 25 the indictment and these orders could relate even to those areas  
26 which are in the indictment.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: A point of law, is it, Mr Anyah?

28 MR ANYAH: Well, of course --

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: I am presuming, Ms Alagenda, you have

1 finished your submissions. I apologise.

2 MS ALAGENDRA: Yes, your Honour.

3 MR ANYAH: I thank the Court for the opportunity to respond  
4 further. Rule 93(B): "Acts tending to show such a pattern of  
13:26:52 5 conduct shall be disclosed by the Prosecutor to the Defence  
6 pursuant to Rule 66", meaning they have to disclose all of these  
7 allegations pertaining to Koinadugu District to us. We have not  
8 objected to this before. There has been evidence about this when  
9 TF1-150 testified before this Chamber. I am registering an  
13:27:13 10 objection now as to this type of evidence from a district that is  
11 not charged in the indictment.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Anyah. Just allow me to  
13 consult.

14 MR KOUMJIAN: Can we just respond to the point of law that  
13:27:27 15 counsel just raised as to Rule 66?

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: There must be an end to submissions,  
17 Mr Koumjian, and I have refused it and I want to be consistent.

18 We consider that this is evidence of a general order or  
19 command which was put on the troops en route to Freetown and  
13:29:27 20 therefore is allowed.

21 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honours, I am just having my eye on the  
22 time.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Indeed. Thank you for that reminder,  
24 Ms Alagenda. But really the witness should answer because the  
13:29:46 25 question is on record. So please repeat the question, have an  
26 answer and then we will adjourn.

27 MS ALAGENDRA:

28 Q. Witness, my question to you was did he say anything to you  
29 about civilians who were not able bodied?

1 A. As I said, he said on our way as we are going ahead,  
2 wherever we encounter an attack we should burn down houses, that  
3 village should be burnt. And on the way the civilians who were  
4 able bodied, we shall recruit them. Those that are not able  
13:30:42 5 bodied, we should execute them on the way.

6 MS ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, this is a convenient place to  
7 stop.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Mr Witness, today is Friday  
9 afternoon and on Friday afternoon we do other work and we do not  
13:30:58 10 come back to Court. We will therefore be adjourning until 9.30  
11 on Monday morning. I again remind you as I have done on other  
12 afternoons that you should not discuss your evidence until all  
13 your evidence is finished. Do you understand?

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, my Lord.

13:31:17 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please adjourn Court until 9.30 on Monday  
16 morning.

17 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 1.30 p.m.  
18 to be reconvened on Monday, 21 April 2008 at  
19 9.30 a.m.]

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