



Case No. SCSL-2003-01-T

THE PROSECUTOR OF
THE SPECIAL COURT
V.
CHARLES GHANKAY TAYLOR

THURSDAY, 15 JULY 2010
9.06 A.M.
TRIAL

TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before the Judges:

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

For Chambers:

Ms Erica Bussey

For the Registry:

Ms Rachel Irura
Ms Zainab Fofanah

For the Prosecution:

Mr Nicholas Koumjian
Ms Maja Dimitrova

For the accused Charles Ghankay
Taylor:

Mr Silas Chekera
Ms Logan Hambriick
Ms Fatiah Balfas

1 Thursday, 15 July 2010

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused present]

4 [Upon commencing at 9.06 a.m.]

08:57:22 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning. We will take appearances
6 first, please.

7 MR KOUMJIAN: Good morning, Madam President, your Honours
8 and counsel opposite. For the Prosecution this morning, Kathryn
9 Howarth, Maja Dimitrova and Nicholas Koumjian.

09:06:59 10 MR CHEKERA: Good morning, Madam President, your Honours,
11 counsel opposite. For the Defence, myself Silas Chekera, Logan
12 Hambri ck, Fati ah Balfas and Tor Krever.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, Mr Chekera?

14 MR CHEKERA: You would have noted, Madam President, that
09:07:19 15 Mr Griffiths is not in attendance for reasons I cannot go into in
16 public session. I would like us to go into private session to
17 update the Court.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Madam Court Manager, please
19 arrange a private session.

20 [At this point in the proceedings, a portion of
21 the transcript, pages 44524 to 44525, was
22 extracted and sealed under separate cover, as
23 the proceeding was heard in private session.]

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1 [Open session]

2 MS IRURA: Your Honours, we are in open session.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Right. We have heard from the Defence
4 side that lead counsel, who has conduct of the current witness,
09:12:34 5 is indisposed this morning and unable to come to court. Counsel
6 who is in court doesn't have much information, but is on his way
7 to find out more information and so we are going to adjourn until
8 11.30, by which time we hope to be apprised of the situation.
9 Court adjourned until then.

09:13:21 10 [Break taken at 9.13 a.m.]

11 [Upon resuming at 11.30 a.m.]

12 [The accused not present]

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Chekera, I note of course that
14 Mr Taylor is not here. Is that deliberate?

11:32:20 15 MR CHEKERA: Yes, Madam President, I was going to address
16 the Chamber on that.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: Okay. Please go ahead.

18 MR CHEKERA: Just that Ms Fatiah Balfas is no longer with
19 the Defence team. Mr Taylor also is not in attendance. He has
11:32:34 20 waived his right to be present for the present proceedings. You
21 will also note that the witness is not in attendance, and we are
22 advised that for logistical reasons both Mr Taylor and the
23 witness had to be shuttled back to the detention centre at the
24 same time.

11:32:55 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: Are you saying they went back in the same
26 car?

27 MR CHEKERA: I'm not aware of the details but I'm sure it
28 was not in the same car but synchronised at the same time for
29 security reasons, I understand.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let me take the Prosecution appearances
2 again, please.

3 MR KOUMJIAN: Good morning again, Madam President and your
4 Honours. Kathryn Howarth has left us for the Prosecution. At
11:33:22 5 this hearing, Maja Dimitrova and Nicholas Koumjian.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Chekera, we are here basically to hear
7 from the Defence as to the latest regarding lead counsel's
8 ability to be with us.

9 MR CHEKERA: Again I would ask that we go into private
11:33:38 10 session for reasons that I cannot go into in public session.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Very well. Madam Court Manager, please
12 arrange a private session.

13 [At this point in the proceedings, a portion of
14 the transcript, pages 44528 to 44529, was
11:33:50 15 extracted and sealed under separate cover, as
16 the proceeding was heard in private session.]

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1 [Open session]

2 MS IRURA: Your Honours, we are in open session.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: We've heard the reasons and, in summary,
4 the trial cannot continue for the rest of today due to the fact
11:39:01 5 that lead counsel, who has conduct or carriage of the current
6 witness, is indisposed and unable to come to court the rest of
7 today. He has given an indication that he hopes he will be able
8 to come in tomorrow morning, in which case we can proceed with
9 the trial. But, in the event that he is too ill to continue
11:39:24 10 tomorrow, we have noted the fact that, in any event, tomorrow is
11 half a day's sitting and, at the close of the day, the recess -
12 the one-week recess is going to commence, and that should give
13 him time to recuperate; but in the meantime, we are requesting
14 the Defence to have a contingency plan after the recess; if for
11:39:50 15 any reason Mr Griffiths is not available after the recess, the
16 short recess, then you should have a plan to have a witness to
17 interpose, and I hope that that is what you will do in the
18 interests of carrying this trial forward.

19 So the Court is adjourned to tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

11:40:43 20 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 11.40 a.m.
21 to be reconvened on Friday, 16 July 2010 at
22 9.00 a.m.]

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