



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2009
9.30 A.M.
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before the Judges:

Justice Richard Lussick, Presiding
Justice Teresa Doherty
Justice El Hadji Malick Sow, Alternate

For Chambers:

Ms Doreen Kiggundu

For the Registry:

Ms Rachel Irura
Mr Benedict Williams

For the Prosecution:

Mr Mohamed A Bangura
Mr Christopher Santora
Ms Maja Dimitrova

For the accused Charles Ghankay
Taylor:

Mr Courtenay Griffiths QC
Mr Morris Anyah

1 Tuesday, 24 November 2009

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.]

09:31:21 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. Yesterday Justice
6 Sebutinde was taken ill and we adjourned the proceedings. Today
7 she is still too ill to attend court. This morning the Trial
8 Chamber issued an order pursuant to Rule 16(A) of the Rules of
9 Procedure and Evidence, the effect of which will be that the
09:33:09 10 Trial Chamber continue in the absence of Justice Sebutinde for a
11 period of not more than five working days from today.

12 Now we'll take appearances, please.

13 MR BANGURA: Good morning, Mr President, your Honours,
14 counsel opposite. Your Honours, for the Prosecution today myself
09:33:33 15 Mohamed A Bangura, Mr Christopher Santora, and our case manager
16 Ms Maja Dimitrova.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you. Yes, Mr Griffiths.

18 MR GRIFFITHS: Good morning, Mr President, your Honours,
19 counsel opposite. For the Defence today, myself Courtenay
09:33:51 20 Griffiths, with me Mr Morris Anyah of counsel, Ms Kathryn
21 Hovington of counsel and we're also joined today by Ms Priyanka
22 Reddy.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Griffiths. Mr Taylor, I
24 mind you that you are still bound by your declaration to tell the
09:34:07 25 truth. Go ahead, Mr Bangura.

26 DANKPANNAH DR CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR:

27 [On former affirmation]

28 MR BANGURA: Mr President and your Honours, as is obvious
29 Ms Hollis is not here with us today. She is indisposed and

1 cannot be in court. Your Honours, considering that Ms Hollis has
2 conduct of this witness in cross-examination, the Prosecution is
3 requesting an adjournment. Ms Hollis's condition is not as
4 serious, but it is of a situation where she cannot be in court.

09:34:44 5 It is expected that it would pass off by the end of the day today
6 and hopefully we should have her in court tomorrow. In light of
7 these circumstances the Prosecution is constrained to apply for
8 an adjournment.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Thank you, Mr Bangura. Does the Defence
09:35:14 10 have any opposition to that application?

11 MR GRIFFITHS: In the circumstances, Mr President, no.
12 But, Mr President, in light of the other matter mentioned by you
13 regarding Rule 16, I wonder what in the circumstances is the
14 import of Rule 16 bis as to the role of the alternate judge in
09:35:49 15 these circumstances, because it seems to us that it may be of
16 assistance to all parties concerned if Justice Sow's situation in
17 this context could be considered.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, I'll take note of that,
19 Mr Griffiths. We'll just pause for a moment.

09:36:28 20 We note that Ms Hollis is ill, has been unable to come to
21 court. She does have conduct of the cross-examination of the
22 accused and naturally the Prosecution in the circumstances has
23 asked for an adjournment. Hopefully Ms Hollis will be not
24 unavailable for too long. The Defence, very reasonably, does not
09:37:01 25 oppose that application and the Court grants the adjournment
26 until 9.30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

27 In the meantime, you are on the same order not to discuss
28 your evidence, Mr Taylor.

29 We will adjourn the Court until 9.30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

1 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 9.37 a.m.
2 to be reconvened on Wednesday, 25 November 2009
3 at 9.30 a.m.]
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WITNESSES FOR THE DEFENCE:

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