



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

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9.10 A.M.
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before the Judges:

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Mr Terry Munyard
Mr Morris Anyah
Mr Michael Herz

1 Monday, 21 June 2010

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.10 a.m.]

08:59:10 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. I apologise for the late
6 start. It was due to matters beyond our control. We'll take
7 appearances first, please.

8 MS HOLLIS: Good morning, Madam President, your Honours,
9 opposing counsel. This morning for the Prosecution, Mohamed A
09:10:29 10 Bangura, Maja Dimitrova and myself Brenda J Hollis.

11 ANYAH: Good morning, Madam President. Good morning, your
12 Honours. Good morning, counsel opposite. Appearing for the
13 Defence this morning are myself Morris Anyah. I am joined by a
14 legal assistant with our time, Mr Michael Herz, and we're also
09:10:52 15 joined for the first time by a legal intern in our case Mr Tor
16 Krever. Mr Krever is a third year law student at Harvard law
17 school.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Krever is most welcome to the Court.
19 Good morning, Madam Witness. Mr Anyah is there something else?

09:11:09 20 MR ANYAH: I just wish to remind the Chamber of something
21 that your Honours said last week and to seek your approval to
22 continue with the current witness. Last week your Honours will
23 recall indicating that the prior witness, DCT-190, might be
24 recalled today to commence or to continue the cross-examination
09:11:32 25 by the Prosecution. Given that we are still in the middle of the
26 current witness's evidence, our proposal is that we continue with
27 this witness's evidence until its completion and then your
28 Honours might at your discretion recall DCT-190. Thank you.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Prosecutor, are you agreeable to

1 proceeding in that manner?

2 MS HOLLIS: Yes, we are.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well then. That's how it will be.

4 We'll complete the testimony of the current witness. It's always

09:12:05 5 better to transpose as few witnesses as possible. And I think

6 immediately after this witness's testimony we will recall

7 DCT-190.

8 Good morning, Madam Witness. This morning we'll continue

9 with your testimony and I remind you as I normally do that you

09:12:24 10 are under oath to tell the truth. Do you follow, ma'am?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 WITNESS: DCT-299 [On former oath]

13 EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR ANYAH: [Continued]

14 Q. Good morning, Madam Kallon.

09:12:47 15 A. Morning.

16 Q. Before we adjourned on Friday, we were just discussing the

17 early parts of your departure from Conakry on your way towards

18 Gueckedou in the company of Alhaji Barrie and Ibrahim Sangalie

19 when you tell us you were stopped at a checkpoint just outside

09:13:22 20 Conakry. Do you remember us talking about that on Friday

21 afternoon last week?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. I want to read to you what you told us on Friday afternoon

24 right before the Court adjourned and I have a few follow-up

09:13:39 25 questions. I asked you a question. This is from Friday's

26 transcript, 18 June 2010, page 42913 through the last page,

27 42914. The last question I asked you on Friday was - this is at

28 line 29 of 42913:

29 "Q. What happened on your way to Gueckedou?"

1 A. When we got to a checkpoint that is just after Conakry
2 they referred to this place as Transit. When we got there,
3 there are security personnel there and they stopped our
4 vehicle. The driver stopped. They asked us to disembark
09:14:29 5 and we did. They asked us to go to a small post, an office
6 like, and we went there. When we went there, the man asked
7 us about our destination and we said we were going to
8 Gueckedou. And the other man appeared and said we were
9 rebels. When he said that, I shouted at him. I said, 'How
09:14:56 10 do you - what do you take me for, calling me a rebel?' And
11 at that time they said we should take out our bags and our
12 bags should be searched. When I opened the bag, they saw
13 the money. At that time the money was 19,000 in my bag."
14 Now, let's pause there. You referred to security personnel
09:15:24 15 at this checkpoint. Can you tell us whether they were police,
16 military or some other kind of security personnel.
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. Please do.
19 A. At that particular checkpoint the people who were there
09:15:52 20 were mixed. They wore two different uniforms.
21 Q. By looking at the uniforms could you ascertain what sort of
22 personnel they were?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. Can you tell us what sort of personnel they were?
09:16:32 25 A. The other uniform was green and the other was blue.
26 Q. Do you know what sort of security personnel those who wore
27 green were?
28 A. The uniform that they had on, it was a military uniform.
29 Q. And these were Guinean military personnel?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And those who wore blue, do you know what sort of security
3 personnel they were?

4 A. I do not know whether they were policemen because it was
09:17:25 5 difficult to understand, but they looked like policemen.

6 Q. Very well. Now, in the answer you gave on Friday that I've
7 just read you made reference to another man who appeared and that
8 was the man who said you were rebels. This other man who
9 appeared, who was this person?

09:17:52 10 A. He was a soldier.

11 Q. At that time when you were stopped with the others did you
12 consider yourself to be a member of the RUF?

13 A. No, at that moment I considered myself a businessperson.

14 Q. What of Pa Alhaji Barrie; to your knowledge was he at that
09:18:20 15 time when you were stopped a member of the RUF?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What was his role in the RUF at that time you were stopped?

18 A. All of us were in the office at the time. He didn't say
19 anything.

09:18:43 20 Q. Very well. But at that particular time when you all were
21 stopped, you say he was a member of the RUF. What kind of
22 function or responsibility did he have in the RUF before he came
23 on this trip with you to Conakry?

24 A. They were in the mining area.

09:19:13 25 Q. Yes, last week you mentioned a Pa Abdul and you mentioned
26 him in the context of Pa Barrie and you made reference to diamond
27 mining. Did Pa Barrie have a title or rank within the RUF at
28 this time?

29 A. Yes, he was assisting Pa Abdul.

1 Q. And what rank, if any, did Pa Abdul have or title did he
2 have at this time in the RUF?

3 A. I did not know his rank. All I knew was that they were in
4 charge of the mining.

09:20:01 5 Q. Very well. In the RUF, given your familiarity with that
6 group of persons, was there only one person called Barrie?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Who else answered by the name of Barrie?

9 A. They had the other one called Dr Barrie.

09:20:31 10 Q. And who was Dr Barrie?

11 A. At first I did not know him. I just heard him being called
12 Dr Barrie. They said he was a doctor.

13 Q. Do you know if he was a medical doctor?

14 A. Yes, that was what they said.

09:20:57 15 Q. Do you know whether he was based in Sierra Leone or outside
16 of Sierra Leone?

17 A. He was in Sierra Leone.

18 Q. Very well. When the Guinean authorities found the 19,000
19 in your bag, what happened?

09:21:23 20 A. As soon as they saw the money they said we should go to the
21 CID office. Can I explain that part?

22 Q. Yes, please do.

23 A. At that moment as we were coming out of the office we saw a
24 military vehicle approach. The same vehicle that I had left

09:21:55 25 behind. It came --

26 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can she kindly repeat her
27 answer.

28 MR ANYAH:

29 Q. Madam Kallon, the interpreter did not hear you. You said

1 at that moment as you were coming out of the office you saw a
2 military vehicle approach. You said, "The same vehicle that I
3 had left behind. It came with --" and I heard you mention two
4 names but say it again what you said. The vehicle came with what
09:22:25 5 or whom?

6 A. The vehicle came with Massallay and he disembarked at the
7 checkpoint. The military vehicle turned round. We were loaded
8 in the vehicle in which we were, the taxi cab. The military
9 vehicle was taken to some other place. We were taken to the CID.

09:23:07 10 Q. The military vehicle you are referring to, you said in
11 relation to that vehicle that it was the same vehicle that you
12 had left behind. What vehicle are you referring to that you had
13 left behind?

14 A. The military vehicle that was to take the ammunition to the
09:23:32 15 border. That's the vehicle I'm talking about.

16 Q. You mentioned on Friday looking into the back of a military
17 truck. This is at page 42911 of Friday's transcript. You
18 referred to it both as a military truck and as a military vehicle
19 and that you saw some boxes that were covered with tarpaulin.

09:24:00 20 That vehicle you spoke of on Friday, is that the same vehicle you
21 saw at the checkpoint when you were stopped that you are now
22 referring to as the vehicle you left behind?

23 A. Yes, that's the vehicle.

24 Q. Where was the captain that requested that you hand over one
09:24:28 25 person from your company - namely, James Massallay - to join him
26 in the truck? Where was he at the time you were at the
27 checkpoint with Ibrahim Sangalie and Alhaji Barrie?

28 A. At that time the captain was in the truck.

29 Q. When you say they put all of you in the vehicle that you

1 had been in, the taxicab belonging to Ibrahim Sangalie, did that
2 include James Massallay?

3 A. Yes, in the taxicab.

09:25:18 4 Q. So beside yourself and Massallay, please tell us who else
5 was inside that taxicab when you said they put you all back into
6 the taxicab?

7 A. I was in it, Alhaji Barrie was there, Massallay was there,
8 the Guinean captain was also there, and Ibrahim Sangalie, who was
9 the driver.

09:25:50 10 Q. You said they decided that you should go to CID. Indeed,
11 you said you were taken to CID. Do you know what CID stands for?

12 A. Yes, because the CID are in Sierra Leone. When they have
13 problem, that's where they go.

09:26:25 14 Q. The CID you were taken to, was it in Sierra Leone or was it
15 in Guinea?

16 A. That one, that was in Guinea.

17 Q. When you referred to CID being in Sierra Leone, the CID
18 that you were taken to in Guinea, was there any connection with
19 CID in Sierra Leone, or are you using Sierra Leonean CID as an
09:26:43 20 example for us?

21 A. I'm just using the one in Sierra Leone as an example, but
22 the Guineans had their own business.

23 Q. Where is the Guinean CID located at?

24 A. In Guinea, Conakry.

09:27:10 25 Q. When you got to CID in Conakry with the others, what
26 happened?

27 A. All of us went in the office and they took the things that
28 were in the taxi into the office and they took the money as well.
29 They said they were keeping it safe. Can I continue?

1 Q. Yes, please continue.

2 A. Then they put us in the vehicle. At that time our own taxi
3 has been parked outside. We were all in the office vehicle. We
4 were divided. We were all sent to different police stations.

09:28:09 5 Later I think they took those men initially and they beat them up
6 very seriously. So for that entire day I did not see them. The
7 following day they went and picked me up. Can I continue?

8 Q. Let me just ask a few questions, thank you, Madam Kallon.

9 And if you could continue to maintain this pace, we're following
09:28:38 10 you very clearly and it's easy to understand, at least for me.

11 Now, you said all of you went into the office and they took the
12 things that were in the taxi into the office. What things were
13 in the taxi that they took into the office?

14 A. Our clothes. But I had bought new wrappers, about bag of
09:29:15 15 rice and a new mattress was also in the vehicle. They took all
16 of those things and packed them into their office.

17 Q. And you said they took the money as well. This is the
18 money you told us was in your bag. Now, did you have anything
19 else in your bag that belonged to the RUF?

09:29:46 20 A. Just the money.

21 Q. Among the items in the car that were taken into the office,
22 did any of those items belong to the RUF?

23 A. No, just my own things.

24 Q. Did you at that time have in possession any item that
09:30:12 25 belonged to Foday Sankoh?

26 A. No, I hadn't anything apart from the money.

27 Q. Very well. You mentioned that they placed you in an
28 official vehicle; that you were divided; and you said, "We were
29 all sent to different police stations." Is it the case that they

1 sent you to different places or were you all in the same place?

2 A. We were not in the same place. We were sent to different
3 places.

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4 Q. And you said they took those men initially and they beat
5 them up very seriously. The men that they took, are those the
6 same men that you were detained with?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And when you say "they beat them up", who beat them up?

9 A. The Guinean security personnel.

09:31:33

10 Q. If you were in several different places, how do you know
11 they were beaten up by Guinean security personnel?

12 A. When we met the following day, they told me.

13 Q. Were you yourself in any way harmed by the Guinean security
14 personnel?

09:31:59

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. How were you harmed?

17 A. They hit me twice.

18 Q. Where did they hit you?

19 A. On my back.

09:32:18

20 Q. You said the following day you saw the men you had been
21 detained with. How did you come to see them?

22 A. After they had called me - after they had taken me the
23 following day, they took me into an office to question me. Then
24 one of the security people hit me twice. This noise - the noise
09:32:56 25 was there, because when they were asking me questions, I did not
26 respond immediately. Then they called the men whom they had
27 beaten up. Can I continue?

28 Q. Yes, please do.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: What does the witness mean by "this noise

1 was there"? What does that mean?

2 MR ANYAH:

3 Q. Madam Kallon, the record has you as saying, "The noise was
4 there, because when they were asking me questions, I did not
09:33:26 5 respond immediately." What noise are you referring to?

6 A. When they were asking me for the ammunition, I did not
7 provide an answer immediately. The argument was going on. Then
8 they brought those people with whom we had all been arrested
9 together. So when they came, Mr Massallay said I should not
09:33:55 10 allow them to punish me unnecessarily because they had accepted,
11 so I should accept what they were saying. Then I too responded
12 in the affirmative.

13 Q. What sorts of questions were they asking you?

14 A. They asked me about the ammunition. Then I said, "Yes, we
09:34:34 15 bought it."

16 Q. Did you say you bought it or you came to buy it?

17 A. I said we had come to buy the ammunition.

18 Q. And did you say this James Mansallay had asked you to
19 cooperate with the question?

09:35:10 20 A. Yes. After Massallay had said that I should not allow them
21 to harm me unnecessarily, he showed me his back. Then I too
22 admitted.

23 Q. At this time, to your knowledge, was James Massallay a
24 member of the RUF?

09:35:35 25 A. James Massallay - all of them were arrested. They were in
26 there.

27 Q. Yes, we know he was arrested, but at the time you and him
28 sat at that place in Guinea, you being questioned, him telling
29 you he had been beaten, would you consider him to have been a

1 member of the RUF at that time?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. After you began cooperating and answering the questions,
4 what happened?

09:36:05 5 A. Then they took the - after I had spoken, they put us in the
6 government - in their vehicle again. Then they took us to one
7 area where policemen were being trained. That was where all of
8 us were. But at that time I did not see the captain any longer.

9 Q. At the time of your questioning at the police station, were
09:36:53 10 there any Sierra Leonean officials present when you were being
11 questioned in Conakry, Guinea?

12 A. No, apart from those with whom I was.

13 Q. Did Sierra Leone at that time have an embassy in Conakry,
14 Guinea?

09:37:23 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did Sierra Leone have an ambassador to Guinea at that time?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Do you know the name of that ambassador?

19 A. Yes.

09:37:40 20 Q. What was the ambassador's name?

21 A. His name was Jabbi e.

22 Q. When you were detained by the Guinean authorities, did you
23 have any contact with Ambassador Jabbi e?

24 A. Yes.

09:38:03 25 Q. How did that come about?

26 A. Can I explain?

27 Q. Yes, please do.

28 A. When we were in that area, that police station, that was
29 where Sierra Leoneans were being kept. My own area where I was,

1 whenever Sierra Leoneans come, I will see them. So I sent to the
2 ambassador, because the people had said they wanted to take us
3 somewhere where nobody would find us, so I started sending
4 messages to the ambassador and luckily for me he got the message.

09:38:47 5 Then he came.

6 Q. Madam Kallon, when you say "when we were in that area, that
7 police station, that was where Sierra Leoneans were being kept,"
8 which police station are you now referring to?

9 A. In Conakry.

09:39:09 10 Q. Is that the same place as the CID or is this another
11 completely different place you are talking about?

12 A. It's a different place. Not the CID. We had left there.

13 Q. You had left where?

14 A. They took us to an area where policemen were being trained.

09:39:37 15 It was a big place. That was where all of us were.

16 Q. And was this after you had left the CID?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Now, you said you started sending messages to the
19 ambassador and luckily for you he got the message and then he

09:40:00 20 came. What happened when the ambassador came?

21 A. When he came, we were taken outside and he asked us and we
22 explained. Then he asked us if we wanted to go to Sierra Leone,
23 and we said yes. Then he said okay. He sent a message and later
24 he came in the morning. But when he came, he just greeted me and

09:40:43 25 then went to the commander. I did not know what they talked
26 about. In the evening, about 7 o'clock, they took us to the
27 airport.

28 Q. Madam Kallon, if I can ask you a few questions. Why did
29 you request the ambassador to come; that is, these messages you

1 were sending him, what was the purpose behind the message?

2 A. When you were a stranger in another country, if you had a
3 problem, whatever the problem was, you should contact the
4 embassy. That was why I contacted him.

09:41:27 5 Q. When you say he took - when you say you were taken outside
6 and he asked you to explain, was that just yourself or did that
7 include the other detainees you were with?

8 A. All of us.

9 Q. You said the ambassador sent a message and later he came in
09:41:57 10 the morning. Do you know to whom he sent a message?

11 A. He said he would send a message to Freetown.

12 Q. Do you know to whom in Freetown he was sending a message?

13 A. At that time I did not ask him.

14 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I would spell Jabbie
09:42:29 15 phonetically as J-A-B-B-I-E. That's the name of the ambassador.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think we had that name last week. It's
17 on the record already.

18 MR ANYAH:

19 Q. Madam Kallon, what happened when you were taken to the
09:42:42 20 airport?

21 A. When we were at the airport, Ibrahim Sangalie - some
22 soldiers came and said Ibrahim should not go because he was a
23 driver, but by that time we were not there. He pleaded with
24 them, but they did not accept it. He was taken into a
09:43:17 25 helicopter. We were taken into a helicopter to Cockerill.

26 Q. What is Sangalie's nationality? You may have told us on
27 Friday, but my memory fails me. What was his nationality,
28 Ibrahim Sangalie?

29 A. A Guinean. He was a Guinean.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: The interpreter said something that I
2 didn't understand. Did you say, Mr Interpreter, he split up with
3 them but they did not accept?

4 THE INTERPRETER: He pleaded with them.

09:43:51 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: And then you also said, Mr Interpreter,
6 we were taken into a helicopter to something?

7 THE INTERPRETER: Cockerill.

8 MR ANYAH: Yes, that's what I heard as well:

9 Q. Madam Kallon, what is Cockerill? Is it a place? Is it a
09:44:11 10 person?

11 A. It's a military headquarters.

12 Q. In which country?

13 A. In Sierra Leone.

14 Q. How many of you were taken to Cockerill?

09:44:44 15 A. Four of us in number.

16 Q. What happened when you got to Cockerill?

17 A. It was late then so they took us to the Pademba Road for
18 safekeeping.

19 Q. Where at Pademba Road were you taken to?

09:45:07 20 A. The big prison in Sierra Leone.

21 Q. Were all of you taken there?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And on the following day what happened?

24 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, can the witness kindly
09:45:38 25 repeat this name that she has just mentioned.

26 MR ANYAH:

27 Q. Madam Kallon, please repeat your response. I asked you
28 what happened on the following day and you were about to mention
29 a name. We didn't hear it well. Can you say it again?

1 A. On that day the senior men, Charles Mbayoh and others, came
2 back and they released us from the Pademba Road Prisons.

3 Q. Who is Charles Mbayoh?

09:46:27

4 A. He was wearing a military uniform. That was my first time
5 of seeing him.

6 MR ANYAH: Madam President, Mbayoh that would be spelled
7 M-B-A-Y-O-H:

8 Q. Did you later come to know who this person Charles Mbayoh
9 was?

09:46:52

10 A. Yes, because where we were taken to I saw people's - I saw
11 them saluting him.

12 Q. What did you find out about him later on?

13 A. They said he was a senior man in the military.

09:47:19

14 Q. Who was President of Sierra Leone at that time when you
15 were at Pademba Road Prison?

16 A. That was during Strasser's regime.

17 Q. You told us last week that someone named Maada Bio was
18 Strasser's deputy. Who was Strasser's deputy at this time when
19 you were at Pademba Road Prison?

09:47:51

20 A. It was Maada Bio.

21 Q. What happened when Charles Mbayoh came to the prison and
22 you said they released you from Pademba Road Prison?

23 A. We were taken to Momoh's house at Spur Road.

24 Q. What is that place called?

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25 A. Momoh's Lodge at Spur Road.

26 Q. The Momoh you are referring to, is that the former
27 President of Sierra Leone, Joseph Saidu Momoh?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. The house you are referring to as Momoh's Lodge, was that

1 his private house or was that owned by the Government of Sierra
2 Leone?

3 A. I did not know whether it was owned by government but all I
4 know was that that was where he stayed.

09:49:04 5 Q. Was he there at the time you were taken to Momoh's lodge?
6 Was Momoh there, that's what I mean?

7 A. No.

8 Q. You and who were taken there?

9 A. Four of us.

09:49:30 10 Q. And by whom were you taken there?

11 A. The soldiers.

12 Q. Madam Kallon, from the time when you were detained at that
13 checkpoint to the time when you were taken to the CID in Conakry,
14 Guinea, to the time when you were taken to a police training

09:50:02 15 ground or place, to the time when you were taken to Cockerill
16 military base in Sierra Leone, up until Pademba Road Prison, and
17 then to Momoh's lodge, during that entire series of events did
18 you come in contact with any persons from the media or press?

19 A. Yes.

09:50:32 20 Q. Under what circumstances did you come in contact with the
21 media or the press?

22 A. They took me to the SLBS. I went there and I spoke over
23 the radio, and it was over - I talked about it on television.

24 Q. What is the SLBS?

09:51:03 25 A. The Sierra Leone radio station.

26 Q. How is it that you ended up at the radio station?

27 A. I was taken there by the soldiers.

28 Q. You and who were taken there?

29 A. Initially I was the only person who went there.

1 Q. Where were you being detained at the time you were taken
2 there?

3 A. I do not understand.

4 Q. Yes. You've told us about being taken to Momoh's lodge and
09:51:56 5 I want to find out the place you were being detained at the time
6 you were taken to the SLBS station.

7 A. They took the military vehicle and I was picked up from
8 Momoh's lodge to the station. After we had spoken, they brought
9 me back. But before I went to the SLBS, after they had completed
09:52:31 10 their investigations they took us to Cockerill itself at the
11 military headquarters. After a few days, I went to the SLBS.

12 Q. Very well. You also mentioned being heard or seen on
13 television. What were you saying in respect of television and
14 coming in contact with the media or press?

09:53:01 15 A. Can I explain?

16 Q. Yes.

17 A. I explained that I was the trader who was buying arms and
18 ammunition for the RUF. I said that over the radio.

19 Q. And how about the television? What was the nature of your
09:53:34 20 interaction with television at that time in Sierra Leone?

21 A. The same thing. I said the same thing that I had said
22 because when you go over the television, the radio and the
23 television go together.

24 Q. Madam Kallon, why do you suppose these soldiers were taking
09:54:00 25 you to the radio station and also to the television in Sierra
26 Leone? Why do you suppose they were doing that?

27 A. According to them, because at that time they did not trust
28 the soldiers. So from what they said, they said that was why
29 they took people to the - they took people there so that they

1 themselves can talk to the nation for the nation to hear.

2 Q. Who did not trust the soldiers at that particular time?

3 A. The civilians.

4 Q. Besides yourself, were the other detainees Alhaji Barrie,

09:54:54 5 James Massallay, and Ibrahim Sangalie, were any of those

6 detainees taken to either radio or television stations by the

7 Sierra Leonean soldiers?

8 A. Yes, they took Alhaji Barrie there.

9 Q. Was it on the same occasion you were taken? You told us

09:55:21 10 the first time you were taken alone to the radio station. When

11 they took Alhaji Barrie, did they take him to a radio or

12 television station?

13 A. The same place. That was where they took him as well.

14 Q. Did you go with him when he was taken there?

09:55:45 15 A. No.

16 Q. I had asked whether it was radio or television he was taken

17 to. You said the same place. Now, was it radio or television,

18 the place he was taken to? Was it a radio station or a

19 television station?

09:56:05 20 A. Where they took people to, it's a radio station but the

21 television is there as well. The two entities are together. As

22 you spoke, that one is transmitted by the radio and the

23 television at the same time.

24 Q. Very well. Thank you. Now, you are at the lodge of former

09:56:37 25 President Momoh. How long were you at that lodge for?

26 A. I stayed long there. I was there for long - for a long

27 time. Up to the time Maada Bio overthrew Strasser.

28 Q. Very well. We will come to Maada Bio's time as President

29 or Head of State. While you were at the lodge what was your

1 conditions of detention, that is, how was the environment where
2 you were kept?

3 A. The place was nice and I was treated humanely.

4 Q. Were you allowed to receive visitors there?

09:57:33 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What sorts of visitors were you allowed to receive while
7 you were there?

8 A. My relatives, my friends. They used to go there.

9 Q. Were any officials of the Sierra Leonean government allowed
09:58:02 10 to visit you there?

11 A. Yes, they used to go there.

12 Q. Who used to go there?

13 A. Charles Mbayoh used to go there, Karifa used to go there
14 and one man who was an MP commander, he has a Krio name, but I've
09:58:35 15 forgotten that name; all of them used to go there.

16 Q. When you say they used to go there, my question had to do
17 with persons who came to visit you. Did these three persons
18 you've named, the MP commander, someone named Karifa and Charles
19 Mbayoh, was it you they were visiting when they went to Momoh's
09:59:04 20 lodge?

21 A. When they went there, initially they will go first to their
22 military area and after they have left there, they will come to
23 us and we will all sit together discussing.

24 Q. Did the President of Sierra Leone, Valentine Strasser, ever
09:59:21 25 come to the lodge when you were there?

26 A. No.

27 Q. How about his deputy, Maada Bio, did he ever come to the
28 lodge while you were there?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. When he came, did he meet with you?

2 A. When he went, he greeted us.

3 Q. Were you allowed telephone privileges when you were
4 detained; that is, could you make telephone calls?

10:00:07 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did you have any telephone conversations while being
7 detained with any officials of the Government of Sierra Leone?

8 A. I do not seem to understand this.

9 Q. Yes, Madam Kallon, I'm trying to find out whether you spoke
10:00:40 10 on the telephone to any official of the Government of Sierra
11 Leone when you were at the President's Lodge - or, rather,
12 Momoh's Lodge.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. With which official did you speak over the telephone?

10:00:58 15 A. Charles Mbayoh.

16 Q. Were you interviewed by Sierra Leonean government officials
17 when you were detained at Momoh's Lodge?

18 A. What do you mean by "interview"?

19 Q. Were you asked to make a statement about what happened in
10:01:27 20 Conakry by any officials of the Sierra Leonean government?

21 A. Yes. It was the soldiers who obtained our statements.

22 Q. Do you remember the names of those who obtained your
23 statement?

24 A. I can't recall, but I can recall the senior men who were in
10:02:00 25 charge of us, who were taking care of us.

26 Q. What were their names, the ones you can recall?

27 A. One was Captain Toronka. The other one at that time was
28 Major Binneh. They were in charge of us. I can recognise those,
29 but there were many.

1 MR ANYAH: Madam President, Toronka is spelt correctly on
2 the record and Binneh I would spell B-I-N-N-E-H. Two Ns:
3 Q. Madam Kallon, were you, besides being taken to the SLBS,
4 ever taken outside of Momoh's Lodge by Sierra Leonean authorities
10:02:58 5 during your detention?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. To where else were you taken?
8 A. To Maada Bio's house.
9 Q. Who took you to Maada Bio's house?
10:03:26 10 A. It was Charles Mbayoh.
11 Q. For what purpose did he take you to Maada Bio's house?
12 A. Initially he did not tell me until we got there.
13 Q. When you got there, what happened?
14 A. Maada Bio took me to his bedroom. Can I continue?
10:03:59 15 Q. Yes, please do.
16 A. When they took me we were only three there. Then Maada Bio
17 asked me that they were confused about this thing. "Now we have
18 treated you humanely. We thought that when you were arrested,
19 Foday Sankoh would talk to Strasser." But, he said, "Up until
10:04:41 20 now, Foday Sankoh has not spoken to Strasser." He said so that
21 was why they had called me to ask me. Then I said, "Hmm," I
22 said, "Foday Sankoh had said that he would not talk to Strasser."
23 I said he was grumbling about that. I said, "If it was only
24 Strasser, Foday Sankoh would not talk to him." Then he said
10:05:17 25 okay. He said, "Okay, what if we did some changes?" Then I
26 said, "Mmm, maybe the Pa would talk to that person, but he
27 wouldn't talk to Strasser." I said, "Because when Strasser took
28 over, he said he would fight on land, at sea and in the air." I
29 said, "So for that reason the Pa had decided not to talk to him."

1 Then he told me that I should not tell anybody, and he then put
2 me in the vehicle and he took me back to the lodge.

10:06:08 3 Q. A few questions, Madam Kallon. Thank you for your
4 response. You said, "When they took me, we were only three
5 there." Who were the two persons beside yourself? You said you
6 were three. You and who are the other two that were there?

7 A. Charles Mbayoh who took me there, plus me and Maada Bio
8 himself. Three of us.

9 Q. Was this inside Maada Bio's bedroom?

10:06:37 10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You said Maada Bio asked you some questions. He said you
12 had been treated humanely and he wanted to know why Foday Sankoh
13 had not spoken to Strasser up until that time. What do you
14 suppose was the reason why he was asking you these sorts of
10:07:05 15 questions?

16 A. Well, they thought that because they have arrested me,
17 everything would be over. According - from what people were
18 saying, that if I talked to Foday Sankoh, he normally listens to
19 me. That was why they were asking me. So I too told him what
10:07:36 20 Foday Sankoh had said.

21 Q. Where was Foday Sankoh at this time, that is, when
22 Valentine Strasser was President of Sierra Leone and Julius Maada
23 Bio his deputy?

24 A. He was in Zogoda.

10:08:02 25 Q. When you say you told them what Foday Sankoh had told you,
26 when exactly was it that Foday Sankoh told you he wouldn't talk
27 to Strasser?

28 A. At the time that I was going there. When we used to talk
29 over the radio, I used to ask him that when would he be doing the

1 peace deal. So Foday Sankoh was - he was grumbling about that.
2 He said he wouldn't talk to Strasser.

3 Q. Where were you when you made these radio contacts with
4 Foday Sankoh?

10:08:55 5 A. In the Kailahun District.

6 Q. Was that before your arrest in Conakry, Guinea?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. You made reference to someone saying that he would fight on
9 land, at sea and in the air. Who made that pronouncement? Who
10:09:18 10 said they would fight on land, at sea and in the air?

11 A. It was Strasser.

12 Q. And you said Maada Bio said, in the form of a question,
13 what if they made some changes, whether Foday Sankoh would talk
14 to that person. When he said that, what did you understand him

10:09:50 15 to mean?

16 A. Repeat the question.

17 Q. Yes. You said Maada Bio asked you questions about possible
18 changes, something to the effect that what if they made some
19 changes, whether Foday Sankoh would speak to them. And I'm
10:10:21 20 asking you what did you understand him to mean when he was asking
21 you about making changes?

22 A. Mmm, at that moment I did not understand that part. I just
23 answered.

24 Q. Did you later on come to understand what he meant when he
10:10:52 25 spoke to you in his bedroom and he talked about changes?

26 A. The only time I understood it was when I heard over the
27 radio that Strasser had been taken to Conakry. That was when I
28 understood.

29 Q. Where were you when you heard this over the radio?

1 A. I was at Cockerill - I'm sorry, Momoh's lodge.

2 Q. Were you - I'm sorry, go ahead. Continue.

3 A. In the morning I was at Momoh's lodge when Charles Mbayoh
4 called over the telephone and he said I should tell the men not
10:11:53 5 to allow soldiers to enter the compound with guns. At that time
6 there were some soldiers around, so I just told them. And later
7 I saw people bring a lot of food items, rice, vegetable oil, palm
8 oil, fish, meat, a lot of things. They were putting them into
9 the refrigerators. After he had spoken to me, it was less than
10:12:27 10 an hour when I saw those stuff, and later I went upstairs to
11 sleep. So later when I came downstairs, I saw the men who had
12 come from Benguema, but there was some confusion. That was what
13 the soldiers were saying.

14 Q. Madam Kallon, let me ask you a few questions. I had asked
10:12:57 15 you where you were when you heard the message over the radio.
16 You said you were at Momoh's lodge. Then you mentioned a phone
17 call from Charles Mbayoh and you said Mbayoh told you to tell the
18 men there not to allow soldiers to enter the compound with guns.
19 The men who were there that Mbayoh wanted you to tell this, were
10:13:26 20 they also soldiers?

21 A. Yes, they were soldiers.

22 Q. You made reference to food items and a lot of things being
23 put in the refrigerator. Who was putting these food items in the
24 refrigerator?

10:13:56 25 A. The soldiers. Their vehicle was parked. Those who were at
26 the lodge, those were the ones I saw packing food items in the
27 house.

28 Q. Now, you spoke of going upstairs and later you came down.
29 You saw some men who had come from somewhere. The record doesn't

1 indicate what you said. I heard you say something. The men who
2 came from somewhere and you said there was confusion at the time,
3 where did these men come from?

4 A. I heard the soldiers saying that the senior men, that is
10:14:44 5 Strasser and Maada Bio and others, had left Cockerill but there
6 were some confusion. I heard them saying that. Then I went
7 upstairs in the veranda watching the streets.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: The witness said something that I heard
9 and I think my colleague also heard the same. She said, "I saw
10:15:05 10 the men who had come from Benguema but there was some confusion."
11 Isn't that what you said, Madam Witness?

12 THE WITNESS: Yes, it was the soldiers who were at the
13 house. They were the ones saying that.

14 MR ANYAH:

10:15:29 15 Q. What were the soldiers in the house saying?

16 A. They said Strasser and his deputy had left. I think there
17 was some military graduation, so they said they left the place
18 and when they came back there was confusion. That's what they
19 were saying around about the place.

10:15:54 20 Q. Madam Kallon, what did you - did you say the word Benguema
21 this morning in court just now?

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: The witness confirmed, she said it twice.

23 MR ANYAH: Very well:

24 Q. Let's continue, Madam Kallon. There was some confusion.
10:16:16 25 What did you understand to be happening at this particular time?
26 What was going on at Momoh's lodge? What was going on in respect
27 of Valentine Strasser and his deputy?

28 A. Later I went up and I was sitting, but I saw vehicles
29 passing about, many of them. Because when you are upstairs

1 you'll see downstairs, so I saw people running helter-skelter.
2 Then I went down. In less than three hours I saw Kari fa. He was
3 on the television. They said they didn't want to see anyone on
4 the streets, that the streets should be cleared. And people
10:17:13 5 said, "Oh, this is a coup." The soldiers who were there were the
6 ones who were saying this. And after that, the soldiers were
7 just like that. Those who were at my own place, all of us were
8 afraid. We were sitting inside. And that's how we were in the
9 house.

10:17:43 10 Q. The Kari fa you are referring to now that you saw on
11 television, is that the same Kari fa you spoke of earlier today?

12 A. Yes, it's the one.

13 Q. You made reference to a coup. Do you know who was staging
14 this coup, that is, who was behind the coup?

10:18:14 15 A. I didn't know except when Kari fa spoke. That was when I
16 knew it was Maada Bio.

17 Q. You made reference to receiving a call from Charles Mbayoh.
18 Was that the only call you received around this time over the
19 telephone?

10:18:34 20 A. No, later Maada himself called. Maada called and said - he
21 said that the Muslims and the Christians went to him and say he
22 should hand over and he decided to do Bintumani. And I said,
23 "Now that you've overthrown, if you are fast enough then you will
24 be the one to bring peace to this country because when - because
10:19:20 25 there are changes now it's possible that the Pa would talk to
26 you."

27 Q. Madam Kallon, there is something there in the record that I
28 did not hear or understand. You said Maada himself called. He
29 called and said that the Muslims and the Christians want him to

1 hand over and he decided to do something. What did he decide to
2 do when the Muslims and the Christians wanted him to hand over?

3 A. He said he wanted to show to the nation that he was able to
4 bring peace and therefore he wants to talk to Foday Sankoh for
10:20:07 5 Foday Sankoh to accept peace.

6 Q. Did he say who the Christians and the Muslims wanted him to
7 hand over to?

8 A. Repeat.

9 Q. Yes. You said the Muslims and Christians wanted him to
10:20:30 10 hand over to someone. Who was the person they wanted him to hand
11 over power to?

12 A. What he meant was because the elections were approaching
13 and so the people were after him not to disrupt the
14 electioneering process and schedule. That's what he said, and he
10:20:59 15 said except after the Bintumani.

16 Q. What is Bintumani? What is that?

17 A. Bintumani was the place where they used to call
18 consultative conferences where the civilians will express their
19 views.

10:21:22 20 Q. Was there one such conference that was scheduled to happen
21 soon?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Now, a few questions. This call from Maada Bio, was it to
24 you, Isatu Kallon?

10:21:53 25 A. Yes, he spoke to me directly.

26 Q. Was it on the day of the coup?

27 A. No, the following day.

28 Q. How long had passed from the time when you were with
29 Charles Mbayoh inside Maada Bio's bedroom and the time when the

1 coup happened? How much time passed between those two things?

2 A. It was not up to two months. It was between one and two
3 months, but not up to two months.

4 Q. Why do you suppose on the day after the coup Maada Bio
10:22:50 5 wanted to speak to you, Isatu Kallon?

6 A. When I was with them at the lodge, they used to ask me
7 questions. Whatever they were in doubt of they would ask me.

8 Q. Questions about what?

9 A. About Foday Sankoh.

10:23:32 10 Q. After your phone conversation with Maada Bio, what
11 happened?

12 A. After that, Maada Bio started the programme to negotiate
13 with Foday Sankoh on the radio because I saw it on the
14 television, I heard them talking on the television.

10:24:05 15 Q. Where were you when you were hearing this, Madam Kallon?

16 A. I was at Momoh's lodge.

17 Q. Where was Foday Sankoh at the time you say through the
18 radio you heard he was in contact with Maada Bio?

19 A. At Zogoda.

10:24:39 20 Q. During the entire period of your detention from Conakry all
21 the way to the lodge of former President Momoh, had there been
22 any sort of reaction from the RUF regarding your detention?

23 A. Well, according to - because at that time I did not listen
24 to the news. They said Fayia Musa spoke, but I did not know what
10:25:16 25 he said.

26 Q. What you heard on the radio about Maada Bio negotiating
27 with Foday Sankoh, what did that concern?

28 A. Later I was watching the television when I heard that the
29 soldiers were going to have a meeting in Abidjan together with

- 1 Foday Sankoh - I'm sorry, Yamousoukro.
- 2 Q. Were elections held in that year in Sierra Leone?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Who won the elections?
- 10:26:15 5 A. Tejan Kabbah.
- 6 Q. Were you still in detention after Tejan Kabbah became
- 7 President of Sierra Leone?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Where were you being detained?
- 10:26:43 10 A. Do you want me to explain?
- 11 Q. Yes, please do.
- 12 A. I was at Momoh's lodge. When Tejan Kabbah won the
- 13 elections Maada Bio handed over power and the following day I was
- 14 taken to the CID.
- 10:27:08 15 Q. Where is the CID located at?
- 16 A. By Pademba Road.
- 17 Q. Is this a different place than Pademba Road maximum
- 18 security prison?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 10:27:33 20 Q. Where were the others who had been detained with you,
- 21 Alhaji Barrie, James Mansallay and Ibrahim Sangalie?
- 22 A. All of us were taken there.
- 23 Q. Do you know why you were taken to CID?
- 24 A. I did not know.
- 10:28:07 25 Q. For how long were you detained at CID?
- 26 A. We were not released right up to the peace with Kabbah.
- 27 Q. Do you know approximately how long you spent in terms of
- 28 weeks, months or years, at CID under detention?
- 29 A. That is between seven months.

1 Q. The peace you referred to with Tejan Kabbah, who made that
2 peace with Kabbah?

3 A. It was himself and Foday Sankoh.

4 Q. Do you know where they were when they made that peace?

10:29:13 5 A. They said Abidjan.

6 Q. Do you remember the year when this took place?

7 A. I've forgotten.

8 MR ANYAH: Madam President, your Honours have judicially
9 noted a fact regarding the Abidjan Peace Accord, and this is in
10:29:44 10 your judicial notice decision from 7 December 2007, CMS 370,
11 decision on the Prosecution motion for judicial notice,
12 judicially noted fact 0 reads:

13 "On 13 November 1996, Foday Saybana Sankoh and Ahmed Tejan
14 Kabbah President of the Republic of Sierra Leone signed a peace
10:30:18 15 agreement at Abidjan, the Ivory Coast."

16 Q. Madam Kallon, during your detention at CID, were you free
17 to leave, that is, free to go outside and return?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. When you went outside, what did you go outside to do?

10:30:54 20 A. I would go and buy market wares and I'll bring them inside
21 for sale.

22 Q. Bring them inside to where for sale?

23 A. Into the prisons, the lockup.

24 Q. And where did you sell the items that you bought?

10:31:19 25 A. In there. I used to sit outside. If you wanted anything,
26 then I will sell that thing to you.

27 Q. What sort of items were you selling in the CID?

28 A. I used to buy garri, sugar, cigarettes, meat, those were
29 the things. And later I started selling soft drinks.

1 Q. And garri I would spell G-A-R-R-I. Madam Kallon, at the
2 CID, did you come in contact with other persons who were detained
3 there?

4 A. Yes, I saw people - different people.

10:32:33 5 Q. Who were some of the people you saw while you were there?

6 A. You mean the Sierra Leoneans?

7 Q. Yes.

8 A. You mean the ones together with whom I was in the cell, or
9 what?

10:33:00 10 Q. Well, I appreciate your question. No, not those who were
11 detained with you. I'm not asking about Pa Barrie, James
12 Mansallay or Ibrahim Sangalie. I'm asking about other detainees,
13 persons you saw in the premises of the CID. Do you recall any of
14 the other Sierra Leonean detainees you saw there?

10:33:20 15 A. Yes. I was at the CID when I saw Johnny Paul and others
16 brought. They met me in the 2IC's waiting room. I was there.

17 Q. Who is the 2IC?

18 A. The second in command at the CID.

19 Q. Who is Johnny Paul?

10:34:01 20 A. At that time Johnny Paul had a military uniform on when he
21 came to the CID.

22 Q. Was he in detention; that is, was he a detainee at that
23 time?

24 A. Yes, he was handcuffed.

10:34:28 25 Q. Do you know why he was under detention and in handcuffs?

26 A. At that time I did not know.

27 Q. Did you find out later why he was in handcuffs?

28 A. Yes. When he was put into the cell, I asked.

29 Q. What did you find out about why he was in handcuffs?

1 A. The boys said that Johnny Paul and the Kamajors had some
2 problem. That's what they told me.

3 Q. Which boys told you this?

4 A. The boys who were in the cell. There were many there.

10:35:40 5 Q. Are these other detainees that told you this?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Who were the Kamajors?

8 A. At that time there were no Kamajors at the CID. There were
9 only rebels and the SLA, they were the ones there.

10:36:08 10 Q. The rebels you are referring to, which group did they
11 belong?

12 A. It was the RUF. But what they used to do was, even if they
13 saw a madman on the street, they would bring that person. So
14 there were many there.

10:36:29 15 Q. Going back to the Kamajors, I'm not asking you if they were
16 detained at the time at the CID. I'm asking you of your
17 knowledge of what Kamajors mean. Who is a Kamajor?

18 A. Well, according to what I understood, they only said they
19 were Hinga Norman's boys.

10:37:06 20 Q. Who is Hinga Norman?

21 A. At that time he was working with Tejan Kabbah.

22 Q. Do you know what position he occupied when he worked with
23 Tejan Kabbah?

24 A. They said he was a defence. I did not understand properly
10:37:33 25 because he held this position and I was in detention, so I really
26 did not understand.

27 Q. What sort of confusion did Johnny Paul have with these
28 Kamajors, according to these boys who told you this information?
29 What did they say was the nature of this confusion?

1 A. According to them, they said they were fighting. They said
2 the Kamajors were fighting. They were having a dispute with the
3 SLA.

4 MR ANYAH: Very well.

10:38:21 5 Madam President, there is a document I would like to use at
6 this time. I advised learned counsel opposite about it right
7 before the proceedings started. I was reviewing documents and I
8 came across it over the weekend and it is already on our exhibit
9 list, but we did not list it specifically in connection with this
10:38:42 10 particular witness. We disclosed it to the Prosecution, if
11 memory serves me right, in relation to the evidence of DCT-125.
12 That would have been over two months ago. It is a short
13 document. It is two pages. I have copies - oh, the witness's
14 hand is up.

10:39:05 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Madam Witness.

16 THE WITNESS: I want to use the ladies'.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please escort the witness out.

18 [In the absence of the witness]

19 MR ANYAH: Yes, Madam President, may I continue in the
10:39:56 20 absence of the witness? It's a two-page document. The relevant
21 part for purposes of this witness is about three quarters of a
22 page. I don't know the date of disclosure to the Prosecution,
23 but I'm fairly certain it was over two months ago. And I have
24 copies for your Honours here and for the court reporter and your
10:40:18 25 legal officers, as well as for CMS, and I stand to be corrected,
26 but I don't believe the Prosecution has an objection to me using
27 the document.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam Prosecutor?

29 MS HOLLIS: We have no objection.

1 MR ANYAH: We're grateful for that. May I hand this over
2 to Madam Court Officer? Oh, she has taken the witness out. I
3 believe we have copies for everyone - enough copies, that is.

10:43:32 4 If I could just assist, Madam President. It's only the
5 second page. I will make reference to the date on the top of the
6 first page and then the second page with the title there in the
7 middle of the left-hand column.

8 [In the presence of the witness]

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please continue.

10:44:01 10 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President:

11 Q. Madam Kallon, I want to read to you a document that we've
12 distributed to everyone in court and I want to ask you a few
13 questions about what is said in that document. I understand
14 you've told us you can't read or write, so I will read it to you.
10:44:20 15 That is, what the document says. I just want you to listen very
16 closely to what I read. If you do not understand anything you
17 ask me to repeat myself and I will do so.

18 This document is DCT exhibit number 387. It's not yet an
19 exhibit, but the Defence document number is 387. It was filed in
10:44:50 20 conjunction with version 15 of the Defence's Rule 73 ter filing
21 of exhibit list. There are two CMS numbers for this same filing
22 I found out. What is 932 and one is 933 for the same filing,
23 same document.

24 Madam Kallon, please listen to what I am reading. The top
10:45:15 25 of the page says, "Focus on Sierra Leone." On the left-hand
26 corner it says, "Volume 1, Number 10." That is to the left of
27 the top of the page. To the right of the top of the page it
28 gives a date, "30 November 1995." If we could go to the second
29 page, please. Starting with the left-hand column, all the way to

1 the middle of the page and then down to the bottom. There it
2 says as a title, "Stop press. RUF officials arrested in Conakry
3 (Republic of Guinea)." Now I will read the contents:

4 "As we go to press, news has just reached us about the
10:46:43 5 arrest and detention by Guinean security forces of four alleged
6 members of the RUF in Conakry. They were immediately handed over
7 to the military authorities in Freetown where they are reported
8 to have undergone intense and rigorous interrogation. The NPRC
9 was reported to be making a meal of their captives. 'Slow death'
10:47:27 10 was how a contact in Freetown described their treatment. The
11 four, including two senior officials of the RUF, have been
12 paraded before TV audiences after they allegedly 'confessed to
13 having been on a gunrunning mission on behalf of the RUF.' The
14 two officials were named as Mr James Massallay and Mrs Isatu
10:48:07 15 Kallon."

16 Let's pause there. Madam Kallon, this is a news article
17 from November 30, 1995 speaking of the arrest of RUF officials in
18 Conakry, Guinea. Your name is mentioned here as is the name of
19 James Massallay. As I've read this to you, does this sound like
10:48:33 20 the events you were testifying to us about regarding your arrest
21 at that checkpoint in Conakry or outside Conakry?

22 A. Repeat the question.

23 Q. Yes. What I read to you about these events, is that
24 similar - does it sound to you like the same events that you've
10:49:02 25 told us about earlier in court today about being arrested in
26 Guinea with James Massallay?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Now, let me ask you some more specific questions. The
29 article I've just read makes reference to NPRC. Do you know what

1 NPRC stands for?

2 A. No.

3 Q. The article refers to you and James Massallay and the
4 others as being RUF officials. Were you at that time you were
10:49:53 5 arrested in Conakry and detained an RUF official?

6 A. I was not trained.

7 Q. That does not answer the question though, Madam Kallon,
8 with respect. You were not trained. The question is did you
9 consider yourself, given what this article has indicated here,

10:50:20 10 that you were an RUF official, to have been an RUF official at
11 that time?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You were an RUF official?

14 A. Yes.

10:50:41 15 Q. In your mind, is that the same thing as being a member of
16 the RUF?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Very well. What I've just read indicates that the NPRC
19 officials were not treating you and the other detainees well in
10:51:12 20 Freetown. It suggests that you were being mistreated. Do you
21 agree with that?

22 A. Something like what?

23 Q. Well, they said in Freetown that you were undergoing
24 intense and rigorous interrogation and it suggests that you were
10:51:46 25 not treated well in Freetown. They used the word "slow death".

26 How were you treated when you were detained in Freetown after
27 being transferred from Guinea?

28 A. Can I explain a little?

29 Q. Yes, please do.

1 A. The first week that we were brought, that was when the
2 soldiers were interrogating us, at that time it was fearful
3 because when they would come for the investigations there would
4 be a lot of guns. So that first week it was horrible.

10:52:40 5 Q. But after the first week how would you describe the manner
6 in which you were treated?

7 A. After the statements had been obtained from us we were just
8 in the compound there. We were not in cells, we'll go to our
9 bedrooms by ourselves. We were just in the compound.

10:53:10 10 Q. Were you treated well after the first week?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. It makes reference - this article makes reference to you
13 being paraded before TV audiences. Were you paraded, that is,
14 put on television, before audiences to see you?

10:53:38 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Now, continuing from where I stopped. The article says:

17 "The RUF's spokesman, Mr Fayia Musa, speaking from the
18 Ivory Coast, claimed on BBC Focus on Africa that their officials
19 were in transit via Guinea en route to link up with the rest of a
20 five-person delegation that is scheduled to meet OAU

10:54:12 21 Secretary-General Dr Ahmed Salim Salim in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)
22 the following week. Explaining the presence of funds in the
23 possession of his comrades, Musa said that they were in Guinea to
24 secure humanitarian items, including drugs, for civilians in
10:54:45 25 RUF-held territory before proceeding to meet other members of
26 their delegation."

27 Let's stop there. Madam Kallon, what Fayia Musa was
28 telling the press that the money that you possessed was to secure
29 drugs and other humanitarian items for civilians in RUF

1 territory, was that the truth?

2 A. No, it is not true.

3 Q. What happened to the money that the Guineans took from you,
4 the \$19,000?

10:55:35 5 A. They did not return it to me.

6 Q. At the time that you were stopped with Pa Barrie, Ibrahim
7 Sangalie, later on to be joined by James Massallay, were you on
8 your way to the Ivory Coast so that you could join five other
9 people to go to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to meet the OAU chairman?

10:56:10 10 A. Can I explain a little?

11 Q. Yes, please.

12 A. That particular meeting, my name was listed to be on the
13 trip, but I wanted to run that mission first before going to the
14 meeting.

10:56:28 15 Q. Which mission did you want to run first before going to the
16 meeting?

17 A. The ammunition programme that I was on.

18 Q. And the meeting you referred to that you were on the list -
19 you were listed on the trip to go to, was that mission to Addis
10:56:57 20 Ababa, Ethiopia?

21 A. Really I did not know the particular town where the meeting
22 was to be held, but they sent someone to me that I should go and
23 attend a meeting, but at that time I wanted to head for Conakry,
24 so I did not know the actual country where we were to go.

10:57:31 25 Q. Continuing from where I stopped, it reads:

26 "We understand that frantic steps are being undertaken to
27 ensure that the coming out of the RUF to Addis goes ahead. When
28 the news of the arrests broke out in London, focus immediately
29 contacted the offices of International Alert, who have been

1 facilitating the Addis meeting and we are told the RUF had
2 already issued a statement protesting at the detention and
3 handing over of their delegates to the Sierra Leone authorities.
4 They said that the RUF were demanding the release of their people
10:58:25 5 to enable them to proceed to the planned opening of dialogue with
6 the international community. The RUF is said to have challenged
7 the Sierra Leone government to allow the people of Sierra Leone
8 to hear a taped message from Foday Sankoh, which their people
9 were carrying with them along with other documents to prove the
10:58:48 10 purpose of their mission."

11 Let's pause there. Madam Kallon, you hear reference here
12 to a taped message being carried by those who were detained, a
13 taped message from Foday Sankoh. Were you at the time of your
14 detention in possession of a taped message from Foday Sankoh.

10:59:18 15 A. Yes, Foday Sankoh recorded on the cassette.

16 Q. What were you supposed to do with that tape?

17 A. After the cassette was given to me, I did not listen to it,
18 then I went to Conakry. So I should have gone with the cassette
19 if I had accomplished my business.

10:59:48 20 Q. When were you given this cassette, Madam Kallon?

21 A. In Sierra Leone.

22 Q. Was that the trip when you returned to Gueckedou with
23 Pa Barrie and James Massallay? The trip where you received this
24 cassette, was it the trip that you began from Sierra Leone to
11:00:15 25 Gueckedou with Pa Barrie and James Massallay?

26 A. Yes. Mansallay, I was to have taken him with me, but I
27 delayed the trip. He wasn't well.

28 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I see the time.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Indeed. We'll take the morning break now

1 and reconvene at 11.30.

2 [Break taken at 11.00 a.m.]

3 [Upon resuming at 11.32 a.m.]

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, please continue.

11:32:35 5 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President. With respect to
6 appearances on the Defence side, may I indicate that we have been
7 joined by Mr Terry Munyard:

8 Q. Madam Kallon, before the Court took the mid-morning
9 adjournment we were considering a document from a news article
11:33:03 10 wherein it was said that those who were arrested were in
11 possession of a taped message from Foday Sankoh, and I was asking
12 you where it was that you received the cassette that you said
13 contained the taped message. You said you received it in Sierra
14 Leone. I then asked you when it was that you received it,
11:33:29 15 whether it was the trip during which you took Pa Barrie and James
16 Massallay from Sierra Leone to Gueckedou, and you said yes. You
17 then said "Massallay, I was to have taken him with me, but I
18 delayed the trip. He is wasn't well."

19 What do you mean you delayed the trip? Did you take the
11:33:57 20 cassette tape from Sierra Leone to Gueckedou without James
21 Massallay, or did you take the cassette at the same time you took
22 Massallay and Alhaji Barrie to Gueckedou?

23 A. It was the same time. The time I went for Massallay, that
24 was when the cassette was given to me.

11:34:22 25 Q. Do you know what sort of message this cassette contained?

26 A. I did not listen to it, so I didn't know what was on the
27 tape.

28 Q. Who were you to give the cassette to?

29 A. I was to take it to those people in Ivory Coast, that is,

1 the people who were sent by the RUF.

2 Q. The article also indicates that in addition to the
3 cassette, you and the others were carrying other documents that
4 would prove the purpose of your mission. Were you carrying any
11:35:22 5 documents belonging to the RUF at the time you were arrested?

6 A. I did not have documents on me.

7 Q. Do you know whether any of the other two RUF members,
8 Pa Barrie or James Massallay, had documents in their possession
9 that belonged to the RUF at the time you were detained with them?

11:35:50 10 A. They did not tell me that they were in possession of
11 documents.

12 Q. Thank you, Madam Kallon. I will continue reading the last
13 paragraph:

14 "Another casualty of this apparent debacle for the RUF was
11:36:08 15 the veteran politician cum self-proclaimed peacemaker, Dr John
16 Karefa-Smart, who was alleged to have been named by the female
17 captive, Isatu Kallon, as one of those who 'was helping to
18 facilitate the supply of arms to the RUF' - a claim he vigorously
19 denied as 'preposterous' and which he rubbished with relish. He
11:36:40 20 was apparently taken in for questioning by the authorities but
21 released afterwards. He claimed that somebody was out to tarnish
22 his name because they are envious of his popularity among his
23 people and party. But he vowed to stay around this time and no
24 one was going to bully him out of the country as before."

11:37:09 25 Madam Kallon, this article says that you implicated John
26 Karefa-Smart with the supply of arms to the RUF. Did you say
27 anything about Karefa-Smart at the time you were being
28 questioned?

29 A. No.

1 Q. Who is John Karefa-Smart?

2 A. I did not even know him. I only heard the name.

3 MR ANYAH: Madam President, this is all I have with the
4 document. I should correct something I said when I started with
11:37:57 5 the document - or when I applied to use it. I said I came upon
6 it this weekend. I obviously was familiar with the document
7 before and I knew its contents. I merely verified it was on the
8 exhibit list and had been disclosed this weekend. I needed to
9 put that on the record:

11:38:17 10 Q. Now, Madam Kallon, let's continue. But before we do so, I
11 have one clarifying question to ask you.

12 Madam President, may I request that the document be marked
13 for identification, please?

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: The document that appears - I suppose
11:38:37 15 this is a newspaper, is it?

16 MR ANYAH: Yes, it looks like a newsletter, but --

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Or a newsletter entitled "Focus on Sierra
18 Leone", the date of the paper is 30 November 1995, and the
19 article in question is entitled "RUF officials arrested in
11:38:56 20 Conakry, Republic of Guinea", this document, consisting of the
21 cover page and the second page, is marked MFI-1.

22 MR ANYAH: Madam President, in relation to this at the time
23 of admissibility, I will ask that it be limited only to the
24 portions I read at the second page, but thank you for the MFI,
11:39:22 25 Madam President:

26 Q. Madam Kallon, you mentioned Johnny Paul previously. This
27 person, Johnny Paul, does he have a last name, or is Paul his
28 last name?

29 A. The only name I knew for him is Johnny Paul. That is it.

1 Q. Did you ever hear that same person being referred to by
2 another name?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Do you know who is JPK?

11:40:12 5 A. I used to hear that name, but - I used to hear that name.

6 Q. I am not referring to Johnny Paul now; I am referring to
7 JPK. Are you telling us you used to hear that name JPK?

8 A. Yes, but I didn't know who was called that name.

9 Q. Very well. Now, Madam Kallon, before we embarked on the
11:40:48 10 newsletter article, I believe you told us you had been released
11 at the time Foday Sankoh had signed the peace agreement with
12 President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah. Where did you go after you were
13 released?

14 A. Initially I was in Freetown.

11:41:14 15 Q. At the time of your release, what happened to Pa Barrie,
16 James Massallay and Ibrahim Sangalie?

17 A. Ibrahim Sangalie went to Guinea, and we, the Sierra
18 Leoneans, remained in Sierra Leone.

19 Q. You say initially you were in Freetown. What were you
11:41:39 20 doing in Freetown?

21 A. I wasn't doing anything initially.

22 Q. Where were you staying when you were in Freetown?

23 A. Rokupa.

24 Q. Can you say that name for us again slowly, please?

11:42:14 25 A. Rokupa.

26 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I don't know how to spell it.
27 I believe it might be R-0, then an apostrophe, then this word
28 Cooper. I wonder if the interpreter can assist us, please.

29 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, your Honour. It's R-0-K-U-P-A.

1 MR ANYAH:

2 Q. Where was your family at this time, Madam Kallon, your
3 children?

4 A. At that time I didn't know about them.

11:42:52 5 Q. Where was your husband Daniel GG Kallon at this time?

6 A. From the time I left them in Ivory Coast I didn't know
7 anything about them any more.

8 Q. With whom were you staying at Rokupa in Freetown?

9 A. A friend of mine gave me a small place to lodge.

11:43:31 10 Q. What did you do for work at this time you were in Freetown?

11 A. I didn't do anything. In the morning I will go to the
12 market to walk around, because there were a few people who knew
13 me. They were the ones who assisted me.

14 Q. How long did you remain in Freetown for?

11:44:08 15 A. I was there for - I went - I was there for about two months
16 and I went to Makeni.

17 Q. Who was President of Sierra Leone at the time you went to
18 Makeni?

19 A. It was Tejan Kabbah.

11:44:34 20 Q. Who was President of Sierra Leone at the time you were in
21 Freetown following your release?

22 A. It was Tejan Kabbah.

23 Q. What was your purpose in going to Makeni?

24 A. Because I hadn't anything and I was born there, so that's
11:44:57 25 why I decided to return home.

26 Q. Did you remain in Makeni or did you go somewhere else?

27 A. I came back to Freetown.

28 Q. What was your purpose in returning to Freetown?

29 A. Because my relatives gave me some money, so I decided to

1 come back to Freetown because I already had a place to lodge in
2 Freetown.

3 Q. How long did you spend in Makeni before you returned to
4 Freetown?

11:45:39 5 A. About - about a month or a month and a half.

6 Q. When you returned to Freetown, what did you do?

7 A. I started going to the Portee market selling groundnut
8 peas.

9 Q. Were you staying at the same place you stayed at in
10 Freetown before you went to Makeni?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. In the time when you had been released and had been in
13 Freetown and in the time you went to Makeni and in the time you
14 returned to Freetown, did you have any contact with RUF members

11:46:39 15 at that time?

16 A. Yes. The time Fayia Musa and others went to Freetown, I
17 went there to ask about my family.

18 Q. What time did Fayia Musa and others go to Freetown?

19 A. I wouldn't remember the time, but Fayia Musa and
11:47:08 20 Deen-Jalloh were in Freetown.

21 Q. And when you went there and asked of your family, what
22 news, if any, did you receive?

23 A. Yes. They said my children were alive. Fayia Musa asked
24 me if I wanted to go back and I said no.

11:47:42 25 Q. If you wanted to go back to where?

26 A. Where my family was.

27 Q. What country was that?

28 A. Ivory Coast.

29 MR ANYAH: Madam President, this place Portee market, I

1 will spell Portee P-O-R-T-E-E:

2 Q. Do you know the purpose behind the trips to Freetown by
3 Fayia Musa and Deen-Jalloh?

4 A. I did not ask them. I only wanted to know about my family,
11:48:26 5 that's why I went to them.

6 Q. For how long did you continue to sell groundnuts at the
7 Portee market in Freetown?

8 A. I wouldn't remember the time now, but later I had some
9 money, so I decided to go to the quay in search of market. You
11:49:01 10 want me to continue?

11 Q. Yes, please continue.

12 A. When I went there, I saw a flour and I had sold it before,
13 so I wanted to know where it was being sold. I was stressing the
14 source. And later I went to a Lebanese man and I asked him and I
11:49:30 15 said they had given me this paper for this flour but I don't know
16 the place where it is being sold. And I said I had misplaced the
17 paper, so the man directed me. And I went towards that King
18 Jimmy area and I saw a man there and spoke to him about flour.

19 Q. Can I stop you, Madam Kallon. A couple questions. I asked
11:49:57 20 you how long you stayed at the market selling groundnuts. You
21 said you decided to go to the quay in search of market. Is there
22 another name for this place you refer to as the quay?

23 A. Yes. We used to refer to the place as Kanikay.

24 Q. And when you say quay, is it near the water?

11:50:32 25 A. No, I did not enter. I was along the street where the
26 flour is being processed.

27 Q. No, my question is is the place you refer to as the quay
28 near water? Is it near water?

29 A. Yes, it is near water.

1 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I would spell quay as Q-U-A-Y:

2 Q. You said you went there and you saw flour. The record has
3 it as flyer. What sort of flour are you referring to?

4 A. To make cakes.

11:51:20 5 Q. You said you had sold it before and you wanted to know
6 where it was being sold. Were you told where the flour was being
7 sold at that time?

8 A. Yes. The Lebanese man directed me to the place.

9 Q. You made reference to having a paper that you had been
11:51:45 10 given in relation to the flour. What sort of paper was this?

11 A. It was just a smart way to know the place, that's why I
12 told the Lebanese that I was given a paper.

13 Q. Were you in fact given a paper or you made that story up
14 for the Lebanese?

11:52:11 15 A. The Lebanese then directed me to the place. He gave me a
16 paper now.

17 Q. What sort of paper did the Lebanese give you?

18 A. He told me the place where the contact was. If anybody
19 wanted the flour, he told me who to contact.

11:52:35 20 Q. You also mentioned another place. You said after you had
21 spoken to the Lebanese, you said you misplaced the paper, so the
22 man directed you. You went towards another area. What is the
23 name of the other area you went to where you say, "I saw a man
24 there and I spoke to him about the flour"?

11:52:58 25 A. The office is going up. That's the King Jimmy area. That
26 was where the office was. Towards the King Jimmy area at the
27 office.

28 MR ANYAH: I wonder if the interpreter can assist with the
29 spelling of King Jimmy?

1 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, it's King and Jimmy, K-I-N-G
2 J-I-M-M-Y.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: What about Kani kay or something like
4 that?

11:53:37 5 MR ANYAH: Yes:

6 Q. Madam Kallon, did you say Kani kay earlier, because we heard
7 you say something like Kani kay?

8 A. Yes. That is the area. That is where we go for
9 information - to get information for items.

11:53:57 10 MR ANYAH: I would spell it phonetically as K-A-N-I-K-E.
11 Mr Interpreter, can you assist us, please?

12 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, it's K-A-N-I-K-A-Y.

13 MR ANYAH: Thank you:

14 Q. Now, Madam Kallon, what did you do after you obtained this
11:54:27 15 paper regarding the sale of flour?

16 A. I went to the man and asked him to sell the flour to me and
17 I started negotiating.

18 Q. And what happened?

19 A. We couldn't agree on the price.

11:54:55 20 Q. Were you ever successful in your efforts to sell this
21 flour?

22 A. Yes.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, was she selling the flour or
24 buying the flour?

11:55:11 25 MR ANYAH: Yes, I meant to buy the flour:

26 Q. Madam Kallon, were you successful to get this flour?

27 A. Yes. Later. The man invited me and I went there and I
28 bought the flour.

29 Q. Was Ahmad Tejan Kabbah still President of Sierra Leone at

1 this time?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What did you do with the flour that you bought?

4 A. At that time the man - when the man gave me the flour I

11:55:52 5 hadn't a shop, so I went to a man called Pa Kakay and --

6 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness repeat the
7 name of the street.

8 MR ANYAH:

9 Q. Madam Kallon, can you repeat the name of the street that
11:56:12 10 you went to?

11 A. Antannah Street, Portee.

12 Q. Continue, please.

13 A. That's where I put the flour because I hadn't a shop to
14 store it. You want me to continue?

11:56:34 15 Q. Yes, please.

16 A. So there was a boy. He was living around that area, so he
17 told me to tell his father for his father to store the flour for
18 me and I will pay him and that's what I did.

19 Q. The name of the street you mentioned, I believe I heard
11:57:05 20 Antannah Street. I am not sure how to spell it. So may I again
21 make a request of the interpreter to assist us with the spelling
22 of Antannah Street?

23 THE INTERPRETER: Phonetically it's A-N-T-A-N-N-A-H.

24 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Mr Interpreter.

11:57:28 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: And the name of this Pa, Pa somebody?

26 MR ANYAH:

27 Q. Madam Kallon, what was the name of the Pa you referred to?

28 A. Pa Kakay.

29 MR ANYAH: I will spell it K-A-K-A-Y:

1 Q. Very well. You have now found the place to store your
2 flour. Did you sell that flour, Madam Kallon?

3 A. Yes. Because I did not have a shop, I gave it out as loan
4 to the market women. So every day I will collect some money from
11:58:18 5 them when they were repaying my loan.

6 Q. Besides flour, did you transact or sell any other items?

7 A. At that time, no, I hadn't any other item.

8 Q. For how long were you engaged in the selling of this flour?

9 A. It was just few weeks. About three weeks. Then I heard of
11:58:54 10 an overthrow, but at that time I had collected the money. It
11 was only remaining two bags when the overthrow took place.

12 Q. Are you saying you had only two bags of flour left when an
13 overthrow took place?

14 A. Yes, money equivalent to two bags. That was what people
11:59:23 15 had to pay me when the overthrow took place.

16 Q. Very well. Thank you. We understand that. Who overthrew
17 whom, Madam Kallon?

18 A. At that time we heard a Kono man on the radio who said they
19 had overthrown, and we were going down the market.

11:59:55 20 Q. Who overthrew who? What did this Kono man say over the
21 radio?

22 A. The Kono man - because I really did not listen to the
23 announcement because, you know, in Freetown, whatever happens
24 people start running helter-skelter and people are saying, "Oh,
12:00:21 25 there has been an overthrow."

26 Q. Who did people say had been overthrown?

27 A. In the market. We all started packing our wares. Those
28 who had items, they started packing their items.

29 Q. Madam Kallon, when you use the word overthrow, what are you

1 referring to? Overthrow what?

2 A. They said Tejan Kabbah had left Sierra Leone and he had
3 escaped to Guinea, so he had been replaced and those people were
4 soldiers.

12:01:11 5 Q. What did you do after hearing this information?

6 A. I ran to my house, because everybody was running to his or
7 her house.

8 Q. And then what happened after you ran to your house?

9 A. And the following day I saw a lot of soldiers at my house.

12:01:43 10 They came to my house. You want me to continue?

11 Q. Yes, continue, please.

12 A. Then they said they had invited the RUF to join them, so
13 they were pleading with me and they said they wanted everything
14 to end. And they said Johnny Paul has sent them to tell me, and

12:02:15 15 I said, "Who is this Johnny Paul?" They said, "That is the man
16 who has now become the leader."

17 Q. Can I stop you there for a second, Madam Kallon, and ask
18 you a few questions. You said on the following day a lot of
19 soldiers came to your house. These soldiers, who were they?

12:02:39 20 A. Sierra Leonean soldiers.

21 Q. You said, "They said they had invited the RUF to join
22 them." Who invited the RUF to join whom?

23 A. It was Johnny Paul.

24 Q. Johnny Paul invited the RUF to join whom?

12:03:06 25 A. To join them, the SLA in town.

26 Q. This Johnny Paul, you said they said of him that he was the
27 person who had become the leader. Do you know who this Johnny
28 Paul was at the time you heard this information from the soldier?

29 A. Initially I didn't know. It was when I went to Cockerill

1 that I knew that it was this Johnny Paul that I had seen at the
2 CID was the man they were referring to.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Interpreter, you said it was when she
4 went where?

12:03:58 5 THE INTERPRETER: Cockerill.

6 THE WITNESS: When I went to Cockerill, that was when I saw
7 Johnny Paul. At that time he was addressing a lot of civilians.

8 MR ANYAH:

9 Q. We will come to your trip to Cockerill in a minute,
10 Madam Kallon. When you said the soldier said they had told the
11 RUF to join them, where were the RUF at that time?

12 A. They were in the bush.

13 Q. And do you know where they wanted the RUF to join them at?

14 A. I asked them a question. They said they wanted the RUF to
15 leave the bush to join them in Freetown.

16 Q. Why do you suppose, Madam Kallon, that on the following day
17 after a coup - or on the following day after you heard Tejan
18 Kabbah had left and gone to Guinea, these soldiers came to you at
19 the house where you were staying? Why do you suppose they did
20 that?

21 A. Because they're listening to me before. Maybe that was the
22 reason they went to me. I think they had been talking to each
23 other and - or maybe the people who don't want to believe them
24 when they were talking about me, that's why they came to me, so I
25 will go there.

26 Q. So you would go where?

27 A. Cockerill.

28 Q. And you said maybe the reason they went to me, I think they
29 had been talking to each other. Which two people or groups had

1 been talking to each other?

2 A. The SLA was talking to the RUF, so I think it was from
3 those talks that my name came up.

4 Q. What happened after the soldiers told you this?

12:06:28 5 A. At that time we all went, and we spoke that they should
6 leave the bush.

7 Q. To where did you go?

8 A. Cockerill.

9 Q. Is this the same Cockerill you had been taken to when you
12:06:54 10 were transported from Conakry back to Sierra Leone?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Who did you meet at Cockerill?

13 A. I met many civilians at the place. They were there, and
14 Johnny Paul came and he addressed them. So we were there for the
12:07:26 15 whole day, myself and that man, Abu Black. He went there with a
16 lot of civilians. They were there.

17 Q. Which man did you mention just now? You say yourself and a
18 man were there. What name did you mention?

19 A. Abu Black, he was the Temne chief.

12:07:49 20 Q. You said previously that Johnny Paul addressed the persons
21 who were present. What was the nature of his address? What did
22 he talk about?

23 A. He was talking to the civilians that everybody should pray,
24 and they should be talking on the radio so that the people in the
12:08:15 25 bush, the rebels, will hear that they were talking to the rebels.
26 They, the mothers and the fathers of the rebels, so they were
27 appealing to the rebels in the bush to come out. That's what he
28 was saying. And journalists were there interviewing people.

29 Q. Did you have any personal interaction with Johnny Paul at

1 that time?

2 A. No. At that time there was too much tension, so I was
3 afraid.

4 Q. Did you have any contact with any RUF members at that time
12:08:57 5 when Johnny Paul was making this address?

6 A. At that time Collins and Superman were there, I mean, in
7 the bush. But then I spoke to them. I told them, "I am Isatu
8 Kallon. Please leave the bush. Come to Freetown. Everything is
9 finished."

12:09:26 10 Q. Let me slow you down a little bit. The Collins you refer
11 to, is it the same Collins you spoke about last week during your
12 evidence?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. The person you referred to as Edwin Collins?

12:09:49 15 A. He is.

16 Q. You also referred to Superman. What was Superman's true
17 name?

18 A. Dennis Mingo.

19 Q. Where were Collins and Superman when you made contact with
12:10:08 20 them?

21 A. They were in the bush.

22 Q. How did you make contact with them?

23 A. Through the soldiers.

24 Q. Which soldiers?

12:10:27 25 A. SLA.

26 Q. Do you know in which district in Sierra Leone was this bush
27 where Collins and Superman were?

28 A. At that time I did not know, because they were in the
29 interior and we were in town. But according to the people, the

1 soldiers, what they were saying was that - they said it was
2 Collins and Superman that were closer to Freetown. I was not
3 with them in the bush, but they said they were the ones in the
4 bushes closer to Freetown.

12:11:13 5 Q. The soldiers that told you this, are they the same SLAs
6 that you referred to before?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. The manner in which the SLAs helped you make contact with
9 Collins and Superman, was it through an intermediary, that is, a
12:11:38 10 person, or was it by radio?

11 A. By radio.

12 Q. When you made that contact with Collins and Superman, tell
13 us exactly what you told them?

14 A. Well, I only told them that I was in town and I had no
12:12:07 15 problem with them. That means I did not have any problem with
16 the soldiers and that they should leave the bush because they
17 were suffering where they were, so they should come out. And
18 they said the authorities should send food and vehicles for them.

19 Q. Who asked you to contact these persons? We know the SLAs
12:12:38 20 helped you to make contact with them, but who asked you to do
21 that?

22 A. At that time, you know, when Johnny Paul had the problem,
23 the other men who were there, I did not know their names. They
24 only brought the message to me. And I was tired. I wanted to go
12:13:00 25 back. I just thought that when they would come out to town
26 everything would be finished.

27 Q. Madam Kallon, let's try and understand this. We are trying
28 to understand this. You said you did not know their names.

29 "They only brought the message to me." Who sent you a message

1 that was brought to you?

2 A. They said it was Johnny Paul who had asked that I should
3 help in the negotiation.

4 Q. And who brought that message to you from Johnny Paul?

12:13:39 5 A. The same SLAs.

6 Q. Do you know where Foday Sankoh was at the time you spoke
7 with Collins and Superman?

8 A. At that time they said Foday Sankoh had been arrested in
9 Nigeria.

12:14:08 10 Q. Do you know where Rashid Mansaray was at this time?

11 Remember telling us about Rashid Mansaray last week. Do you know
12 where he was at this time?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Do you know where Mohamed Tarawalli was at this time?

12:14:30 15 A. No.

16 Q. After you spoke with Collins and Superman and they
17 requested that the authorities send food and transport, what
18 happened?

19 A. At that time I told them that they should tell them and
12:15:05 20 then I took something that I said should be given to the
21 soldiers, so they spoke to each other directly.

22 Q. Whom did you tell to tell others what Collins and Superman
23 had said?

24 A. At that time when they took me we were many in the radio
12:15:35 25 room, so the person who gave the mic to me was the same person I
26 returned the mic to. So when they were talking, I left the room.

27 Q. The person you handed the mic over to, was that an SLA
28 soldier?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Before handing the mic over to the SLA soldier, did you ask
2 Collins and Superman to tell the SLA soldier what they had told
3 you?

4 A. Repeat the question.

12:16:17 5 Q. Yes. We have you at the radio room surrounded by SLA
6 soldiers. You tell us that you were speaking on the radio with
7 Collins and Superman. You tell us that Collins and Superman made
8 certain requests through you. They requested for vehicles and
9 they requested for food. You now tell us you handed over the
12:16:41 10 radio to an SLA soldier that was seated next to you. My question
11 is before you gave that soldier the radio, did you tell Collins
12 and Superman to make their requests for food and transportation
13 to the soldier you were handing the radio to?

14 A. I did not ask for that.

12:17:11 15 Q. You said you left the radio room after handing over the
16 radio to the soldier. Where did you go after that?

17 A. I went outside to the civilians where they were.

18 Q. Did all of this happen on the same day Johnny Paul Koroma
19 addressed the civilians?

12:17:37 20 A. Yes, the following day all of those things happened.

21 Q. Do you know what resulted from your radio contact with
22 Collins and Superman? That is, did the SLA soldiers respond to
23 the request of the RUF?

24 A. Yes. At that time I had gone to my house because my house
12:18:11 25 was not far from the street, so I saw them taking - carrying
26 rice.

27 Q. Who was carrying the rice?

28 A. The SLA.

29 Q. And do you know to where the rice was taken?

1 A. I did not know. They were going towards the provinces.

2 Q. You told us Foday Sankoh had been detained in Nigeria, at
3 least that's what you heard. Who at that time was the head of
4 the RUF, to your knowledge?

12:18:53 5 A. I used to hear from Focus that it was Sam Bockarie.

6 Q. Did you know this person, Sam Bockarie, from before?

7 A. Yes, I knew him.

8 Q. When did you first encounter him?

9 A. Kakata.

12:19:29 10 Q. Under what circumstances did you first meet him?

11 A. There was a dispute.

12 Q. How old was he at the time you encountered him in Kakata?

13 A. No, I don't know.

14 Q. What sort of dispute was there in Kakata when you first met
12:19:58 15 him?

16 A. That was the time he wanted to go with the Pa and the boy
17 said he shouldn't go. That was - it was during that conflict
18 that I knew him.

19 Q. The Pa you are referring to, what is his full name?

12:20:20 20 A. During the conflict it was Pa Morlai.

21 Q. To where did Sam Bockarie wish to follow Pa Morlai?

22 A. That was when they had a place at Sokoto.

23 Q. What nationality is Sam Bockarie?

24 A. Sierra Leonean.

12:20:55 25 Q. I asked you how old he was, you said you did not know, but
26 by looking at him could you tell whether he was a young man, a
27 middle aged man or an old man at the time you saw him in Kakata?

28 A. When I saw him, he was a young man, just grown up.

29 Q. Do you know whether he eventually followed Pa Morlai to

1 Sokoto?

2 A. He was in the vehicle when I went to the shop.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Did the witness say he was a young man
4 just growing up or he was a young man just grown up?

12:21:50 5 THE INTERPRETER: The latter, your Honour.

6 MR ANYAH:

7 Q. Madam Kallon, when you said at the time you saw Sam
8 Bockarie he was a young man, just grown up, what do you mean?

9 A. That's why I said I did not know - I said he was grown up.

12:22:12 10 He was fully grown. He was not an elderly man.

11 Q. I asked you whether you knew whether Bockarie eventually
12 followed Pa Morlai to Sokoto. You said, "He was in the vehicle
13 when I went to the shop." Forgetting the shop you went to, the
14 times you told us when you went to this Sokoto, also known as

12:22:41 15 Camp Naama, did you ever see this Sam Bockarie there?

16 A. Yes, I saw him there.

17 Q. During your various trips to Sierra Leone at the time you
18 were trading in Gueckedou and also at the time - during the times
19 you were going to Danane in the Ivory Coast, did you ever see
12:23:04 20 this person Sam Bockarie in Sierra Leone again after you had seen
21 him at Camp Naama?

22 A. Yes, I saw him.

23 Q. When next did you see him?

24 A. I did not see him again except when he came to Freetown. I
12:23:32 25 only saw him once in Sierra Leone.

26 Q. Very well. The time they came to Freetown that you say you
27 saw him, who was President of Sierra Leone then?

28 A. It was Johnny Paul.

29 Q. Thank you, Madam Kallon. Let's go back to where we were

1 before we started talking about Sam Bockarie. You had finished
2 speaking on the radio at Cockerill Barracks. You said that you
3 saw trucks or you saw soldiers transporting rice. You said it
4 appeared that it was headed towards the up-country, the
12:24:24 5 provinces. Do you know whether the RUF came out of the bush
6 after your radio message to Collins and Superman?

7 A. At that time - because we were in Freetown, we did not
8 know. We only saw them passing by.

9 Q. We appreciate that, Madam Kallon, but eventually did the
12:24:52 10 RUF come out of the bush?

11 A. Yes, that evening I went and stood at the junction.

12 Q. Was it on the same day that you had spoken to them over the
13 radio?

14 A. No. The day that they went with the food, it was in the
12:25:23 15 evening that they started coming.

16 Q. What junction are you referring to?

17 A. Rokupa Junction.

18 MR ANYAH: I believe that has been spelt.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: The day that what happened to the food?

12:25:44 20 MR ANYAH:

21 Q. Madam Kallon, you said it was on the day you saw somebody
22 doing something with the food that they started coming out of the
23 bush. What was happenings with the food?

24 A. I think they cooked the food. I think they ate before they
12:26:12 25 came because the time they got to Freetown they couldn't have
26 been able to prepare food. That was in the evening now.

27 Q. But who, to your knowledge, took the food to them?

28 A. The SLA.

29 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I believe Rokupa is spelt

1 correctly on the LiveNote transcript:

2 Q. So you were at this junction and you say you saw RUF. Who
3 exactly did you see?

4 A. I saw Collins. I saw Superman and others. Superman. Many
12:27:01 5 vehicles were full with people, but those were the two people I
6 could recognise.

7 Q. Were there any SLAs at the junction when you saw Collins,
8 Superman and others in vehicles?

9 A. Yes. The SLAs were coming rejoicing. They were dancing.

12:27:27 10 Q. Why were the SLAs rejoicing and dancing?

11 A. They were saying to - they were saying that the war had
12 finished, the war had ended [indiscernible] were dancing.

13 Q. Was Superman amongst - sorry. Was Sam Bockarie amongst
14 those who you saw at the junction?

12:27:54 15 A. No, he wasn't there.

16 Q. What happened after Collins, Superman and the others had
17 mingled with the SLAs?

18 A. At that time vehicles were plying the routes to the
19 provinces and were returning.

12:28:22 20 Q. What was the purpose behind those trips by those vehicles,
21 the trips to the provinces?

22 A. To bring the RUF to town.

23 Q. Do you know who provided those vehicles that were used?

24 A. It was Johnny Paul.

12:28:47 25 Q. As these RUF were being brought to town, do you know
26 whether they played any role in Johnny Paul's government?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. What role did they play in Johnny Paul's government?

29 A. I really did not know the details. But what I know was

1 that whenever they had a meeting, all of them would be at the
2 meeting and they were given accommodation and vehicles.

3 Q. Who were given houses and vehicles?

4 A. The RUF.

12:29:41 5 Q. Who held meetings that you referred to?

6 A. The soldiers and the RUF.

7 Q. What were you doing for work at this time as the soldiers
8 were given vehicles and accommodation by Johnny Paul and as they
9 were - sorry, as the RUF were given vehicles and accommodation by
10 Johnny Paul and as they were meeting with him?

11 A. I was at the market selling.

12 Q. What sort of products or items were you selling at this
13 time?

14 A. The same flour.

12:30:39 15 Q. For how long did you continue to sell flour?

16 A. I sold flour for long, because the [indiscernible] I first
17 parked the load - after the overthrow, he ran - he escaped to
18 Guinea, so he gave me all of the keys to the shop. So at that
19 time - can I continue?

12:31:12 20 Q. Well, yes, but just clarify one thing quickly. This Pa you
21 mentioned, is that the person who allowed you to store your flour
22 with him?

23 A. No. Pa Kakay himself who owned the shop where I parked the
24 - in front of whose shop I parked the load. So he decided to
12:31:37 25 escape to Guinea, and he gave me one of the keys.

26 Q. Very well. Continue.

27 A. At that time the Pa had bought cement. He wanted to repair
28 his house, but when the overthrow took place, he gave me the
29 cement to sell. So I went to the people with whom I used to do

1 the flour business.

2 Q. Was it Pa Kakay that gave you cement to sell?

3 A. Yes. He had bought it to do something with it. But when
4 the overthrow took place, he said I should sell it for him.

12:32:25 5 Q. So you had flour and you had cement to sell. How did you
6 go about this?

7 A. I was doing the business through the flour, so whenever I
8 wanted to sell the rice, it was Isaac who first helped me. He
9 took me to a Lebanese man and the man gave me fifty bags of rice.

12:33:00 10 So rice was now part of my articles.

11 Q. The Isaac you have just referred to now, is that the same
12 Isaac you referred to last week as Isaac Mingo?

13 A. Yes, he is.

14 Q. Where were you and he when he assisted you to get some
12:33:25 15 rice?

16 A. I was still at my - at the same place, Rokupa. But they
17 used to visit the shop and they saw the place.

18 Q. Who used to visit the shop?

19 A. Isaac used to come there frequently.

12:33:54 20 Q. Was Isaac at the time still a member of the RUF?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Besides Isaac, did any other RUF members frequent your
23 shop?

24 A. Yes. Morris Kallon was in Makeni, but when he went to
12:34:23 25 Freetown, he visited me at the shop.

26 Q. Who is Morris Kallon?

27 A. They were the senior men in the RUF.

28 Q. What nationality is Morris Kallon?

29 A. Sierra Leonean.

1 Q. Had you seen this person Morris Kallon in Liberia when you
2 worked at the market in Harbel?

3 A. I did not speak with him face to face, but he used to
4 interpret Islamic verses on the radio. That's how I knew
12:35:22 5 him - the television.

6 Q. On which television station would he interpret Islamic
7 verses?

8 A. It was in Liberia before the war.

9 Q. To your knowledge, was Morris Kallon in Liberia before the
12:35:46 10 civil war in Liberia started in December 1989?

11 A. Yes, he was there.

12 Q. How do you know that it was the same Morris Kallon - well,
13 I withdraw that. This Morris Kallon, do you know whether he was
14 ever at Camp Sokoto, also known as Camp Naama?

12:36:25 15 A. Like I told you, he was there. But I couldn't see
16 everybody at the place.

17 Q. How do you know he was at Camp Naama?

18 A. You know, the ones that were at Camp Naama, they used to
19 separate them - separate themselves. So if anybody had been at
12:36:59 20 Camp Naama they will want to make themselves special, and you
21 would know through that.

22 Q. When you say those who were at Camp Naama would separate
23 themselves, are you saying they were different from other RUF
24 members?

12:37:22 25 A. Yeah, they made themselves into big men. They were
26 distinguishing themselves from the others.

27 Q. Thank you, Madam Kallon. So we have you at your store at
28 Rokupa. We have Isaac Mingo facilitating the procurement of rice
29 from a Lebanese for you, and you tell us persons like Morris

1 Kallon would visit your store when he came from Makeni. Who else
2 besides Morris Kallon within the RUF used to come to your store?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Yes, who else? Which other RUF members came to your store
12:38:16 5 at Rokupa?

6 A. Collins and the others used to go there. Superman and the
7 others.

8 Q. Madam Kallon, what was the purpose behind these visits by
9 these men, Collins, Superman, Morris Kallon, Isaac? What were
12:38:39 10 they coming to do at your store?

11 A. Can I explain?

12 Q. Yes, please do.

13 A. At that time all the rations that were to go to the
14 provinces, they used to sell that rice to me. That was why they
12:39:06 15 all went to the shop, to know the place. So anybody was given
16 ration to take to the provinces, they will go and sell it to me.
17 Because at that time, in the provinces rice was cheap there.

18 Q. Who gave the rations to the provinces; that is, who decided
19 that the provinces would get certain rations?

12:39:38 20 A. At that time Johnny Paul used to send - they used to have
21 their own ration of rice that they distributed amongst them.
22 They were leaders, so they used to give rice to them.

23 Q. And what role were you to play in relation to the rations
24 of rice for the provinces?

12:40:25 25 A. I used to talk to them nicely so that they will sell the
26 rice to me, that they should not sell the rice to other people.
27 So they sold it to me for a good price.

28 Q. Who sold you rice for a good price?

29 A. The RUF groups.

1 Q. When you say "the RUF groups", do you include in that the
2 SLAs?

3 A. No.

12:41:12

4 Q. The rice that you were sold for a good price by the RUF
5 groups, what did you do with that rice?

6 A. I had a shop at Antannah Street. That was where I sold it.

7 Q. The rice that you were given, was that rice rice that was
8 supposed to have been sent to the provinces?

12:41:51

9 A. Yes. Because when they used to come to town - most of them
10 were in the provinces. Everybody had come and given their names.
11 So those who were in the provinces, when their rice was given to
12 them, they would put that rice into a truck to take to the
13 provinces.

12:42:18

14 Q. Was rice still being sent to the provinces despite the rice
15 you were given by the RUF? That is, if you set aside the rice
16 you were receiving from the RUF, was there any other rice that
17 was still being sent to the provinces?

18 A. I can't know all of that because there were a lot of areas.
19 Those who were selling to me were the ones I was concerned about.

12:42:44

20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, to seek clarification, were
21 these portions of rice that she was sold by the RUF bosses - was
22 this not rice that was rightly allocated to the RUF bosses,
23 rather than rice that they had been given to send - to give or to
24 pass on to subordinates?

12:43:09

25 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President, I will clarify:

26 Q. Madam Kallon, did you understand the question by the
27 Presiding Judge? The rice that the RUF sold to you, was that
28 their portion or allotment of rice from the government, from
29 Johnny Paul's government?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Well, to put it another way, the rice that you were given,
3 was that rice that was the RUF's share of the rice given by
4 Johnny Paul?

12:44:01 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Was it the case that you were the recipient of all rice
7 that Johnny Paul's government was giving the RUF?

8 A. Not all.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, I think you are asking so many
12:44:38 10 complicated questions. The clarification I sought was simple.
11 The rice that these gentlemen were selling to the witness, was
12 that rice that was allocated personally to these gentlemen or was
13 it rice that had been allocated to them to pass on to their
14 subordinates? Were they selling rice meant for the subordinates
12:45:04 15 in the RUF? That is the question.

16 MR ANYAH: I understand the question.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Then please don't distort it. I want the
18 witness to answer.

19 MR ANYAH: Madam President, with respect, I do not believe
12:45:21 20 I have intentionally attempted to distort the question and the
21 questions I have so far asked the witness, it appears she has not
22 had difficulty understanding or answering them.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, but the question I seek an answer
24 to, you have not asked her. You have asked her other questions
12:45:36 25 that have taken us away from the question that I wanted an answer
26 to. This is what I am saying. She hasn't answered the question
27 that I asked.

28 MR ANYAH: I will ask the witness the question you have
29 asked, but to the extent I have not done so until now, it seems

1 clear that I did not understand what question you wanted asked:

12:46:17 2 Q. Madam Kallon, let me ask you what the Presiding Judge wants
3 to know about. The rice that the RUF men sold to you, do you
4 know whether when they were given that rice, instead of selling
5 it to you they were supposed to give it to their subordinates,
6 people under them?

7 A. It was their own rice, but they found out that in the
8 provinces the rice was cheap there. According to them, what they
9 told me, the few who sold to me, they said they were selling that
10 to me and they would take the money there.

11 MR ANYAH: Madam President, does that answer your question?

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, thank you very much. The question
13 has been answered now.

14 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President:

12:46:59 15 Q. Madam Kallon, so we have you now, you are selling rice.
16 Are you at that time still selling flour and cement?

17 A. Yes. Yes.

18 Q. For how long did you continue with these business
19 transactions?

12:47:29 20 A. I was on it until the advent of the intervention.

21 Q. When you speak of an intervention, what do you mean?

22 A. At the time that the ECOMOG were fighting against the
23 combined force that was in Freetown.

24 Q. You mentioned ECOMOG when you started your testimony on
12:48:02 25 Wednesday last, 16 June. Is this the same ECOMOG you are
26 referring to when you speak of the intervention?

27 A. No. Those who were in Sierra Leone, they are the ones I am
28 talking about now.

29 Q. The ECOMOG you speak of in Sierra Leone, do you know

1 whether it was a fighting force?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you know what nationalities made up that fighting force?

12:49:02

4 A. I don't know, but the Nigerians were in the - because the
5 Nigerians were many, everybody was accusing them.

6 Q. Everybody was accusing the Nigerians of what?

7 A. When they - we thought that it was only the Nigerians who
8 were fighting. That was what we were saying.

12:49:30

9 Q. Very well. What happened when the ECOMOG troops were
10 fighting who you referred to as the combined force that was in
11 Freetown?

12 A. At that time that the fighting was taking place I went to
13 town. I boarded a vehicle at Rokupa. When I came back I had to
14 walk from Shell to Rokupa. When I came everybody was packing
15 their bags and going away, so I just took my belongings and went
16 to town.

12:50:03

17 Q. Where in town did you go to?

18 A. At Leah Street.

19 Q. Did you say Leah or did you say Lee?

12:50:33

20 A. Leah Street. That's how I call it.

21 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I would spell it L-E-A-H:

22 Q. What was your purpose in going to Leah Street?

23 A. They were shelling the area. They were shelling bombs at
24 Rokupa. That was why we ran away to town.

12:51:06

25 Q. Is this Leah Street in Freetown itself?

26 A. It's in Freetown.

27 Q. Madam Kallon, do you know why it was that ECOMOG wanted to
28 overthrow the SLAs of Johnny Paul?

29 A. No. I don't know that.

1 Q. During the time when Johnny Paul was in charge in Freetown
2 and RUF members like Isaac, Collins, Superman, Morris Kallon and
3 the rest were in Freetown, did the RUF hear anything about Foday
4 Sankoh?

12:52:12 5 A. The only time that I heard about Foday Sankoh on that day,
6 it was on the television. We heard over the radio Foday Sankoh
7 saying that they should work with Johnny Paul, they should be
8 transformed into the People's Army. That is what I heard.

9 Q. Do you know where Foday Sankoh was when he was heard over
12:52:37 10 the radio? Do you know where he was speaking from?

11 A. They said he was in Nigeria.

12 Q. And who did he say should be transformed into the People's
13 Army?

14 A. He said they should join Johnny Paul, the AFRC. But he was
12:53:14 15 the one who suggested the name the People's Army over the
16 television.

17 Q. Was this television or radio?

18 A. You heard it over the - we heard it over the radio and
19 television.

12:53:31 20 Q. When you heard it over the television, did you see an image
21 of Foday Sankoh saying these words?

22 A. No.

23 Q. You referred to the AFRC. Who is the AFRC?

24 A. That was Johnny Paul's group.

12:54:06 25 Q. You referred to them before as SLAs. The people you
26 referred to as SLAs, are they also AFRC?

27 A. They were the ones.

28 Q. When you heard these broadcasts from Foday Sankoh, was it
29 shortly after Johnny Paul had overthrown Tejan Kabbah?

1 A. No. It took some time.

2 Q. Can you give us an estimate as how much time passed after
3 Kabbah was overthrown before you heard these broadcasts?

4 A. It could be about a month, or not up to a month. But those
12:55:17 5 people were - those men were in town before I heard about the
6 People's Army.

7 Q. Which men were in town before you heard about the People's
8 Army?

9 A. The RUF people.

12:55:35 10 Q. Very well. We have you at Leah Street in Freetown. You
11 tell us that the ECOMOG was bombing and there was fighting going
12 on between the ECOMOG and the combined forces. What did you do
13 when this fighting was taking place?

14 A. I ran away and hid somewhere at Leah Street. When I came
12:56:10 15 out I saw Pa Rogers at East End Police.

16 Q. Who is Pa Rogers?

17 A. He was a senior man in the RUF. During the AFRC, they say
18 he had a position.

19 Q. What position did he have during the AFRC days?

12:56:43 20 A. I have forgotten the position. They were all at the Youyi
21 Building, but I have forgotten the position.

22 Q. What was the name of the building again?

23 A. Youyi Building.

24 MR ANYAH: Mr Interpreter, can you spell that name for us,
12:57:12 25 please.

26 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, Y-O-U-Y-I.

27 MR ANYAH: Thank you:

28 Q. What nationality was this Pa Rogers?

29 A. Sierra Leonean.

1 Q. After you had been in hiding and you came out and you saw
2 Pa Rogers at the eastern police, what happened?

3 A. Pa Rogers said he was going to one of his sisters in Kissi.
4 When he left there, he said he saw those men looting. So we
12:58:01 5 went - he said we should go into the bush, but I told him I was
6 not going. I said I was not going.

7 Q. Which men were looting?

8 A. Excuse me, I did not say "looting". They were retreating.
9 They were running away.

12:58:20 10 Q. Who was retreating, running away?

11 A. The soldiers. The SLA, the AFRC and the RUF, all of them
12 were retreating.

13 Q. Why were they retreating?

14 A. Because the fighting had come as far as to Shell.

12:58:49 15 Q. Do you know to where they were retreating?

16 A. Initially I did not know where.

17 Q. When Pa Rogers said that the two of you should go into the
18 bush and you said you were not going, what happened?

19 A. Then they went. They left us in town. Later we saw the
12:59:27 20 ECOMOG coming from the back of Cottage, and they came towards the
21 eastern police and that was where we were. It was not a far
22 distance. So we were in town.

23 Q. Who were you in town with?

24 A. The house where I was, later they accused the woman that we
13:00:06 25 shouldn't have been held there. So the youths were threatening
26 that they wanted the woman's head. So the situation was tense
27 there, so I decided to move from there to another place.

28 Q. Thank you, Madam Kallon. Let me ask you a few questions.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think before you proceed, at page 88

1 line 15, when you asked the witness who were you with - who were
2 you in town with, she said the house where I was, later they
3 accused the woman that meetings were being held there. This is
4 what I heard the interpreter say.

13:00:48 5 MR ANYAH: That is correct, Madam President. I heard the
6 same thing and we will come back to it. But thank you for the
7 observation:

8 Q. Madam Kallon, you said after you declined to go with Pa
9 Rogers you said, "Then they went, they left us in town." Who
10 went? Who left you in town?

11 A. The SLAs, the RUF, all of them went and left us in town.

12 Q. You then saw ECOMOG coming from the back of Cottage and
13 towards eastern police. Then you spoke of the house where you
14 were. What is the name of the woman who was accused?

13:01:41 15 A. The woman was called Nene. That was how we used to call
16 her. But the woman was not even present.

17 Q. Why was Nene being accused?

18 A. They said when they were making the groups, Nene was
19 chair lady. She was deputy chair lady.

13:02:15 20 Q. What sort of groups did they accuse her of being a part of?

21 A. When AFRC came, they created groups. Civilian women, they
22 were having meetings - petty meetings, and they were telling the
23 people that now that these people have come to town, we should
24 take care of them. That was what they were doing.

13:02:49 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, this place called Cottage, is
26 it spelt correctly on the record?

27 MR ANYAH: I will clarify. I would first spell Nene
28 N-E-N-E.

29 Q. Madam Kallon, Cottage, what place is that?

1 A. It's a hospital.

2 Q. Is this Cottage Hospital in Freetown?

3 A. Yes.

4 MR ANYAH: Madam President, it is spelt correctly:

13:03:22 5 Q. Now, you said the youths were threatening in relation to
6 Nene - you said that previously - and as a consequence you
7 decided to leave the place. To where did you go?

8 A. I went to Bottom Mango near that small market. That was
9 where I was.

13:03:50 10 Q. And with whom did you go there?

11 A. I went with my sister.

12 Q. When you say your sister, is that a blood relative of
13 yours?

14 A. No.

13:04:11 15 Q. How long did you stay at Bottom Mango?

16 A. Two months.

17 Q. What did you do in the two months you spent at Bottom
18 Mango?

19 A. I was selling there. I was processing my soap and some
13:04:38 20 things to cook. Those were the things I was selling.

21 Q. The soap you referred to, is that the same sort of soap you
22 made when you were in Liberia?

23 A. No. That one was the trademark that we were making in
24 Freetown.

13:05:09 25 Q. Which one was the trademark? What is the name of this
26 trademark you are referring to?

27 A. We did not use a lot of palm oil in it that one. We would
28 put this hot soda and we will process it.

29 Q. What did you call the soap you were selling this time in

1 Freetown?

2 A. We just used to call it soda soap.

3 Q. Thank you, Madam Kallon. After two months at Bottom Mango,
4 where did you go?

13:05:54 5 A. I went back to where I was in Rokupa.

6 Q. And how long did you stay at Rokupa?

7 A. I spent over a month at Rokupa, then I started selling
8 again in that market because at that time --

9 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, she has used an expression
13:06:25 10 that is ambiguous. Can she be asked to make it clear?

11 MR ANYAH:

12 Q. Madam Kallon, you said by that time something had happened
13 to your shop. What had happened to your shop?

14 A. It was broken into and they took everything out.

13:06:45 15 Q. The market that you returned to, is that the same place as
16 the Portee market you referred to before?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What sort of items were you selling at this time?

19 A. At that time that I came I had nothing. Whatever we sold,
13:07:16 20 be it potato, cocoa yam, we were just managing. Palm oil -
21 everything we would sell.

22 Q. When you had returned to the Portee market, did you have
23 any contact with any RUF members at that time?

24 A. No.

13:07:44 25 Q. Did you consider yourself at that time to be a member of
26 the RUF?

27 A. No, I did not even want that name mentioned where I was.

28 Q. And why was that the case? Why did you not want that name
29 mentioned where you were?

1 A. If they called that name close to you, if the youths hear
2 that, they would beat you up before you get to ECOMOG and by then
3 you'll be dead.

4 Q. Where was your husband Daniel Kallon at this time?

13:08:36 5 A. I did not know his whereabouts.

6 Q. How long did you stay at the market in the vicinity of
7 Portee in Freetown?

8 A. I took some time there.

9 Q. Can you give us an estimated amount of time, weeks, months,
13:09:11 10 years, that you spent at the Portee market during your second
11 time there?

12 A. It could be around three months.

13 Q. Do you know where those RUF who had retreated from Freetown
14 had gone to by then?

13:09:39 15 A. No.

16 Q. Do you know who was in charge of the RUF at that time?

17 A. Yes. I heard it.

18 Q. Who was in charge?

19 A. Sam Bockarie.

13:10:02 20 Q. How did you hear that?

21 A. Over the radio.

22 Q. What exactly did you hear over the radio?

23 A. When he was saying that he was heading it.

24 MR ANYAH: Madam President, the witness has her hand up.

13:10:36 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Madam Witness?

26 THE WITNESS: I want to use the Ladies'.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let the witness be escorted, please.

28 MR ANYAH:

29 Q. Madam Kallon, you were telling us about Sam Bockarie

1 speaking over the radio saying that he was in charge of the RUF.
2 This was around the time you were at the Portee market. You tell
3 us you stayed at the Portee market for around three months.
4 After those three months, to where did you go?

13:14:49 5 A. I went back and joined - I started buying cigarettes at PZ.

6 Q. Is PZ in Freetown?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. For how long did you stay at PZ?

9 A. I used to buy the cigarettes, at that time I had taken
13:15:30 10 another shop at the main Portee Junction.

11 Q. What did you do with the cigarettes that you bought?

12 A. I used to sell it there.

13 Q. Besides cigarettes, did you sell any other items?

14 A. Yes.

13:15:54 15 Q. What other items did you sell?

16 A. I used to buy brillo materials that I loaned out to people.

17 Q. What sort of materials?

18 A. Brillo.

19 Q. And how long did you continue doing this for?

13:16:42 20 A. I was selling that until January 6.

21 Q. January 6 of which year?

22 A. You can look into that. I can't remember the year.

23 Q. Madam Kallon, what happened on January 6?

24 A. Fighting started again in Freetown.

13:17:23 25 Q. Fighting between whom?

26 A. At that time the fighters - I went to Waterloo. That was
27 where we started to see the other fighting. They said some men
28 were up the hill, so I bought some items quickly and returned to
29 town. From then on people started flowing in.

1 Q. Madam Kallon, I asked you who was fighting and you told us
2 of how you went to Waterloo and you said, "We started to see the
3 other fighting. They said some men were up the hill." These men
4 that were said to be up the hill, did they belong to a particular
13:18:27 5 group or fighting force?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What group - to which group did they belong?

8 A. People were saying that they were SAJ Musa's people.

9 Q. Madam Kallon, who is SAJ Musa?

13:19:21 10 A. He was an SLA.

11 Q. And against whom was he fighting?

12 A. At that time he was fighting against the ECOMOG because in
13 Freetown it was the ECOMOG who were there with us.

14 Q. Who was President of Sierra Leone at that time?

13:19:54 15 A. It was Tejan Kabbah.

16 Q. You said that they said some men were up the hill, so you
17 bought some items quickly and you returned to town. You said
18 from then on people started flowing in. People were flowing in
19 into where?

13:20:25 20 A. From that Waterloo area, people were just coming from
21 there, flowing in the town.

22 MR ANYAH: Madam President, there is a word used by the
23 witness before that concerns materials that the witness said she
24 bought that she loaned out. I do not know what word it was. In
13:20:57 25 the record it says brillo and then later on it says "bril yen"
26 and I cannot spell it either.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, what do you want me to do?

28 MR ANYAH: Well, Mr Munyard has come to the rescue. He
29 tells me it is actually brillo.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who is giving the evidence here?

2 MR ANYAH: Well, I am only giving a spelling and it is a
3 phonetic spelling.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Why do you not ask the witness what she
13:21:28 5 meant?

6 MR ANYAH: Very well. Thank you, Madam President:

7 Q. Madam Kallon, can you describe these materials that you
8 described as brillo materials? How do they look?

9 A. Yes.

13:21:44 10 Q. Yes, please describe them.

11 A. It's a type of textile that they use for tie-dying. It has
12 flowers.

13 Q. We understand now. Thank you, Madam Kallon. Now, you were
14 told that SAJ Musa's men are fighting ECOMOG. Did you hear the
13:22:12 15 purpose behind this fighting?

16 A. I don't seem to understand.

17 Q. Do you know the reason why SAJ Musa's men were fighting
18 ECOMOG?

19 A. No.

13:22:35 20 Q. What did you do after you returned to town?

21 A. We were just there.

22 Q. At which place?

23 A. Where I was selling. I was in the - at the house and in
24 the market. I was just in between.

13:23:07 25 Q. For how long did you remain at the place where you were
26 selling?

27 A. I did not leave until the fighting started.

28 Q. What was the atmosphere in Freetown at this time? That is,
29 what was happening around town?

1 A. Running helter-skelter. The situation was tense. We were
2 running to town. If you go towards Shell, it was horrible.
3 Corpses strewn all over.

13:24:10 4 Q. Did you hear whether any RUF were involved in the fighting
5 at that time?

6 A. When they entered, up to the time they went, I did not see
7 the RUF there, someone whom I knew.

8 Q. Did you hear whether any other RUF persons you may not have
9 known were involved in the fighting?

13:24:44 10 A. Well, when we were in town, because people used to say that
11 Superman was coming. Some were saying - that was what people
12 were saying. But I never saw anyone whom I knew in the RUF in
13 Freetown.

14 Q. Did the war reach - well, did the fighting reach where you
13:25:20 15 were at that time in Freetown?

16 A. Yes. The fighting went past me.

17 Q. Did you remain where you were or did you go somewhere else?

18 A. I ran away and went to Cottage. That was where I was.

19 Q. This place Cottage, is that the same place you referred to
13:25:52 20 previously as Cottage Hospital?

21 A. Yes, that's the place.

22 Q. Were you the only one from the Portee market area that fled
23 or went to Cottage Hospital?

24 A. No. The place was packed.

13:26:26 25 Q. Packed with whom or with what?

26 A. With civilians.

27 Q. Do you know from where those civilians came?

28 A. Those of us who were at that end because when we were
29 coming we were on the streets coming towards the town.

1 Q. Listen to the question. You said Cottage Hospital was
2 packed with civilians. I am asking you if you know from which
3 places or place those civilians came. Do you know from where
4 they came?

13:27:11 5 A. We who had come from Calaba Town, Wellington, Portee all
6 the way, those were the people who were parked there.

7 Q. Do you know what was the purpose behind the others going to
8 Cottage Hospital?

9 A. Yes.

13:27:44 10 Q. What was the reason for that congregation there?

11 A. We were running away from the war, from the fighting, so we
12 thought that the hospital was a safe area.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, the witness mentioned three
14 destinations: Calaba Town, Wellington and Portee. "Wellington"
13:28:16 15 doesn't appear in the record.

16 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President. I am wondering if a
17 heard a fourth destination:

18 Q. Madam Kallon, you mentioned Wellington, you mentioned
19 Calaba Town. Where else did you mention; that is, in relation to
13:28:37 20 places from where people went to Cottage Hospital?

21 A. I talked about Calaba Town, Wellington, Portee up to the
22 town. Everybody was running away towards the centre of town.

23 Q. Thank you, Madam Kallon. Now, were there any soldiers
24 present at this Cottage Hospital when all these civilians were
13:29:13 25 there?

26 A. No.

27 Q. Were there any international organisations present at the
28 hospital when the civilians were there?

29 A. I did not stay long there. I did not stay long there. My

1 sister came and took me away.

2 Q. What is the name of your sister?

3 A. Adama.

4 Q. When you say she is your sister, is that a blood relative
13:29:59 5 of yours?

6 A. She is a cousin.

7 Q. To where did Adama take you?

8 A. She took me to Fourah Bay Road. The place was not too far
9 away from Magazine.

13:30:25 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, in view of the time, I think we
11 will take the luncheon break and reconvene at 2.30.

12 [Lunch break taken at 1.30 p.m.]

13 [Upon resuming at 2.30 p.m.]

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good afternoon. Mr Anyah, please
14:31:10 15 continue.

16 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam President:

17 Q. Good afternoon, Ms Kallon.

18 A. Good afternoon.

19 Q. Before court adjourned for the lunch break, you told us of
14:31:23 20 your time at Cottage Hospital and you said your cousin Adama came
21 and took you, and I asked you to where did Adama take you and you
22 said she took you I believe I heard you say Fourah Bay Road to a
23 place not too far from Magazine. This place not too far from
24 Magazine, how close is it to Freetown?

14:32:01 25 A. It is in Freetown, when you pass two houses then you get to
26 Bombay Street.

27 Q. Is it Freetown, the place you refer to as Magazine?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. How long did you remain at that --

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, where is that reference to the
2 witness's testimony in relation to a place called Magazine?

3 MR ANYAH: Yes, using a 14-point font on the LiveNote, it's
4 on my page 100, that's where the question starts, lines 1 to 3.

14:32:55 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Certainly. Please continue.

6 MR ANYAH: Thank you:

7 Q. Madam Kallon, I asked you for how long did you remain in
8 that place or in the vicinity of Magazine?

9 A. I was there until Tejan Kabbah was brought back to
14:33:18 10 Freetown.

11 Q. From the time the fighting broke out in Freetown until the
12 time Tejan Kabbah was brought back to Freetown, can you tell us
13 approximately how much time passed?

14 A. I cannot. I cannot tell.

14:33:42 15 Q. While you were at this place in the vicinity of Magazine,
16 what did you do for work?

17 A. I used to sell items.

18 Q. What sort of items were you selling?

19 A. At that time there were no specific items. Whatever you -
14:34:12 20 whatever you came by, that was what you would sell, whether it
21 was Maggi or salt, whatever you just came by it's what you will
22 sell.

23 Q. During the time period when you sold various items in the
24 vicinity of Magazine, did you have any contact with the RUF?

14:34:32 25 A. No.

26 Q. Where were your children at that time?

27 A. I didn't know their whereabouts.

28 Q. Where was Foday Sankoh at that time?

29 A. I don't know whether he was still in Nigeria or - I really

1 don't know now.

2 Q. Did you say you did not understand, Madam Kallon?

3 A. Yes, I didn't know whether he had returned to Sierra Leone
4 or he was still in Nigeria.

14:35:27 5 Q. Very well. Where was Sam Bockarie at this time?

6 A. He was in Kailahun District.

7 Q. And the rest of the RUF, some of the names you mentioned
8 before, Edwin Collins, Morris Kallon, Isaac Mingo, do you know
9 where those persons were?

14:35:52 10 A. They were all in the provinces.

11 Q. Now, you said you stayed in the vicinity of Magazine until
12 Tejan Kabbah came to power. Who was in control of Sierra Leone
13 before Kabbah came back to power?

14 A. I don't understand.

14:36:20 15 Q. Yes. Let's go back a few hours ago when you were
16 testifying about somebody called SAJ Musa, during the time the
17 fighting started. Do you know whether SAJ Musa and his men,
18 those who were said to be coming into Freetown to fight ECOMOG,
19 do you know whether they were successful in their efforts to
14:36:48 20 fight ECOMOG?

21 A. No, they were not successful. They returned.

22 Q. Do you know to where they returned?

23 A. Into the bush.

24 Q. When they started to fight ECOMOG, was Tejan Kabbah in
14:37:09 25 Sierra Leone, to your knowledge?

26 A. No. Some people said he was in Lungi and some others said
27 he was in Guinea.

28 Q. But at some point you say to us that he came back. Is that
29 correct?

1 A. Yes. After the intervention he came back.

2 Q. Where were you after Tejan Kabbah came back? Did you
3 remain in the vicinity of Magazine or did you go somewhere else?

4 A. I was in Freetown.

14:37:57 5 Q. How long did you remain in Freetown?

6 A. I spent a long time there. From that January 6 time, I
7 spent a long time.

8 Q. I'm sorry, go ahead, Madam Kallon.

9 A. Later I left the area.

14:38:24 10 Q. To where did you go?

11 A. I went to Kambia District.

12 Q. What was your purpose in going to Kambia District?

13 A. I was afraid because a policeman told me that I should -
14 that I should hide because people wanted to arrest me. That's

14:38:55 15 why I left there.

16 Q. When this policeman told you to hide, that people wanted to
17 arrest you, were still in Freetown at that time?

18 A. Yes, I was in Freetown.

19 Q. Did he say why people wanted to arrest you?

14:39:19 20 A. He said they wanted to arrest people who had connections -
21 who were with the RUF and that he said he saw my name.

22 Q. Do you remember the name of this policeman?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Who wanted to arrest the members of the RUF?

14:39:52 25 A. He said he saw my name on the document. Whenever they
26 wanted to arrest someone, that person's name would be included on
27 the list. He said that was where he saw my name, on that list in
28 a big book.

29 Q. Yes, we understand how he saw your name and where he saw

1 your name. The question is: You tell us he told you that
2 someone wanted to arrest members of the RUF, and I'm asking you
3 who wanted to arrest RUF members?

14:40:39 4 A. According to him it was the CID, the security. I don't
5 know who told them, but later they said they were to arrest those
6 senior people who had been arrested before. And the man said my
7 name was among that list and because he knew me, that's why he
8 decided to tell me.

14:40:59 9 Q. Very well. You go to Kambia District, and where did you
10 stay within Kambia District when you got there?

11 A. I passed through. I passed through Rokupr - those
12 villages, Ro'Kon - those are the villages I passed through and I
13 passed over to Rokupr. I walked, I went to --

14 Q. Madam Kallon, can I ask you just to speak up a little bit.
14:41:35 15 We are following you, but I would need you to repeat the name of
16 the first village you passed through. Can you say the name of
17 that village again?

18 A. I don't know if it is called Ro'Kon but --

19 Q. Very well. You passed through Ro'Kon and where did you end
14:41:59 20 up in?

21 A. Then I crossed over to Rokupr.

22 Q. And from Rokupr where did you go?

23 A. Then I walked to Komba - sorry, Kamba [phon].

24 Q. You went to where?

14:42:16 25 A. Kamba.

26 Q. Is Kamba a place or the name of a person?

27 A. It's the name of a town. That is where all the RUF
28 fighters were.

29 Q. This place Kambia District, in which part of Sierra Leone

1 is it in? Is it in the north, south, east or west?

2 A. It's in the north.

3 Q. Is it further north than Makeni, where you're from?

4 A. It is the town that is near Port Loko District.

14:43:09 5 Q. Very well. So you go from Ro'Kon. You go to Rokupr. You
6 end up in Kambia. You say Kambia was the place where all the RUF
7 fighters were. Can you give us the names of some of the RUF
8 fighters when you got there?

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Sorry, was the place Kambia or Kamba?

14:43:31 10 MR ANYAH: Yes, Madam President, your correct. Kamba.

11 THE WITNESS: I said Kamba.

12 MR ANYAH:

13 Q. Yes, Madam Kallon, can you give us the names of some of the
14 RUF fighters that were in Kamba when you got there?

14:43:47 15 A. At the time I got there it was Emmanuel who was there as
16 commander, but he wasn't there at that time. So at that time one
17 vehicle was impounded. It was a civilian vehicle, but they said
18 the man was the owner of the vehicle, but he was the driver.

19 They gave me food and I was there waiting for Emmanuel. So when
14:44:26 20 Emmanuel came, I asked him if he was going to Madina and he said
21 yes. So I told him that I was going to Madina myself, so he
22 asked me about to whom I was going, and I said Komba Gbundema.

23 Q. Let me pause you there for a moment. You say Emmanuel was
24 the commander in the place in Kamba that you went to. You said
14:44:55 25 you waited for Emmanuel, he eventually came, and after he asked
26 you some questions you said you were going to Madina, and he
27 asked you whom you were going to see in Madina, and you said you
28 were going to Komba Gbundema. Who is Komba Gbundema?

29 A. He was the commander in Madina.

1 MR ANYAH: Madam President, with respect to the spellings:
2 Kamba, I would spell K-A-M-B-A as it appears on the record; I
3 think Rokupr is already on the record - a spelling for Rokupr;
4 Ro'Kon I would spell R-O-'-K-O-N; and Madina I would spell the
14:45:58 5 name as appears on the record, M-A-D-I-N-A:

6 Q. Now this Komba Gbundema, did you know him before this time
7 you wanted to go and meet him at Madina?

8 A. I did not know him in person. But according to him, he had
9 known me.

14:46:23 10 Q. Did he say he had known you before you went to Kambia?
11 Sorry, I withdraw that. When he said he had known you, is that
12 when you finally met him?

13 A. It was later that he told me that.

14 Q. Very well. Before we get to you going to Madina, at Kamba
14:46:50 15 I asked you about some of the RUF fighters who were there. You
16 gave us the name of a commander Emmanuel. Besides Emmanuel, who
17 else in the RUF do you recall was based in Kamba at that time?

18 A. It was Emmanuel. Only Emmanuel who was there whom I knew
19 in Kamba. But the other commander that I knew before was in
14:47:20 20 Madina, and that was Bai Bureh.

21 Q. Did this Bai Bureh have a first name or an alias he or she
22 was known as?

23 A. They only used to refer to him as Tall Bai Bureh. I didn't
24 know any other name for him.

14:47:51 25 Q. Thank you. How long did you stay in Kamba before you went
26 to Madina?

27 A. Kamba, I passed through the same day to Madina.

28 Q. When you got to Madina, did you meet Komba Gbundema?

29 A. No. I met Bai Bureh.

1 Q. What was Tall Bai Bureh's position at this time?

2 A. He was deputising Komba Gbundema.

3 Q. Where was Gbundema at this time? You went there to see
4 him, but you say you did not see him. Where was he at this time?

14:48:38 5 A. At that time Komba was in Makeni.

6 Q. What was your purpose in going to seek out Komba Gbundema
7 in Madina? Why did you go there?

8 A. Because I wanted to go to Makeni and I had walked for a
9 long distance, so I was looking out for a vehicle to take me
10 there.

14:49:06

11 Q. When you left the area of Magazine to go to Ro'Kon, and
12 then from Ro'Kon to Rokupr, and from Rokupr to Kamba, were you
13 doing that of that on foot; that's by walking?

14 A. Yes, I walked.

14:49:29

15 Q. Were you successful in your efforts to get to Makeni?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. How did you get to Makeni?

18 A. When I got to Kamba I was taken to Komba Gbundema's house,
19 and people were there and I was lodged there. I passed the night
20 there. In the morning I saw them carrying the radio gadgets, and
21 where the radio was, it was close to the house. When the radio
22 was mounted I went there, and I was asked to leave the place
23 initially because the people who were there did not know me. You
24 want me to continue?

14:50:00

25 Q. Yes, but just one question. Komba's house - Komba
26 Gbundema's house that you were taken to near which there was this
27 radio on the following day, was that in Madina?

28 A. Yes.

14:50:33

29 Q. Continue from where you stopped. You said the people by

1 the radio did not know you. What happened?

2 A. When they asked me to leave the place, I said I was not
3 going anywhere because I wanted - because I did not meet Komba, I
4 wanted to talk to any senior man in the RUF that was available.

14:51:13 5 And the boy who was heading the radio unit told them to wait, and
6 he asked me about whom I wanted to see, and I named the senior
7 ones. I said whosoever they were able to get, I would want to
8 talk to that person.

9 Q. Madam Kallon, who were the names you gave this radio boy?

14:51:42 10 The names of the senior people you wanted to speak to, what names
11 did you give them?

12 A. I told them that if they got Mosquito, I would want to talk
13 to him; and if they got Morris Kallon or Issa, I would want to
14 talk to them; or if they got on to Dennis Mingo, I would want to

14:52:06 15 talk to all of them. Isaac - just any one of them. That's what
16 I told the radio boy.

17 Q. The Mosquito you referred to, did he have another name?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What was his other name?

14:52:27 20 A. Sam Bockarie.

21 Q. Were you able to speak to any of these persons from that
22 radio in Madina?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. With whom did you speak?

14:52:44 25 A. Mosquito.

26 Q. What was the nature of your conversation with Mosquito,
27 also known as Sam Bockarie?

28 A. It was the radio boy first who spoke to Sam Bockarie, and
29 he said a woman had come from Freetown who wants to talk to him,

1 and he asked for the name of the woman. The moment my name was
2 called out to him, that was when he said they should pass the mic
3 on to me. And I went to the radio, and he asked me how I got
4 there, how I managed to get there, and I said I walked. And he
14:53:23 5 told the commander at the radio that he should go to Bai Bureh so
6 that they could locate a vehicle which will take me to Makeni.
7 That was what transpired. At that time the civilians had hired
8 two vehicles and they were loaded with items headed for Makeni.
9 So the moment the vehicles got there, I - they told me to board
14:53:50 10 one of them and we used the Kamakwie route.

11 Q. Thank you, Madam Kallon. A few questions. Do you know
12 where Sam Bockarie was when you spoke to him on the radio from
13 Madina?

14 A. He told me that he was in Kailahun.

14:54:08 15 Q. You said civilians had hired two vehicles, the vehicles
16 were loaded with items headed for Makeni, so they told you to
17 board one of the vehicles and you used the Kamakwie route. Who
18 told you to board one of the vehicles?

19 A. Bai Bureh.

14:54:31 20 Q. Did you have to pay to enter those vehicles?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Were those commercial vehicles, that is, vehicles that one
23 would ordinarily have to pay to enter?

24 A. Yes, these were people's vehicles that were impounded and
14:54:54 25 they were repaired, and they were using them as transport.

26 Q. Who had impounded these private vehicles?

27 A. The senior one and - the senior one was one Pa called I
28 think Bupleh or Bropleh. He was the one who repaired the big
29 truck and the other one --

1 Q. Madam Kallon, I'm not asking you about who repaired the
2 trucks. You said these were vehicles that were used to transport
3 people to places like Makeni and then you said you didn't have to
4 pay and then you went on to say, at least the record uses the
14:55:46 5 word impound. You said these were people's vehicles that were
6 impounded and they were repaired and they were using them as
7 transport. Who took over this vehicle from people? Who took
8 them from people?

9 A. The fighters.

14:56:12 10 Q. And who was using the vehicles as transport?

11 A. Bupleh. He was the one who assigned the driver to that
12 vehicle.

13 MR ANYAH: The record says "Bropleh". I don't believe
14 that's what the witness has pronounced. It sounded like to
14:56:33 15 Bupleh and the Bupleh I will spell B-U-P-L-E-H; Bupleh:

16 Q. Madam Kallon, why was it that Sam Bockarie was requesting
17 that you be assisted to get to Makeni?

18 A. They all had immense respect for me.

19 Q. Why do you suppose they had respect for you?

14:57:11 20 A. Because I had played certain roles.

21 Q. What do you mean certain role? What kind of role had you
22 played and for whom?

23 A. Because I was with them, so if God was able to take me
24 right up to that place, they just had to receive me well.

14:57:41 25 Q. At the time when you started this journey from the area
26 near Magazine when the policeman told you someone wanted to
27 arrest you, at that time did you consider yourself a member of
28 the RUF?

29 A. When I was in Freetown, the moment the policeman told me

1 that I left, I did not pass the night in Freetown on that day.

2 Q. Yes, but as he told you that and at the time you were
3 leaving Freetown, at that time in your mind did you believe you
4 were a member of the RUF?

14:58:25 5 A. Yes. Because if they arrested me, everybody knew me.

6 Q. When you entered the vehicle in Madina, did you go with it
7 to Makeni?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did you encounter RUF members at Makeni?

14:59:01 10 A. We crossed Komba Gbundema on the way first.

11 Q. On the way to Makeni?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Did you speak to him to when you encountered him?

14 A. He stopped the two vehicles.

14:59:19 15 Q. What happened when he stopped the two vehicles?

16 A. He was about explaining to us that there was infighting.
17 That was when I went to say hello to him.

18 Q. Where was he coming from when he met the two vehicles?

19 A. He came from Makeni.

14:59:49 20 Q. And where was he going to when he met the two vehicles?

21 A. He was going back to Madina.

22 Q. When you say "he was about explaining to us that there was
23 infighting", what do you mean by infighting?

24 A. He said Issa and Superman had opened fire in the town and
15:00:25 25 they had killed Rambo and that it was not advisable to take a lot
26 of goods to the town, that the town was fearful.

27 Q. Issa and Superman had opened fire in the town. Which town
28 had they opened fire in?

29 A. Makeni.

- 1 Q. Who killed Rambo?
- 2 A. I wasn't there, but when I got there they said it was
3 Superman.
- 4 Q. Who was Rambo?
- 15:01:10 5 A. He was a fighter.
- 6 Q. For which group?
- 7 A. For the RUF.
- 8 Q. Do you know why Superman killed Rambo?
- 9 A. No. I wasn't there.
- 15:01:37 10 Q. After Komba Gbundema told you about what was going on in
11 Makeni, is it the case you ultimately made it to Makeni as you've
12 told us?
- 13 A. Yes, but we did not go there directly. When we got to
14 Kamakwie, we stopped there for a while.
- 15:02:05 15 Q. For how long did you stop at Kamakwie?
- 16 A. We were in Kamakwie for two days.
- 17 Q. Why did you stop at Kamakwie?
- 18 A. We wanted to listen out on what was happening in the
19 interior. We wanted to know whether the fighting was intense.
- 15:02:33 20 Q. This fighting, was it fighting in Makeni?
- 21 A. The fighting I'm referring to is the one between Issa and
22 Superman.
- 23 Q. And that was taking place in Makeni?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 15:02:59 25 Q. After two days in Kamakwie, is that when you went to
26 Makeni?
- 27 A. Yes.
- 28 Q. What happened when you got to Makeni?
- 29 A. When I got to Makeni I did not meet Issa there. They told

1 me that Issa had gone to Kailahun. It was Superman whom I met
2 there, together with General I think Bupleh. They were the ones
3 in the town.

4 Q. You say you met Superman together with general who?

15:03:42 5 A. Bupleh.

6 Q. Is this the same Bupleh you mentioned before today?

7 A. That's the man.

8 Q. What was his nationality?

9 A. That man was a Liberian.

15:04:07 10 Q. You referred to him as a general. Was that a rank of some
11 sort?

12 A. Yes. He said that was his rank because he was an STF man.

13 Q. Do you know what STF stands for?

14 A. No.

15:04:33 15 Q. Do you know what this General Bupleh was doing in Makeni
16 with Issa?

17 A. According to him, I asked him one day because I didn't know
18 him before that time. General said he was the one fighting
19 alongside the government, but later when the retreat came, they
15:05:01 20 all went into the bush and they joined forces with the RUF and
21 they were now one fighting force.

22 Q. You said the general said that he was the one fighting
23 alongside the government. Do you know to which government he was
24 referring when he said that, that he was fighting alongside the
15:05:23 25 government?

26 A. The Sierra Leone government.

27 Q. Do you know for how long that general had been in Sierra
28 Leone?

29 A. He said he had spent a long time there.

1 Q. Can you give us an approximation of the amount of time he
2 had been in Sierra Leone for?

3 A. No. He said because they had started the fighting and I
4 wasn't there.

15:06:01 5 Q. Started which fighting?

6 A. He said they were the ones who came and they joined the
7 government to fight against the RUF.

8 Q. Did he say how long ago that was when he joined the
9 government to fight the RUF?

15:06:28 10 A. He did not tell me. He only said they were the ones who
11 started the fighting.

12 Q. Very well. So you meet - you met this General Bupleh.
13 Issa you said was in Kailahun. You said you met Superman with
14 this general. What happened after you met Superman with General

15:06:57 15 Bupleh?

16 A. I asked Super and I said, "Were you the one who killed your
17 brother?" And I said, "You've done a very bad thing." And I
18 said, "You killed your own brother." I said when I learnt about
19 it I felt so bad. Super was standing there and I said, "Now that
15:07:26 20 you've killed him, just take over the sacrifice and do
21 everything."

22 Q. Madam Kallon, let me pause you there. When you referred to
23 Superman having killed his brother, what is the name of the
24 brother you say Superman killed?

15:07:42 25 A. Rambo.

26 Q. This Rambo, did he have another name besides Rambo?

27 A. That's the only name I knew.

28 Q. In the RUF, to your knowledge, was there only one person by
29 the name of Rambo?

1 A. That's what I know.

2 Q. After you spoke to Superman saying that he had done a very
3 bad thing by killing his own brother, you said something to the
4 effect that you told him to take over the sacrifice and do
15:08:34 5 everything. When you use that word "sacrifice", what are you
6 referring to that you wanted Superman to take over?

7 A. Usually we the traditionalists, when someone dies, they
8 will have to cook rice and people will eat. They will perform
9 ceremonies. That was the ceremony I was referring to.

15:09:03 10 Q. What was Superman's reaction to what you had told him?

11 A. Superman went for the ceremony and he and Isaac did it.
12 They performed it.

13 Q. Where was the ceremony performed at?

14 A. Where Rambo was was the same place that the ceremony was
15:09:35 15 performed.

16 Q. The Isaac you referred to, is that the same Isaac Mingo
17 we've been speaking about during the course of your evidence?

18 A. Yes.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, clarification. This Rambo, was
15:09:51 20 he an actual brother to Superman? Or is brother used in a loose
21 sense of the word?

22 MR ANYAH: Yes, I will ask:

23 Q. Madam Kallon, the Rambo that Superman killed, was he a
24 blood relative of Superman?

15:10:11 25 A. No.

26 Q. When you used the term "brother" to describe him in
27 relation to Superman, is it because they were both RUF?

28 A. No, because they came from the same place. Because we, the
29 traditional people, if you hail from the same town and you meet

1 elsewhere, you will be referred to as brothers. You are the same
2 family.

3 Q. What nationality was Superman?

15:10:55

4 A. I don't know whether he was Gbandi, because he spoke many
5 languages.

6 Q. Do you know if he was Liberian?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. The Rambo that you referred to, you said he and Superman
9 came out of the same place. That fellow Rambo, to your knowledge
10 was he also Liberian?

15:11:12

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Madam Kallon, how was it that Superman listened to what you
13 told him and responded by performing these ceremonies to honour
14 the death of Rambo? How was it that he listened to what you
15 said?

15:11:37

16 A. After he had killed his colleague, you could see the guilt
17 all around him. He was weak. Even when you would talk to him,
18 he wouldn't talk much. You could see the guilt in his face.

19 Q. Yes, we understand that he felt remorse and he was guilty.

15:12:04

20 But how was it that you, Isatu Kallon, you could arrive in Makeni
21 during a period you describe as one involving infighting between
22 Superman and Issa Sesay and you could give advice to Superman and
23 he followed it? How do you suppose he followed it? Why?

24 A. Well, I had told you before that whenever I told them
25 something, they would listen to me.

15:12:38

26 Q. Are you referring to the RUF fighters?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. After Superman had performed this ceremony to honour Rambo,
29 what did you do to resolve the dispute between him and Issa

1 Sesay?

2 A. At that time Makeni was shut off palm oil. In Magburaka
3 people were shut off salt and Maggi. And I went to him and asked
4 - and told him that I wanted to go to Magburaka, and he said the
15:13:29 5 road was blocked. And I said, "But I'll be going there tomorrow
6 because the people are suffering there." And he said if I still
7 was insistent of going and I said, "Yes, tomorrow tell your men
8 that I'm on the way coming", that I was going to Magburaka and I
9 said I wouldn't be returning. So in the morning I took off for
15:13:52 10 Magburaka.

11 Q. What was your purpose in going to Magburaka?

12 A. I was headed for Kailahun, but I was taking my journey bit
13 by bit, so I walked to Magburaka.

14 Q. You said the road to Magburaka was closed. Do you know why
15:14:18 15 it was closed?

16 A. Yes, it was for that infighting. That was why the roads
17 were closed.

18 Q. Who blocked the roads?

19 A. Both of them.

15:14:40 20 Q. Which two people?

21 A. Superman and his men were on this end going towards Makeni,
22 that is, Makump. That is where the last checkpoint was, and the
23 ambush was in front. And Issa and his own men - because at that
24 time it was Gbao that I met in Magburaka. He too had the
15:15:17 25 checkpoint up there. The ambush was going towards - if you are
26 leaving Makeni like you're entering to Magburaka, it is in that
27 curve. When you are negotiating the curve, that deep curve, that
28 is where the ambush is set.

29 Q. Madam Kallon, you said Superman's men had their checkpoint

1 at Makump, and then you started speaking about Issa and his men.
2 You said he too had the checkpoint up there, and then you went on
3 to Gbao. Where did Issa have his checkpoint?

4 A. His own checkpoint was up the hill. But before you could
15:16:06 5 pass the curve, you look up the hill. That is near Magburaka,
6 Mayola.

7 Q. Who is Gbao? Let's start with this: Does he have another
8 name besides Gbao?

9 A. Yes.

15:16:22 10 Q. What is his other name?

11 A. Augustine Gbao.

12 Q. Who is Augustine Gbao?

13 A. An RUF.

14 Q. What is his nationality?

15:16:48 15 A. Sierra Leonean.

16 Q. Did you know him in Liberia before war started in Sierra
17 Leone?

18 A. Yes. I knew him when he was arrested in Kakata.

19 Q. By whom was he arrested in Kakata?

15:17:12 20 A. NPFL.

21 Q. How is that you knew him at the time he was arrested by the
22 NPFL in Kakata?

23 A. When someone is arrested, the news would spread all over
24 the place and whenever I heard that, I would go there. When I
15:17:36 25 heard about Sierra Leoneans being arrested, I would go there.

26 Q. In the case of Augustine Gbao, did you go there when you
27 heard he had been arrested?

28 A. I went there.

29 Q. What was your purpose in going there?

1 A. Because they said he was a Sierra Leonean.

2 Q. And when you went there, what happened?

3 A. When I saw him, then I called Pa Morlai and told him that
4 somebody had been arrested there.

15:18:20 5 Q. And what happened when you called Pa Morlai?

6 A. Then the Pa went there and negotiated his release. He
7 pleaded with the people and he was released. Augustine Gbao was
8 then released to the Pa.

9 Q. Do you know what Augustine Gbao was doing in Liberia before
15:18:55 10 he was arrested by the NPFL?

11 A. According to what we got when we went to the station,
12 Augustine Gbao they said was a policeman, so he went there on a
13 government assignment. They sent him there to investigate
14 something. On his way back he was arrested.

15:19:23 15 Q. He was a policeman for which government?

16 A. Momoh's government.

17 Q. He was sent to where to investigate what?

18 A. They sent him to Liberia to investigate what was going on
19 in the country.

15:19:50 20 Q. Do you know to where he was taken by Pa Morlai after he was
21 released?

22 A. Pa Morlai went with him to the place where he had encamped
23 those men.

24 Q. Is that the same Sokoto or Camp Naama you referred to
15:20:19 25 before?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. When you later on went to visit that place, Sokoto also
28 known as Camp Naama, did you see Augustine Gbao there?

29 A. Yes, I saw him.

1 Q. When you encountered Augustine Gbao again while attempting
2 to go to Magburaka, was he on the side of Issa Sesay or was he on
3 the side of Superman during the period of infighting?

4 A. He was supporting Issa.

15:21:00 5 Q. Were you successful in your efforts to get to Magburaka?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You said your ultimate destination was Kailahun. What was
8 your - what was the reason why you wanted to go to Kailahun?

9 A. I wanted to go to Liberia to see my children.

15:21:29 10 Q. Were your children in Liberia at that time or were they in
11 the Ivory Coast?

12 A. The boy had come to Liberia and said he wanted to go to
13 college, so I had heard that information even before I entered to
14 go to Rokupr.

15:21:59 15 Q. Was this your eldest child?

16 A. No, the second one.

17 Q. Thank you, Madam Kallon. While you were in Magburaka, did
18 anything happen?

19 A. Can I explain?

15:22:23 20 Q. Yes, please do.

21 A. When I got to Makump I met Super's last checkpoint, and the
22 boy said there was no road. And I said, "I am going through. If
23 you want to kill me, you can kill me, but I'm going through." So
24 I went ahead. When I went there, the ambush was set. But

15:22:56 25 usually when they are in the ambush one person would be on the
26 road. So I saw a boy and I called him. I didn't know his name.
27 I just say, "Hey. Hey. Hey." I said, "Tell your men that I'm
28 coming." I said, "I have opened the road. Say I have spoken to
29 Super, so tell your men to come out of the bush." While I was

1 talking to the boy I was looking at men. I told him, "I am
2 coming. I am on my way." And the boy told the men to get up,
3 and they got up. So all of us met on the road, and they asked me
4 if I had spoken to their boss. And I said, "Yes, I did. I spoke
15:23:34 5 to them even before I came here, so don't worry. If I got there,
6 I meet people in ambushes, I will take them out of the bush." So
7 I spoke to them nicely, and they went to the village Makump. So
8 I continued my journey. Can I stop there for now?

9 Q. Yes, let me ask you a question. These boys you spoke to,
15:23:58 10 were they for Superman or for Issa Sesay?

11 A. They were with Superman.

12 Q. And when you told them you had spoken to their boss, are
13 you referring to Superman in that instance?

14 A. Yes.

15:24:27 15 Q. And then you said, "If I got there, I meet people in
16 ambushes, I will take them out of the bush." What do you mean in
17 relation to people whom you met in ambushes?

18 A. I said I will talk to them to come out of the bush, because
19 people were suffering. I said I will make peace between them so
15:24:52 20 their quarrel would be over.

21 Q. When you went to this village Makump, what happened? I'm
22 sorry, you said they went to the village Makump and you continued
23 on your journey. To where did you go from the vicinity of
24 Makump?

15:25:16 25 A. I went towards Magburaka. You want me to continue?

26 Q. Yes, please do, Madam Kallon.

27 A. When I got to the deep curve I saw a young man standing on
28 the road and I called him and I said I had told those to leave
29 the bushes, those in Makump, and he said, "Oh, have you taken

1 them out of the bush?" And I said, "Yes, I told Superman to
2 leave the bush, so you too should leave the bush." And the boy
3 called his men and they too left the bush. They came out of the
4 bush and they came to the road. And I said, "Well, let's go to
15:26:00 5 Gbao." And the boy said there was no problem. I said, "I was
6 going to talk to him." So we walked to Gbao and we met him in
7 town. When he saw the men he said, "Who took you out of the
8 ambush?" And they said, "It is the Mammy." And Gbao said,
9 "Mammy, is there no problem on the way?" And I said, "No."

15:26:29 10 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness slow down a
11 bit and repeat her answer.

12 MR ANYAH:

13 Q. Madam Kallon, we were following you but towards the end
14 there the interpreter did not hear what you said. You said you
15:26:41 15 met up with Gbao, you met him in town. When you met him he asked
16 you whether there was still problem in Makeni and then you said
17 something. What exactly did you say in response to Gbao's
18 question whether there was still problem ongoing in Makeni?

19 A. I told him that I had spoken to Superman and that means I
15:27:10 20 had dismantled his ambush and therefore they too should dismantle
21 theirs. That's why I had come. And he asked me, "Is there not
22 going to be any problem?" And I said, "No, because I have spoken
23 to Superman."

24 Q. Very well. And what was the conclusion of your
15:27:27 25 conversation with Augustine Gbao?

26 A. Then I said in the morning I'll be going to the G5 office
27 whose business was to deal with the civilians, so I'll tell them
28 that some people should go and buy salt and Maggi. From there we
29 will know how we would be in the town. So in the morning I went

1 to the office. So in the morning they provided the civilians,
2 about ten of them, they walked to Makeni and they bought the
3 items. They walked to the place and walked back. There was no
4 problem.

15:28:17 5 And the following day there were two taxicabs running to
6 Magburaka - plying the Magburaka Road, so I told them to start
7 running the taxicabs and the people were giving passes and they
8 went the Makeni, they bought items and they returned to
9 Magburaka, so --

15:28:44 10 Q. Madam Kallon, yes, can I stop you there. You went to the
11 G5's office. In which town or village was the G5's office?

12 A. Magburaka Town.

13 Q. You said the following morning after you had visited the
14 G5's office they provided civilians with something. You said

15:29:10 15 they were ten in number. What did they provide civilians with?

16 A. There were passes. These were papers that they would write
17 and give it to people indicating that this person is coming from
18 this town. Those were those - those were the little papers that
19 they gave out.

15:29:28 20 Q. Why was it necessary to have a pass?

21 A. Well, that was what obtained there.

22 Q. Yes, what happened to those who did not have a pass? How
23 was - how were those who had passes different from those who did
24 not have a pass?

15:29:55 25 A. Even the people themselves would never walk without passes
26 because they would be requested for that. If they did not
27 possess passes they will be harassed. So they were used to that.
28 They would never go anywhere without asking for papers.

29 Q. Did the RUF members need or have passes themselves?

1 A. That is a military thing. I don't know if they issued out
2 passes to each other. I was referring to the civilians.

3 Q. Thank you, Madam Kallon. You said after these passes were
4 given to the civilians they walked to Makeni and they bought the
15:30:51 5 items. They walked to the place and walked back. Are you saying
6 they walked from Magburaka to Makeni, bought some items and
7 returned to Magburaka?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. You then said the following day there were two taxicabs
15:31:13 10 running to Magburaka, plying Magburaka Road, so you told them to
11 start running the taxicabs and the people were given passes and
12 they went to Makeni. These taxicabs, can you give us an
13 indication of the towns between which they ran? From which town
14 to which town?

15:31:40 15 A. They were between Magburaka and Makeni.

16 Q. Can you continue from there. The taxies began to run
17 between the two towns. What happened after that?

18 A. So things were going on smoothly, everybody was happy and I
19 said, "Okay, let me continue my journey." Then I boarded a
15:32:10 20 tractor and I went to Masingbi.

21 Q. When you went to Masingbi, was that on your route to
22 Kailahun Town or Kailahun District?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. By this time had you had any direct contact with Issa
15:32:42 25 Sesay?

26 A. Yes. When I got to Magburaka at Augustine Gbao's,
27 Augustine Gbao told him that I was in Magburaka and they said I
28 should continue with my journey.

29 Q. Where was Issa at the time Augustine Gbao told him that you

1 were in Magburaka?

2 A. He was in Buedu.

3 Q. So we have you in Masingbi. What happens when you get to
4 Masingbi?

15:33:14 5 A. When I got to Masingbi I met Morris Kallon. Morris Kallon
6 put me into a vehicle and I went to Kono.

7 Q. When you went to Kono what happened?

8 A. I went straight to Peter Vandí. At that time he was the
9 commander in Kono. But I was not lodged at his place. I was
15:33:54 10 lodged at Alpha's. I was there.

11 Q. The Alpha you refer to, is that the same Alpha you referred
12 to last week as being a contractor for the RUF along with
13 Bangalie and Josie?

14 A. Yes, he is.

15:34:20 15 Q. Very well. So you lodged with Alpha and Peter Vandí was
16 the commander in Kono at that time. What happened when you were
17 in Kono?

18 A. When I arrived in Kono I went to the hospital, the hospital
19 that was in Kono, and I saw some fighters there. Some of them
15:34:54 20 had broken bones, broken arms. So I pitied them. And I went to

21 Peter Vandí. I said, "Oh" - I said, "Peter Vandí, do you know
22 that man, the herbalist who treats broken arms can treat these
23 people? You should not keep these people here. They're just
24 suffering. He can treat them." And he said he hadn't a vehicle

15:35:24 25 to take them to the man. Then I said, "Well, whenever I'm ready
26 to go to Kailahun, look out for a big vehicle. I will take these
27 men along with me. I'm not going to leave them here." And Peter
28 Vandí got a truck and brought the wounded rebels and they were
29 put into the truck and we left for Kailahun.

1 Q. The herbalist that you refer to, was that person in
2 Kailahun at that time?

3 A. Yes. That Pa had been in Kailahun ever since.

4 Q. Do you know the name of the herbalist?

15:36:16 5 A. I think he was called Pa Tamba. It's taken a long time
6 now. Some of the names I have forgotten.

7 Q. Very well. We understand that and we appreciate it. Thank
8 you, Madam Kallon. Now, how many fighters approximately did you
9 put on the truck to take to the herbalist?

15:36:49 10 A. All together they were 12.

11 Q. Did you get to Kailahun with these injured fighters?

12 A. The truck stopped at the riverside where the ferry was.

13 Q. What happened at the riverside?

14 A. So at that time they had sent vehicles to pick us up at the
15:37:31 15 border. I could remember the ferry.

16 Q. Madam Kallon, where within Sierra Leone is this riverside
17 located? Is it in Kono District or is it in Kailahun District?

18 A. That particular ferry was on the boundary between Kailahun
19 and Kono. That's the area.

15:38:01 20 Q. Who sent the vehicles to pick you up at the border or that
21 particular riverside?

22 A. Sam Bockarie.

23 Q. How did you make contact with him so that he was able to
24 send the vehicles?

15:38:28 25 A. As soon as we arrived, then the soldiers crossed over with
26 the wounded rebels and they spoke to Sam Bockarie on the radio
27 and they said everybody should be on the stand-by, that they were
28 sending vehicles to pick us up from there.

29 Q. Do you know the name of the river that divides that part of

1 Kono District from Kailahun District?

2 A. I didn't know that place. That was my first time to pass
3 through that place.

4 Q. Did you make it to Kailahun District with the 12 men you
15:39:18 5 had taken in the truck from Kono?

6 A. Yes, we got there.

7 Q. When you got to Kailahun District, where exactly within
8 Kailahun District did you go to, which town or village?

9 A. It was Buedu.

10 Q. Who were - who was the commander of the RUF in Buedu when
15:39:44 11 you got there?

12 A. Sam Bockarie was there.

13 Q. Where was Issa Sesay when you got to Buedu?

14 A. Before ever I got to Buedu we met Issa Sesay. He was going
15:40:15 15 to Peter Vandi in Kono.

16 Q. Was this before you crossed the river or after you crossed
17 the river?

18 A. After I had crossed the river.

19 Q. When you met up with Issa Sesay, did you have the
15:40:38 20 opportunity to speak with him?

21 A. Yes, the vehicle stopped.

22 Q. Amongst the group that you were with, you and these 12
23 fighters, was there anyone besides you and those 12?

24 A. Yes, there were people there. You know, wherever they saw
15:41:13 25 a vehicle going up and down - you know, I wouldn't remember now,
26 but there were people there. Because it was not a single trip
27 that they made when they went to those people, because the
28 vehicle was not big enough.

29 Q. When you say it was not a single trip, are you saying that

1 the 12 injured soldiers or RUF fighters were not carried from
2 Kono to Kailahun in a single trip?

3 A. No, it was two times.

15:41:59

4 Q. When you met Issa Sesay, did you have a conversation with
5 him?

6 A. Yes, I spoke with him.

7 Q. What did you and him talk about?

15:42:25

8 A. He asked me - he said before I got to Makeni, how did I
9 meet the place and how did I leave the place? And I explained to
10 him how we made the arrangements in Makeni, how I spoke to
11 Superman and how I dismantled the ambush, and I asked --

12 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honours, can the witness repeat
13 this. Can she speak slowly.

15:42:43

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Madam, you said you explained how you
15 dismantled the ambush. Can you continue from there, please,
16 slowly.

17 THE WITNESS: How I dismantled the ambush, or after that?

18 MR ANYAH:

15:43:03

19 Q. Madam Kallon, we are still trying to ascertain what you and
20 Issa Sesay spoke about. You were telling us what you told Issa
21 Sesay about the environment in Makeni, what you had done in
22 Makeni. Can you tell us exactly what you told Issa Sesay about
23 what had happened in Makeni?

15:43:32

24 A. I told him that when I got to Makeni I looked out for
25 Superman and I spoke, but at that time he wouldn't say much. He
26 would just stand and look at you. But I told him that the boy he
27 had killed, he should take care of the ceremonies and that they
28 took care of the ceremony, himself and Isaac. And he said they
29 had invited people and they prayed, and at that time the Makeni

1 people were suffering. They were short of palm oil, and the
2 Magburaka people were short of salt and Maggi, and I went there
3 and I spoke to Superman. And Superman also opened the road, and
4 I dismantled Superman's ambush. And I went to Gbao's area, and
15:44:25 5 that ambush too was dismantled. And he asked me, "But the way
6 you dismantled the ambushes, now that you've left the place don't
7 you think something would happen?" And I said no, because -
8 because I spoke to the man. I dismantled the ambush. He did not
9 say anything - did not do anything, so I believe that what I
15:44:47 10 spoke to him, he accepted. So I don't think anything else will
11 happen afterwards. That's what we discussed.

12 Q. Thank you. Who accepted what you had said about the
13 ambush? Do you follow the question?

14 A. No.

15:45:14 15 Q. Let me ask you in another way. You said somebody asked
16 you - we're now at the conversation you had with Issa Sesay, and
17 the record has you saying, "He asked me about the ambushes,
18 saying, '... now that you've left the place, don't you think
19 something would happen?'" Who asked you that question that now
15:45:43 20 that you had left the place, don't you think something would
21 happen?

22 A. It was Issa Sesay.

23 Q. Was he referring to Makeni when he spoke of the place you
24 had left?

15:46:08 25 A. You know, that area needs some explanation.

26 Q. Yes.

27 A. According to Issa Sesay, he said during the time the
28 conflict was on, Superman followed him right up to Makali. He
29 said Superman had chased him right up to Makali, so he said it's

1 possible that the man would come up again and the conflict had
2 not resolved yet. That's why he asked the question.

3 Q. After Issa Sesay said that, you did make any efforts to
4 reassure him about the unlikelihood of future conflict with
15:46:52 5 Superman?

6 A. I told him to just go and be at rest, and I said he
7 wouldn't do anything.

8 Q. Who wouldn't do anything?

9 A. Superman.

15:47:26 10 Q. What did Issa Sesay say in response to what you had told
11 him?

12 A. He just said okay.

13 Q. Madam Kallon, what was your motivation or your reason for
14 trying to settle some of the conflict between Superman and Issa
15:47:53 15 Sesay in Makeni?

16 A. Repeat the question.

17 Q. Yes. Why did you find it necessary to settle the conflict
18 between Superman and Issa Sesay?

19 A. Because when the problem erupted, any time that there was
15:48:30 20 problem it was the people who would suffer.

21 Q. The people who you are referring to as those that suffered,
22 are they RUF members or civilians?

23 A. Both parties would suffer. Civilians as well as fighters,
24 all of them would suffer.

15:48:56 25 Q. When you got to Buedu with the injured fighters you took
26 from Kono, was Sam Bockarie there?

27 A. I met him.

28 Q. Do you know where Foday Sankoh was at this time?

29 A. At that time Foday Sankoh had gone to the place where they

1 went for the second peace talks.

2 Q. Was that some place in Sierra Leone or outside Sierra
3 Leone?

4 A. It was outside Sierra Leone.

15:49:46 5 Q. Do you know in which country the peace talks were held or
6 being held?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What country is that?

9 A. It was Lome.

15:50:09 10 Q. Do you know who were the parties to this peace talk?
11 You've mentioned Foday Sankoh. Do you know who the other parties
12 were?

13 A. At that time Johnny Paul himself was at Kangama and Tejan
14 Kabbah was in Freetown. That was what obtained.

15:50:48 15 Q. In which district in Sierra Leone is Kangama?

16 A. Kailahun District.

17 Q. The Johnny Paul you referred to, is that the same person
18 that once was leader of Sierra Leone a few years before?

19 A. Yes.

15:51:20 20 Q. Going back to my original question, I asked you about these
21 peace talks in Lome, Togo. You had told us it was Foday Sankoh.

22 Well, you said Foday Sankoh was one of those participating in the
23 talks. And then you said President Kabbah was in Sierra Leone,

24 Johnny Paul Koroma was in Kangama. Do you know whether President
15:51:43 25 Kabbah ever became involved in the peace talks that were taking

26 place in Lome, Togo?

27 A. I don't know, because I did not go there.

28 Q. Do you know whether Johnny Paul Koroma ever was involved in
29 those talks?

1 A. Johnny Paul did not go with the delegation. All of us
2 stayed in Kailahun.

3 Q. Do you know what Johnny Paul Koroma was doing in Kangama?

4 A. When I went, that was where I met him.

15:52:34 5 Q. Did you go there before you went to Buedu, or did you go
6 there after you went to Buedu with the injured soldiers you had
7 taken from Kono?

8 A. I was first in Buedu, then I bid farewell to visit him.
9 That was when I went there.

15:53:01 10 Q. How long did you spend in Buedu before going to Kangama?

11 A. When I went there - when I used to go there, I normally
12 spent the whole day with them.

13 Q. Yes, but in that particular instance when you took these
14 injured RUF fighters from Kono to Buedu, how long did you spend
15 in Buedu on that occasion?

15:53:24 16 A. In Buedu I spent some time there, but I can't tell the
17 time. But the people who went on those peace talks to Lome, they
18 returned and met me in Buedu.

19 Q. Which people went to Lome? Can you give us some names of
20 those who went?

15:53:53 21 A. At that time Pa Rogers and others went.

22 Q. These are RUF members you're referring to?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you know approximately how many of them went to Lome?

15:54:30 25 A. No, because I was not present when they were going.

26 Q. Had they already left for Lome before you arrived in Buedu?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. When they came back from Lome did they tell you what
29 happened at Lome?

1 A. When they came they held a meeting at the town hall and
2 they said they had brought some questions. Foday Sankoh told
3 them to come in and whatever the people agreed on, let them say.
4 By that time it was - it has to do with documentation and I was
15:55:26 5 at home.

6 Q. Madam Kallon, where was Foday Sankoh at the time they held
7 this town hall meeting?

8 A. Foday Sankoh was in Lome.

9 Q. Do you know whether after the meeting was held RUF members
15:55:53 10 again travelled to Lome to join Foday Sankoh?

11 A. Yes. They returned and they left us there.

12 Q. Do you remember any names of those who went back to Lome
13 after the town hall meeting?

14 A. Pa Rogers and others were there. I can't remember any
15:56:40 15 longer.

16 Q. What is the first name of Pa Rogers?

17 A. No, I only know Pa Rogers.

18 Q. Did Sam Bockarie ever go to Lome?

19 A. No. It was Issa who went.

15:57:08 20 Q. Did he go the first time or did he go on the second trip
21 after the town hall meeting?

22 A. Initially Issa did not go, though he went on the last one.

23 Q. Do you know whether President Tejan Kabbah ever went to
24 Lome around the time Foday Sankoh was there?

15:57:48 25 A. I don't know because I did not go there.

26 Q. Do you know whether any peace agreement was concluded at
27 Lome between the RUF and someone?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Who were the parties to the agreement? Besides the RUF,

1 who else was involved in the peace at Lome?

2 A. That peace was among three people.

3 Q. Yes. Can you name those persons?

4 A. Tejan Kabbah, Foday Sankoh and Johnny Paul .

15:58:50 5 MR ANYAH: Thank you, Madam Kallon. Madam President,
6 another judicially noted fact from your Honours, the same
7 decision I referred to, decision from 7 December 2007, CMS 370,
8 judicially noted fact W, it reads:

9 "On 7 July 1999 the Government of Sierra Leone signed a
15:59:18 10 peace agreement with the RUF in Lome, Togo ('Lome Peace
11 Agreement')."

12 Q. Madam Kallon, you tell us that you left Buedu and you went
13 to Kangama to see Johnny Paul Koroma. Is that right?

14 A. Yes.

15:59:44 15 Q. What was your reasons or purpose for going to Kangama?

16 A. I went to visit the man and his wife.

17 Q. I don't remember asking you this, but I stand to be
18 corrected. Do you know how it is Johnny Paul Koroma ended up in
19 Kangama?

16:00:27 20 A. On that day that I went there they explained a little of it
21 to me.

22 Q. What were you told when you went there?

23 A. They said the boys conspired against his wife that she was
24 having diamonds, that they harassed the woman and took the
16:00:50 25 diamonds from her. So he said that was why he decided that he
26 was going to Kangama, so that they would not be in the same
27 place.

28 Q. Who harassed his wife?

29 A. They said Issa Sesay and others, but I am sure that it was

1 Mosquito because it was there that they came from to do what they
2 did.

3 Q. From where had they come from? From where had Johnny Paul
4 Koroma and his wife come from before they ended up in Kangama?

16:01:29 5 A. According to them, they said all of them were in Buedu.

6 Q. Who took diamonds from Johnny Paul Koroma's wife?

7 A. The RUF fighters.

8 Q. Did she admit to having diamonds?

9 A. That was what the woman said.

16:02:05 10 Q. Johnny Paul Koroma, you remember when we spoke about him
11 earlier today, you told us that he was AFRC and at times you
12 referred to him as SLA. At this time when he was in Kangama, do
13 you know with which group he was affiliated or associated?

14 A. At that time he was with the RUF now. If he was with any
16:02:56 15 other group, he wouldn't show it out.

16 Q. Madam Kallon, I am checking the record to see whether it
17 was me who introduced the word "Koroma" into the record or
18 whether it was you. Before you had always referred to the person
19 as Johnny Paul --

16:03:21 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please pause. Yes, Ms Hollis.

21 MS HOLLIS: I can make that very clear. It was Defence
22 counsel who began to use Koroma. The witness never has.

23 JUDGE LUSSICK: Yes, I agree with Ms Hollis.

24 MR ANYAH: That's why I was busy checking the record. I
16:03:34 25 see where it started and I am trying to review the record. I
26 believe counsel opposite is correct. I introduced that word.

27 JUDGE LUSSICK: Yes, if you look at page 136, Mr Anyah,
28 there was a question at line 14 to which the answer was "at that
29 time Johnny Paul himself was at Kangama," and then your question

1 at line 25, you say, "And then you said President Kabbah was in
2 Sierra Leone, Johnny Paul Koroma was in Kangama." And my
3 recollection is, that's when you first started ascribing "Koroma"
4 to Johnny Paul when the witness had previously said she didn't
16:04:29 5 know what his last name was.

6 MR ANYAH: That's why I took it upon myself to check the
7 record and I raised the issue myself. I will clarify from the
8 witness. It's clearly an error on my part, but there are ways to
9 clarify it:

16:04:45 10 Q. Madam Kallon, the person previously you referred to as
11 Johnny Paul, you've heard the discussion in court now, I have
12 added another name to his name. Did you only know that person by
13 the name Johnny Paul?

14 A. No. They were calling him - they were calling his surname,
16:05:13 15 but the problem is that I am not educated. I can't remember
16 everything.

17 Q. Well, just call him by the name you know as we go forward
18 and ignore what I said, to the extent possible. But my question
19 - my primary question is this: This person you know as Johnny
16:05:30 20 Paul, is that the same person that was leader of Sierra Leone
21 after Tejan Kabbah was overthrown the first time, the same person
22 you saw at the CID police station?

23 A. He's the one.

24 Q. Now, this person Johnny Paul, when you spoke of him before
16:05:56 25 you said he was AFRC and sometimes you referred to him as SLA. I
26 asked you a few questions ago what group he was connected with at
27 that particular time in Kangama. You've said he was then RUF.
28 Do you remember giving us that answer a few minutes ago?

29 A. Yes, I gave you that answer. I said because even if you

1 belong to another group, as long as you were among those boys,
2 you wouldn't show that you belonged to so and so. So you just
3 had to be with them.

16:06:38 4 Q. You had to be with whom? Which boys are you talking of
5 now?

6 A. The RUF.

7 Q. How long did you stay in Kangama?

8 A. I only spent the whole day there. I was with them there.

9 Q. From Kangama, where did you go?

16:07:01 10 A. I returned to Buedu.

11 Q. And what was your purpose in going back to Buedu?

12 A. That was where I was staying in the meantime.

13 Q. How long did you stay in Buedu on your return visit to
14 Buedu?

16:07:28 15 A. I did not take long there, then I returned to Dawa at that
16 Ioumah. After the Ioumah I went to Foya.

17 Q. In which country is Dawa?

18 A. Towards Liberia.

19 Q. In which country is Foya?

16:07:56 20 A. In Liberia.

21 Q. From Foya, where did you go?

22 A. I went to Liberia in Monrovia.

23 Q. What was your purpose in going to Monrovia?

16:08:26 24 A. Because I wanted to go where I had come from because they
25 said my child was there, so I decided to go there.

26 Q. Do you remember telling us earlier today about one of your
27 sons, the middle one, or the middle child, who you were told
28 wanted to go attend college. Do you remember mentioning that
29 this morning?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. It may have been this afternoon, but I think you said it
3 today and you've agreed. Now, when you got to Monrovia, what
4 happened?

16:09:00 5 A. I went to Firestone where I was before.

6 Q. How long did you stay at Firestone?

7 A. I was there. I spent some time there. I went back to the
8 market.

9 Q. Is this the same Harbel market from which you had left when
16:09:30 10 you went to Sierra Leone?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Who was President of Liberia at that time?

13 A. It was Charles Taylor.

14 Q. How long did you stay in the vicinity of Harbel market or
16:09:55 15 in Firestone?

16 A. I was there. I was - I wanted my child to go to LU, but I
17 couldn't succeed so I tried for him to enter Don Bosco.

18 Q. When you say LU, what are you referring to?

19 A. The college that is in Liberia.

16:10:37 20 Q. In which city in Liberia?

21 A. In Monrovia.

22 Q. You said you tried for your son to enter Don Bosco. What
23 is Don Bosco?

24 A. Excuse me. I said I tried for my son to go to LU, but I
16:10:59 25 couldn't succeed so I decided to go to Don Bosco.

26 Q. What is Don Bosco?

27 A. It's a college.

28 Q. Where is it based; in which city?

29 A. In Monrovia.

1 Q. Did your son indeed attend Don Bosco College?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did you continue to sell items at Firestone?

16:11:59

4 A. I was selling, but I was not stationary. I used to go to
5 the Loumahs.

6 MR ANYAH: Madam President, Don Bosco, the spelling would
7 be D-O-N, B-O-S-C-O:

8 Q. When you say you were not stationary, did you at any point
9 during that period of time leave Liberia?

16:12:33

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. To where did you go?

12 A. I returned to Sierra Leone.

13 Q. How long had you been in Liberia for before you returned
14 back to Sierra Leone?

16:13:00

15 A. I did not take that long. The only thing is that I can't
16 remember the date. I just went and tried so that my child would
17 enter.

18 Q. When you were in Liberia trying to get your son into
19 college, did you see any RUF members in Liberia?

16:13:26

20 A. I was not looking out for them. I was in Harbel.

21 Q. Yes, we appreciate that you weren't looking out for them.
22 I just want to know if you saw any of them or heard of any of
23 them while you were in Harbel around the time you were trying to
24 get your son into college?

16:13:50

25 A. It was later that the group came to Liberia.

26 Q. What group are you referring to?

27 A. The first person who came was Johnny Paul.

28 Q. You just told us a few minutes ago that you left and went
29 back to Sierra Leone after your son had been enrolled in college,

1 that is, after you got him into Don Bosco. Now you're telling us
2 of Johnny Paul coming to Liberia. Was this before your return
3 trip to Sierra Leone?

4 A. Yes.

16:14:44 5 Q. Do you know from where Johnny Paul came when he came to
6 Liberia?

7 A. In Sierra Leone. He came from Sierra Leone.

8 Q. Do you know if he came to Liberia alone, or did he come
9 with others?

16:15:16 10 A. I saw a man with him called Jumu Jalloh. I saw them in
11 Monrovia.

12 Q. Do you know for what purpose Johnny Paul Koroma and Jumu
13 Jalloh came to Liberia?

14 A. I asked him and he explained some.

16:15:53 15 Q. Did you meet Johnny Paul Koroma when he was in Liberia?

16 A. Yes, I went there.

17 Q. Where did you go to?

18 A. Where he had been lodged.

19 Q. In which city was he lodged?

16:16:16 20 A. In Monrovia.

21 Q. At which place was he lodged inside Monrovia?

22 A. Congo Town.

23 Q. What was your purpose in going there?

24 A. Because they were my people.

16:16:39 25 Q. What did he tell you was the reason why he was in Monrovia?

26 A. He said they went - I don't know. He said they took him
27 because the paper that they had signed, the Lome Peace Accord, he
28 said the West Side Boys said they had not seen Johnny Paul's
29 signature. That meant that Johnny Paul was in jail. He said

1 that was the problem that caused him to be taken.

2 Q. Who were the West Side Boys that he was referring to?

3 A. They were some bad boys at that Okra Hill. At first they
4 were SLA, but later they were just behaving in funny ways.

16:17:48 5 Q. You said Johnny Paul told you that the West Side Boys said
6 they had not seen Johnny Paul's signature, and you said this was
7 in relation to the Lome Peace Accord. Do you know whether any of
8 these West Side Boys followed Johnny Paul Koroma to Monrovia when
9 you met him?

16:18:22 10 A. After Johnny Paul had explained that part, some of the West
11 Side Boys were taken to Johnny Paul.

12 Q. Taken to him where?

13 A. Where he had been lodged.

14 Q. In Monrovia?

16:18:46 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You said when the West Side Boys said they had not seen
17 Johnny Paul's signature that meant that Johnny Paul was in jail.
18 When you said Johnny Paul was in jail, what were you referring
19 to?

16:19:11 20 A. After they had taken Johnny Paul to Liberia, the people -
21 according to Johnny Paul, they said the people who were on this
22 peace decided to take the West Side Boys for them and Johnny Paul
23 to go and talk in Monrovia.

24 Q. I understand that, but my question had to do with Johnny
16:19:37 25 Paul being in jail. When you said something about Johnny Paul
26 being in jail, what did you mean?

27 A. When they came that was what they were saying, that because
28 they had not seen the signature, that meant that their leader was
29 in jail. That was what they were saying.

1 Q. And who was saying this when they came?

2 A. They were talking to Johnny Paul.

3 Q. Who was talking to Johnny Paul in this way?

4 A. Those West Side Boys who came.

16:20:19 5 Q. Were you present when the West Side Boys spoke with Johnny
6 Paul?

7 A. Yes, I was present.

8 Q. And was this in Monrovia?

9 A. Yes.

16:20:38 10 Q. Besides Johnny Paul, during the time period when you were
11 in Liberia after you had enrolled your child at Don Bosco, did
12 you see any other members of the RUF in Monrovia?

13 A. By that time that I went there I only met Johnny Paul and
14 the West Side Boys.

16:21:15 15 Q. Where was Foday Sankoh while you were in Liberia at this
16 time?

17 A. Foday Sankoh was not Liberia - was not in Liberia
18 initially.

19 Q. Where was he?

16:21:36 20 A. When he came from the peace talks he did not go to Liberia
21 immediately.

22 Q. Do you know to where he went when he left the peace talks?

23 A. No.

24 Q. You said he did not come to Liberia initially. Did he at
16:21:59 25 some point come to Liberia?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Were you in Liberia when Foday Sankoh went there?

28 A. I was there.

29 Q. Was Johnny Paul Koroma in Liberia when Foday Sankoh came

1 there?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you know whether Foday Sankoh came alone or he came with
4 others?

16:22:41 5 A. He came with a lot of people.

6 Q. Can you give us the names of some of those with whom he
7 came?

8 A. I'll just give you the names of some.

9 Q. Yes, please.

16:23:05 10 A. When I went to see him I met Josephine Tengbeh, Pa Rogers.

11 Q. Yes, who else?

12 A. Shek Nabi eu, those who came, and some other young girls. I
13 wouldn't know everybody.

14 Q. The Pa Rogers you referred to, is that the same Pa Rogers
16:23:53 15 you spoke of earlier that tried to convince you to go into - yes,
16 Madam Kallon. Madam President, the witness's hand is up?

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Madam Witness?

18 THE WITNESS: I am confused about something.

19 MR ANYAH:

16:24:14 20 Q. Yes, what are you confused about, Madam Kallon?

21 A. About Pa Rogers.

22 Q. Yes, what are you confused about?

23 A. Because these things have taken a long time, so I'm
24 wondering. Oh yes, they were the ones who came, but I thought he
16:24:36 25 had died then. But they came.

26 Q. Was this the same Pa Rogers who tried to convince you to go
27 into the bush during the intervention?

28 A. That's him.

29 Q. Who is Josephine Tengbeh?

1 A. She was loving to the Pa.

2 Q. And who is Shek Nabi eu?

3 A. Shek Nabi eu, they were all in Pademba Road prisons, but
4 later they went to the peace talks and later they all came
16:25:34 5 together.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: This last Pa that she says Josephine
7 Tengbeh was associated with, which Pa is this?

8 MR ANYAH:

9 Q. Madam Kallon, you heard the question. Who was Josephine

16:25:48 10 Tengbeh connected with at that time? The word came out as loving
11 by the interpreter. Who was she loving at that time?

12 A. Foday Sankoh.

13 Q. Now, in respect of Shek Nabi eu you said he was at Pademba
14 Road and later went to the peace talks. This person Shek Nabi eu,
16:26:23 15 do you know why he was at Pademba Road?

16 A. I know some.

17 Q. Was he a member of the RUF before he came to Monrovia with
18 Foday Sankoh?

19 A. That one I would have to explain.

16:26:45 20 Q. Yes, please.

21 A. Shek Nabi eu was working with the AFRC, that is, Johnny
22 Paul's government. So after the government had been overthrown,
23 they were arrested. So all along they were at the Pademba Road
24 prisons. Later when those men came and when they came fighting,
16:27:22 25 they broke open the cells and they walked back into the bush.

26 They decided to take them to Kailahun. So when they were about
27 to go to the peace talks, they took them - they took him together
28 with the other men to go.

29 Q. Who came and broke open the cells? Which men broke open

1 the cells?

2 A. They were saying they were SAJ Musa's group.

3 Q. And who took them to Kailahun? That is, who took the Shek
4 to Kailahun?

16:28:21 5 A. I think when they were fighting they decided - when they
6 were pushing them, they were going along with the civilians who
7 were at the Pademba Road prisons. So they continued walking up
8 to when they decided to get to those big towns.

9 Q. By the time when this Shek Nabeu was with Foday Sankoh in
16:28:49 10 Liberia, was he RUF, to your knowledge?

11 A. Yes, he was an RUF member.

12 Q. So we have Josephine Tengbeh, Pa Rogers, Shek Nabeu, Foday
13 Sankoh in Liberia. You've told us of Johnny Paul Koroma being in
14 Monrovia at the same time. Did Sankoh go to Monrovia itself?

16:29:24 15 A. Yes, he went there.

16 Q. Do you know what the purpose was behind his visit to
17 Monrovia?

18 A. At that time, from what was being said, they said after the
19 peace talks he was to pass through Monrovia. That was where they
16:29:58 20 were to set off from for Sierra Leone.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Anyah, I think this is an appropriate
22 time to adjourn. I don't know how much longer this witness will
23 be in chief.

24 MR ANYAH: I'm hopeful we will finish tomorrow.

16:30:25 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: We are just wondering morning or
26 afternoon because on the estimate you had said she'd testify for
27 two days altogether.

28 MR ANYAH: Madam President, I stand to be corrected. We
29 filed something with the Court where I gave a revised period of

1 time for her sitting hours. What we filed - I'm trying to find
2 the specific filing. We indicated that the witness would testify
3 for 16 hours, and I will have the CMS number for your Honours --

4 PRESIDING JUDGE: Then I do apologise. I didn't see the
16:31:13 5 reference to the hours. I just saw the re-filed more detailed
6 summary. I don't recall seeing the estimate of hours, but you
7 may be right.

8 MR ANYAH: The summary was filed - not filed with CMS but
9 forwarded to your legal officers and to learned counsel opposite.
16:31:33 10 The filing was with CMS. It was a revised witness order filing
11 and I will have the CMS number for your Honours tomorrow. I may
12 very well have it somewhere here. I just cannot find it right
13 now.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Ms Hollis?

16:31:49 15 MS HOLLIS: Counsel is correct about revising the numbers
16 upward, but in fact the revised number upward was 22 hours.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well.

18 In any event, Madam Witness, we're going to continue with
19 your testimony tomorrow and I caution you, as I normally do, in
16:32:13 20 the meantime you are not to discuss your evidence with anyone.

21 Court is adjourned to tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

22 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.32 p.m.
23 to be reconvened on Tuesday, 22 June 2010 at
24 9.00 a.m.]

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