

THE SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

CASE NO. SCSL-2004-15-T  
TRIAL CHAMBER I

THE PROSECUTOR  
OF THE SPECIAL COURT  
V.  
ISSA SESAY  
MORRIS KALLON  
AUGUSTINE GBAO

WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL 2005  
9.45 A.M.  
TRIAL

Before the Judges:

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Pierre Boutet

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Mr Andreas O'Shea  
Mr John Cammegh

1 Wednesday, 6th April 2005

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused Gbao not present]

4 [The witness entered court]

09:42:28 5 [Upon reconvening at 9.45 a.m.]

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning, learned counsel, it is our pleasure  
7 welcoming this family back into business after a long break. We feel happy  
8 to see all of you around hail and hearty and to pursue this trial which is  
9 now in its fourth session. For those of you who have travelled from abroad  
09:47:55 10 we give a special welcome and we hope that the Lord God will endow us with  
11 the energies to be able to scale through the six weeks that lie ahead of  
12 us. We need to mutually support ourselves and understand ourselves and  
13 avoid stressful situations which would tend us to get tired rather quickly  
14 and prevent the optimum advantage that we can pull from a trial that is  
09:48:42 15 conducted in the usual manner without any strains or contentions. So  
16 you're welcome and I wish all of you the best and I am sure you wish us  
17 also the best.

18 This said, we would declare the fourth session open and proceed with  
19 the trial.

09:49:14 20 MR TOURAY: Good morning, Your Honours. May I with your leave  
21 introduce two members of the Kallon Defence team who are here with us this  
22 morning. We have Professor Vincent Nmehielle, he is our co-counsel.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can you spell Nmehielle?

24 MR TOURAY: Nmehielle is N-M-E-H-I-E-L-L-E.

09:49:55 25 JUDGE BOUTET: How do you pronounce that?

26 MR TOURAY: Nmehielle.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: The N is silent.

28 MR TOURAY: Yes, the N silent as usual.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Nmehielle, is the N silent? Is it Nmehielle or

1 Nmehi elle?

2 MR NMEHI ELLE: Not really silent. It's Nmehi elle.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Nmehi elle?

4 MR NMEHI ELLE: That's right.

09:50:14 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: I see, good.

6 MR TOURAY: We also have with us our legal assistant, Ms Rachel  
7 Irura. For now.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE: For now. I see Mr Nicol-Wilson backing you up  
9 there.

09:50:46 10 MR TOURAY: Yes.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: Right.

12 MR JORDASH: Your Honours, may I do the same with our new legal  
13 assistant, who is Ellie, Eleanor Hutchison: E-L-E-A-N-O-R  
14 H-U-T-C-H-I-S-O-N.

09:51:17 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: We extend a very hearty and cordial welcome to the  
16 additions of Defence teams and the Chamber - my colleagues and I - do  
17 warmly welcome Mr Nmehi elle, Ms Irura and Ms Hutchison to the Kallon and  
18 the Sesay Defence teams. You're very welcome. Yes?

19 MR HARRISON: I have no interesting news to provide you other than we  
09:52:13 20 do have the next witness. There has been a change of order in the  
21 witnesses by agreement of the parties before you. We trust that it is  
22 acceptable to the Court. The change in order is witness TF1-263 is the  
23 witness presently in court. That was the witness that was number two on  
24 the list. And the change is simply that 263 will testify first, the second  
09:52:32 25 witness will then be TF1-141, and we're asking that the Court accept that  
26 change.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think the change is accepted if it is accepted by  
28 the Defence.

29 MR JORDASH: It's agreed.

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Right.

2 MR HARRISON: That being said, I am asking the Chamber's legal  
3 officer to correct me if I am wrong, but I think this is the 26th witness  
4 to be called by the Prosecution.

09:53:15 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: It is the 26th, indeed, by our records, unless the  
6 Court Management has a different count.

7 MR HARRISON: And I should just indicate that Mr Werner will be the  
8 Prosecution counsel dealing with this witness.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Right, thank you, Mr Harrison. Yes, Mr Werner. I  
09:53:42 10 thought we had that name as Vanjere [phon]. Is it Werner or Vanjere?

11 MR WERNER: The spelling is W-E-R-N-E-R. The way Mr Harrison  
12 pronounces it is the German way. You can pronounce the way you want.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, W-E --

14 MR WERNER: W-E-R-N-E-R.

09:54:00 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: Okay. It is French, isn't it?

16 MR WERNER: I am coming from the French part of Switzerland but my  
17 name is, I guess, German.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: How is it pronounced in French?

19 MR WERNER: Werner.

09:54:21 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Werner, okay. I am sure you want it pronounced  
21 the way it is pronounced traditionally. Mr Werner, you may proceed. Or  
22 the witness is to be sworn in.

23 WITNESS: TF1-263 [Sworn]

24 [The witness answered through interpreter]

09:55:12 25 EXAMINED BY MR WERNER:

26 MR WERNER: Good morning Your Honours, good morning Defence counsel s,  
27 good morning Mr Witness. Prosecution is tendering TF1-263.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: TF1-263?

29 MR WERNER: 263.

1 Q. Mr Witness, I'm going to ask you some questions. If you can just  
2 answer my questions. Mr Witness, where were you born?

3 A. I was born in Koidu Town.

4 Q. Do you know when were you born -- how old are you?

09:56:21 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Could you tell the Court how old are you?

7 A. 21 years old.

8 Q. Do you have brothers and sisters, Mr Witness?

9 A. Yes.

09:56:45 10 Q. Could you tell the Court how many?

11 A. Three females, three male.

12 Q. Mr Witness, are you aware of any event taking place in February 1998?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Could you tell the Court what that event was?

09:57:22 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Could you tell the Court?

17 A. At that time we were in Koidu Town --

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: He is testifying in what language?

19 MR WERNER: In Kono, Your Honour.

09:57:47 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: In Kono.

21 THE WITNESS: In Kono.

22 MR WERNER:

23 Q. Carry on.

24 A. I was in Koidu Town attending school and I was a small boy and we  
09:58:15 25 heard that there was an attack. So my father took us to the village. In  
26 the village we are told that Koidu has also been attacked. We stayed in  
27 the village for a while and other armed men came and scattered us.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please, please, please. You'll control him, he's  
29 going a bit too fast. He said he was in Koidu Town attending school. Yes,

1 Mr Cammegh.

2 MR CAMMEGH: Good morning, Your Honour.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: Good morning, Mr Cammegh.

4 MR CAMMEGH: It's nice to be back. Last time I remember I made an  
09:59:03 5 objection in which I quoted the words "small boy" and I think there was  
6 some confusion in my mind then as to the context of words "small boy". I  
7 am sure here it is in its natural sense, he was a young boy, but for  
8 transcript sakes I would be grateful if my learned friend could just  
9 clarify that small boy means a young child as opposed to a member of the  
09:59:28 10 Small Boy Unit. Just so it's clear on the transcript for future reference.  
11 Thank you.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: I think it is a pertinent remark. I think  
13 Mr Cammegh's remark is pertinent.

14 MR WERNER: Yes, Your Honour.

09:59:51 15 Q. Mr Witness, what do you mean by small boy?

16 A. When I say small boy I mean I hadn't become an adult yet. I was  
17 about 14 years of age.

18 Q. Mr Witness, do you know someone called Pa Hassan?

19 A. Yes.

10:00:31 20 Q. Did you meet Pa Hassan?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Do you know when that was?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Could you tell this Court when that was?

10:00:42 25 A. Yes. That was when we were all dispersed through attacks and I went  
26 to the village. That's where I met Pa Hassan. I lived with Pa Hassan.

27 Q. Do you know in which year you met Pa Hassan?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Could you tell the Court?

1 A. That was in 1998.

2 Q. Could you tell the Court what happened when you met Pa Hassan?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Carry on.

10:01:59 5 A. When I lived with Pa Hassan in the same house - at that time mangoes  
6 had ripened - three rebels came to that house and they tried to arrest us.  
7 They couldn't arrest me, I ran away.

8 Q. Mr Witness, I would like you to understand that everything you are  
9 saying is being translated. So could you just talk not too quickly and  
10:02:33 10 stop, pause and start again, for the convenience of everybody.

11 Could you tell us again what happened when you met Pa Hassan?

12 A. Yes. When I met him I explained to him what happened to me. That  
13 was when he told me to live with him in the same house. I lived with him  
14 for a while.

10:03:29 15 Q. For how long?

16 A. I lived with him for one week.

17 Q. And then what happened?

18 A. After the one week, three rebels came.

19 Q. And then what happened?

10:04:05 20 A. That day when they arrived, they couldn't catch me, I ran away.  
21 While I was running one of them said I should be shot.

22 Q. Mr Witness, you said that before, but just for the sake of clarity I  
23 ask you to repeat that again. When was it in 1998?

24 A. I couldn't remember the exact month, but that was when mangoes ripen.

10:04:56 25 Q. What happened after?

26 A. While I stayed with Pa Hassan, when the rebels came and I ran away,  
27 they caught Pa Hassan. But I ran away, they couldn't catch me.

28 Q. And then what happened?

29 A. When I run away, I hid myself somewhere. But where I was I could see

1 them. They told Pa Hassan that, "This boy that has run away, we're coming  
2 back for him."

3 Q. And then what happened?

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4 A. That day I went into the bush, I lived there all day and I came back  
5 at night. Then Pa Hassan told me that these people say they're coming back  
6 tomorrow morning.

7 Q. What did you do next?

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8 A. When this man told me, I slept there. The next morning about 5.00,  
9 while trying to escape, I came across them on the doorway, the three  
10 rebels, and they caught me.

11 Q. Which language did they speak?

12 A. They spoke in Liberian English.

13 Q. And what happened next?

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14 A. When they caught us, they took all the property in the house and tied  
15 it up and asked us to carry it where they lived.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: He said they caught him, he didn't say us. Let him  
17 be clear.

18 MR WERNER: Sure.

10:08:53

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: He said they caught him. Met him at the door and  
20 they caught him. Now he's going to us.

21 MR WERNER: Sure.

22 Q. Mr Witness, you said before that you went out of the house and that  
23 they caught you. Now, you just said that "they took us". Could you  
24 clarify that for us?

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25 A. It was the two of us that they caught that day.

26 PRESIDING JUDGE: That early morning?

27 MR WERNER:

28 Q. Mr Witness, are we talking about the early, early morning the next  
29 day -- when you first saw them and then the next day. Are we talking about



1 the next day; is that correct?

2 A. They came during the day, the first day, they didn't catch me. They  
3 came back the next morning, they caught us.

4 Q. Does that mean you and Pa Hassan?

10:10:16 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. You told us that these three rebels took things from the house. What  
7 did they take?

8 A. They took unhusked rice, they took some zincs and some clothes, and  
9 they tied everything and they asked us to carry them.

10:11:27 10 Q. What happened next?

11 A. When we took the luggages, we went into another town close by called  
12 Kissi Town, where they were settled.

13 Q. What happened next?

14 A. When we came to Kissi Town, we are there for some time, but the three  
10:12:18 15 men who brought us said their boss man was not there yet. So they told us  
16 to sit down there with Pa Hassan for some time.

17 Q. Mr Witness, could you just describe what you saw when you arrived in  
18 Kissi Town?

19 A. When we arrived we met a lot of rebels, but they said their boss man  
10:13:19 20 was not there. They took us to a house where they said their boss man  
21 lived. After a while they let Pa Hassan go, but they said they were not  
22 going to leave me.

23 MR O'SHEA: I lost the trail there.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Werner, Mr O'Shea is lost somewhere. Can you  
10:13:50 25 help him out, please.

26 MR WERNER: I will do my best.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please do.

28 MR WERNER:

29 Q. You told us that you left the house with the three rebels with you

1 and Pa Hassan and you went to Kissi Town; correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Now, what happened when you, Pa Hassan and the three rebels arrived  
4 in Kissi Town?

10:14:35 5 A. When we arrived in Kissi Town we didn't find their boss there, but  
6 they told us to sit down. They said their boss man was called Wallace,  
7 those who caught us.

8 JUDGE BOUTET: What was the name of the boss man?

9 MR WERNER:

10:15:06 10 Q. Could you repeat, Mr Witness, the name of the boss man you just  
11 mentioned?

12 A. They called him Wallace.

13 Q. Mr Witness, where were these three rebels living?

14 A. They lived in Kissi Town.

10:15:42 15 Q. Who else was living in Kissi Town?

16 A. There were only the rebels there, but they were also with their boss  
17 who was in charge of all of them.

18 Q. After you arrived in Kissi Town, what happened?

19 A. When we arrived in Kissi Town, the man they arrested me with -- they  
10:16:35 20 caught me with, was released. I wanted to follow him; they said, "No,  
21 don't follow him, we are not leaving you."

22 Q. Just for clarity, the man you are talking about now, is it Pa Hassan?  
23 Who was released, is it Pa Hassan?

24 A. Yes, they caught both of us.

10:16:57 25 Q. So Pa Hassan was released when you arrived in Kissi Town. That's  
26 what you just said?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. What happened next?

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr O'Shea, are you on board now?

1 MR O'SHEA: I'm following quite well, Your Honour.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Right, okay.

3 MR WERNER:

4 Q. What happened next?

10:17:32 5 A. When they released him we were there for a while. When their boss  
6 man came they introduced me to him.

7 Q. Who was he?

8 A. Those who caught me, their boss man, he was called Wallace.

9 Q. What happened next?

10:18:23 10 A. When they introduced me to him, I lived with them for a while. So in  
11 the morning they will take out the unhusked rice and ask me to pound it.

12 Q. Were you by your own with Wallace and his men in Kissi Town?

13 A. I wasn't by myself; I was in their care, I was with them.

14 Q. Was anyone else in Kissi Town at that time?

10:19:42 15 A. Yes, there were some big men, big people.

16 Q. Do you know their names?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Could you tell this Court their names?

10:20:21 19 A. Yes. One of them was called Superman, the other was Black Devil, the  
20 other was Rambo.

21 Q. So you talked about soldiers in Kissi Town. Was anybody else living  
22 in Kissi Town?

23 A. Except those of us who had been caught and abducted, those the  
24 civilians.

10:21:05 25 Q. How many of them?

26 A. There were many of us.

27 Q. I know, Mr Witness, it is difficult, but are you able to approximate  
28 when you say "many of us"?

29 A. I can't call the exact number, but there were many of us.

1 Q. You just said before that you were sent to pound rice. Was it  
2 possible for you to go out freely out of Kissi Town?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Why not?

10:22:06 5 A. They were suspicious that if we went out moving on our own we would  
6 run away.

7 Q. So what did they do?

8 A. While we were there, even when we went to fetch water, someone who  
9 had a gun was with us so that we wouldn't run away.

10:22:48 10 Q. You mentioned Kissi Town. Were there other camps nearby Kissi Town?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Could you tell us which one?

13 A. One of them was called PC Ground. The other was Banya Ground.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: One was called PC Ground?

10:24:06 15 MR WERNER: Yes.

16 Q. Was anyone in charge of PC Ground that you know of?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Could you tell us who that was?

19 A. Yes.

10:24:34 20 Q. Please tell us.

21 A. Issa.

22 Q. Was Issa the full name?

23 A. They called him General Issa.

24 MR TOURAY: Sorry, Your Honour, we're having problems with the  
10:25:16 25 microphone here.

26 MR NMEHIELLE: I am losing back and forth. I'm not getting exactly  
27 what is happening.

28 JUDGE BOUTET: Is it okay now, sounds okay?

29 MR NMEHIELLE: Yes, I'm hearing now.

1 MR WERNER:

2 Q. Was anyone in charge of Banya Ground that you know of?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Could you tell us who that was?

10:26:39 5 A. Yes. He was called Morris Kallon?

6 Q. Mr Witness, as commanders you mentioned Superman, you mentioned  
7 General Issa and Morris Kallon. Did you see them after you transferred to  
8 Kissi Town?

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Werner, please, I just want to have a very, very  
10:27:20 10 small precision. Right at the beginning of the evidence of this witness he  
11 said he is now 21 years old, that he was in Koidu Town attending school.  
12 What school - was it primary or secondary school? Please, let him just  
13 clarify that before we move.

14 MR WERNER: Sure.

10:27:40 15 Q. You said at the beginning of your evidence that in 1998 - I asked you  
16 about 1998 - you said that you were attending school. Could you tell us  
17 which school and which grade if you know?

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: Secondary or primary, that's all.

19 MR HARRISON: [Overlapping speakers] mention the name of the school  
10:28:05 20 please.

21 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's why I said secondary or primary.

22 MR WERNER:

23 Q. Mr Witness, do you know if it was secondary or primary school?

24 A. Primary school.

10:28:27 25 PRESIDING JUDGE: That's all right. You may proceed, please.

26 MR WERNER:

27 Q. Let me ask you the question again. You mention Superman, you mention  
28 General Issa, you mention Morris Kallon as commanders, each one of one  
29 camp. Did you see them after you were transferred to Kissi Town camp?

1 A. Yes, while we were there I saw them.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: When he says he saw them, he saw who and who?

3 MR WERNER:

4 Q. Who did you see?

10:29:22 5 A. At that time the ones I saw -- the ones they showed me were Issa,  
6 Morris Kallon and Superman.

7 Q. Where did you see them?

8 A. Kissi Town.

9 Q. And when was it?

10:29:47 10 A. That was when they had caught me and brought me to Kissi Town.

11 Q. Could you describe the circumstances in which you saw them?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Please tell this Court.

14 A. At that time they were sitting in front of Superman's house.

10:30:33 15 Q. Who was sitting?

16 A. Each of them were sitting there under the mango tree.

17 Q. I know you answered this question, again just to be completely clear.  
18 Who did you see in front of Superman's house?

19 A. At that time I saw Superman, Morris Kallon and Issa with their  
10:31:08 20 bodyguards.

21 Q. Who showed them to you?

22 A. Those who caught me.

23 Q. Mr Witness, do you know if there was an overall commander of the  
24 three camps?

10:31:53 25 MR JORDASH: Sorry to jump up. Can we just clarify when it was this  
26 witness saw the three commanders?

27 MR WERNER: I apologise for that, sure.

28 Q. Mr Witness, when did you see the three commanders in front of  
29 Superman's house?

1 A. That day I saw Morris Kallon, Superman and Issa.

2 Q. Mr Witness, just try to listen to my question. If you don't  
3 understand then just say. But the question was when was it?

4 A. I don't remember the week or the month.

10:32:56 5 Q. How long after you have been arrested?

6 A. It had passed one week and a half.

7 Q. Was there an overall commander over the three camps you have  
8 described: Kissi Town, PC Ground and Banya Ground?

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Jordash, are you satisfied with the time frames?

10:33:45 10 Apparently he can't really place us in terms of the time frames.

11 MR JORDASH: For my purposes that's fine, thank you.

12 MR WERNER:

13 Q. Let me ask you the question again. Was there an overall commander  
14 over the three camps you have described?

10:34:06 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Who was the overall commander?

17 A. The time they caught me, they told me Superman was their overall  
18 boss.

19 Q. Mr Witness, I'm not talking about the boss of the three people who  
10:34:43 20 arrested you, just to be clear. I am asking you, if you know - if you  
21 don't know, you don't know - if you know it - there was a boss of the whole  
22 three camps?

23 A. It was General Issa.

24 Q. Now, Mr Witness, how many rebels -- sorry, I will rephrase. How many  
10:35:30 25 soldiers were in each camp?

26 A. There were many of them.

27 Q. Are you able to approximate?

28 A. I can't approximate the number. There were many of them.

29 Q. You told us about Wallace and that you were working for Wallace's

1 boys. Have you met Wallace?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did Wallace report to anyone?

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4 A. They had a boss, but the day they caught me it was Wallace they  
5 introduced me to.

6 Q. Maybe my English is not clear and that I can understand quite easily,  
7 but try to listen to my questions. Do you know if Wallace reported to  
8 anyone? Did Wallace have a boss?

9 A. Yes.

10:37:10

10 Q. Do you know who was this boss, who was this person?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Could you tell this Court who was this person?

13 A. Wallace's boss was Superman.

14 Q. You told us that you were working pounding rice for Wallace boys.

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15 For how long did you do that?

16 A. It took me up to one week while I was with them, pounding rice.

17 Q. What happened after that week?

18 A. After the one week that's when message came and he told his boys not  
19 to be sending me too much. That was during the second week.

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20 Q. Sorry, I'm not clear. What do you mean by not sending you too much?

21 A. Pounding the rice. My hands were all blistered.

22 Q. So what happened?

23 A. While we were there one day Wallace asked me to go and accompany him  
24 to PC Ground.

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25 Q. We are going to talk about that in a few moments, but just try to  
26 follow me and to answer my questions. In Kissi Town, after that week when  
27 you were with Wallace boys pounding rice, in Kissi Town what did you do  
28 after that week, after this 10 days or whatever?

29 A. I was there performing domestic chores.



- 1 Q. For whom?
- 2 A. For his wife.
- 3 Q. The wife of whom?
- 4 A. Wallace's wife.
- 10:40:38 5 Q. Mr Witness, did you hear of any event at PC Ground?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Could you tell this Court what did you hear?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Please, go ahead.
- 10:41:12 10 A. While I lived at Wallace one day one of his bodyguards went to PC  
11 Ground.
- 12 Q. What was his name?
- 13 A. He's called Alie.
- 14 Q. What happened?
- 10:41:48 15 A. He came that day and he found us sitting by Wallace's house and he  
16 told his boss Wallace --
- 17 Q. Please carry on.
- 18 A. He came and reported to his boss that in that town they're killing  
19 people there, too many, too much.
- 10:42:32 20 Q. In which town?
- 21 A. PC Ground.
- 22 Q. Did Alie tell Wallace anything else?
- 23 A. That was what he told Wallace that day.
- 24 Q. Where were you when he told that to Wallace?
- 10:43:16 25 A. I was sitting by them in the veranda.
- 26 Q. So did you hear that?
- 27 A. Yes.
- 28 Q. Did you hear anything else about PC Ground?
- 29 A. That was the only message that came to us from PC Ground that day.

- 1 Q. Do you know someone called Junior?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Who was Junior?
- 4 A. Junior was a civilian.
- 10:44:09 5 Q. Where was he staying?
- 6 A. He was also in Kissi Town.
- 7 Q. Did he have a boss?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Who was his boss?
- 10:44:28 10 A. He was called Rambo.
- 11 Q. Did you speak with Junior at that time?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did he tell you anything about PC Ground?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 10:44:54 15 Q. Could you tell this Court what he told you?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Please go ahead.
- 18 A. We were there one day and I found him pounding rice and I asked him
- 19 what his name was and he told me his name.
- 10:45:29 20 Q. Did he tell you anything else?
- 21 A. While we were having our discussions he informed me that in this town
- 22 you should not be moving around all alone.
- 23 Q. In which town?
- 24 A. He spoke to me about PC Ground.
- 10:45:57 25 Q. Did he do anything else?
- 26 A. He said if you move around and they see you, it's easily you could be
- 27 killed, especially civilians.
- 28 Q. Now, Mr Witness, did you yourself - not talking about anyone else,
- 29 yourself - did you ever see senior commanders at PC Ground?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Could you tell us in which circumstances?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Please go ahead.

10:47:24 5 A. At that time one day Wallace told me to go and accompany him to go  
6 and collect husk rice.

7 Q. To accompany him where?

8 A. To PC Ground. To go and collect the husk rice from PC Ground to  
9 bring it.

10:47:50 10 Q. What happened?

11 A. While we are going on that day --

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Collect husk rice to bring it to Kissi?

13 MR WERNER: I'm going to clarify that.

14 Q. You said to collect rice in PC Ground and to do what with the rice,  
10:48:13 15 what were the instructions?

16 A. To collect it from PC Ground to bring it to Kissi Town.

17 Q. And what happened?

18 A. While we were going, got very close to the town, we met General Issa  
19 at the junction. Five people were tied up.

10:49:05 20 Q. Did you see these people?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How were they dressed?

23 A. They were naked. Some of them had only underpants on. They were  
24 tied up.

10:49:25 25 Q. What happened?

26 A. That day when we found them there all the bodyguards were around in  
27 the bush, but he himself was standing there in the junction with one pistol  
28 in his hand.

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Who?

1 MR WERNER:

2 Q. Who was standing in the junction with one pistol in his hand?

3 A. General Issa.

4 Q. What happened?

10:50:51 5 A. At that time when we met them, when I saw the five people tied up and  
6 the pistol in his hand, I passed because I was afraid. All the bodyguards  
7 were around; I was very afraid. So I passed and went ahead and waited for  
8 Wallace while himself and Wallace were standing.

9 Q. What did Wallace do?

10:52:00 10 A. I only saw them having discussions. I went way ahead and stood there  
11 waiting for him.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: [Microphone not activated]

13 MR WERNER: I'm going to clarify.

14 Q. When you say "I saw them having discussions," whom are you talking  
10:52:26 15 about?

16 A. It was General Issa and Wallace, they were standing there having  
17 discussions.

18 Q. You said you passed. How far did you go?

19 A. I got closer to the town.

10:53:14 20 Q. Are you able to tell this Court how far was it about?

21 A. We had a little bit of distance between us.

22 Q. What happened?

23 A. When they finished their discussions, he came up and meet me and we  
24 started going to the town.

10:53:55 25 Q. Then what happened?

26 A. While we were coming down to town, we heard gunshots from where we  
27 were coming from.

28 Q. Which kind of gunshot?

29 A. While we were going that day, the first I heard was one gunshot.

1 After that I heard multiple gunshots.

2 Q. Are you able to say, Mr Witness, what did the single gunshot sound  
3 like?

4 A. No.

10:55:15 5 Q. Did you come back by the same way?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did you see anything?

8 A. While we were coming back we saw corpses.

9 Q. Did you look at the corpses?

10:55:43 10 A. Yes, because they were very close to the road.

11 Q. What did you see?

12 A. I found all of them bowing down, killed. They were dead.

13 Q. Mr Witness, did you recognise these corpses?

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: How many of them, please?

10:56:26 15 MR WERNER: Sorry, Your Honour?

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: How many of them?

17 MR WERNER: Sorry, I cannot hear you.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: How many of these corpses did he see?

19 MR WERNER:

10:56:37 20 Q. Mr Witness, how many of these corpses did you see?

21 A. Five.

22 Q. Can you recognise them?

23 A. I didn't know their names but the way they were dressed I could  
24 remember them.

10:57:06 25 Q. Remember them from when?

26 A. When we were coming down to the town I met them there.

27 Q. So do you mean the same people that you met on your way to PC Ground?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Now, Mr Witness, do you know when that happened?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. When was it?

3 A. The very month that I was caught. I don't remember the month.

4 Q. Are you able to say how long after your arrest at Kissi Town?

10:58:35 5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Just tell us.

7 A. That was during the second week of my arrest.

8 Q. Do you know if the mangoes were still ripe in Kono at that time?

9 A. Yes.

10:59:31 10 Q. Now, Mr Witness, you told us earlier about Banya Ground. Where was  
11 Banya Ground?

12 A. It was after PC Ground.

13 Q. Do you know if anything happened in Banya Ground at that time?

14 A. Yes.

10:56:45 15 [HS060405B 11.00 a.m. - AD]

16 Q. What happened?

17 A. One other week we went behind Banya Ground in one town to collect  
18 food.

19 Q. Who went?

11:00:40 20 A. They took -- some rebels accompanied us.

21 Q. What do you mean by "us"? Was it you alone and some rebels or  
22 someone else?

23 A. We the civilians were selected to go and bring the luggage and some  
24 rebels were asked to escort us.

11:01:16 25 Q. Which luggage?

26 A. Rice and palm oil.

27 Q. What happened?

28 A. When we went and collected the rice, while we were coming -- we had  
29 very heavy luggage so we were right at the back.

1 Q. What happened?

2 A. While we were at the rear those who were at the front were the first  
3 to arrive in the town, and we also came later.

4 Q. Which town?

11:02:27 5 A. Banya Ground.

6 Q. Did anything else happen?

7 A. We found them in the town taking a rest and we met a lot of people  
8 gathered.

9 Q. What happened?

11:03:17 10 A. Where we found these people gathered we saw somebody fighting on the  
11 ground, and still fighting to die but was not dead yet.

12 Q. Was it one body?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Then what happened?

11:04:18 15 A. I asked Junior, my friend, who was ahead of us, I said, "What has  
16 happened?"

17 Q. What did he tell you?

18 A. He told me that Morris Kallon had just fired this boy.

19 Q. Which boy?

11:05:00 20 A. This guy that had been shot and was fighting. That was whom he was  
21 referring to.

22 Q. Did he tell you anything else?

23 A. Yes, it was me who asked him. I said, "Why did he shoot him and kill  
24 him?" He said it was because of a goat.

11:06:05 25 Q. Did he explain further?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Could you tell this Court?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. Please go ahead.

1 A. Well, when I asked him why did they kill him, he said this boy was  
2 given a goat to take and tie up so that it can be ticked out on a tree.  
3 But he dragged the goat so hard the goat died. So that was why he was  
4 shot.

11:07:19 5 Q. What happened to the person who was shot?

6 A. We left him lying there while people were gathered around him and we  
7 went by.

8 Q. Do you know if that person died?

9 A. Yes.

11:08:23 10 Q. Yes, you know, or yes, that person died?

11 A. I was there when he died.

12 Q. When did that happened?

13 A. This was in the other week I was talking about, the second week.

14 Q. Were the mangoes still ripe in Kono?

11:09:21 15 A. Yes.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: He said what?

17 MR WERNER: He said yes.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE: What was the question?

19 MR WERNER: I asked whether the mangoes were still ripe in Kono.

11:09:37 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: How many mango seasons do you have in your country?

21 MR WERNER: None in my country.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE: I know in my country we have two. So with your  
23 time framing in terms of mangoes getting ripe, if you were conducting the  
24 trial in my country you would be in for some confusion. Go ahead anyway.

11:09:59 25 I know you don't have mangoes.

26 MR WERNER: Just teasing.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Right.

28 MR WERNER:

29 Q. Mr Witness, did Superman have bodyguards?



1 A. Yes.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: Could he do without bodyguards with all those  
3 commanders?

4 MR WERNER:

11:10:33 5 Q. Mr Witness, do you know the age of the youngest bodyguards Superman  
6 had?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Could you tell us?

9 A. Yes.

11:11:02 10 Q. Please tell us.

11 A. At that time while I was there I had some of these bodyguards who  
12 were my age group.

13 Q. How old were you, Mr Witness?

14 A. One of the boys told me his age.

11:11:33 15 Q. Sorry to interrupt you, but just answer my question. You said some  
16 were "my age group". So how old were you at that time?

17 A. 14 years.

18 Q. Did Superman use them to fight?

19 A. At the time I was there I did not see them fighting or going to  
11:12:17 20 fight.

21 Q. Did you see them later?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did other commanders have bodyguards?

24 A. Yes.

11:12:48 25 Q. Which ones?

26 A. Issa had bodyguards; Morris Kallon had bodyguards.

27 Q. How old were Issa's bodyguards?

28 A. Well, some of them I didn't know their ages but we had the same  
29 height.

1 Q. How old were Morris Kallon's bodyguards?

2 A. He had women and men as bodyguards.

3 Q. And how old were the youngest?

11:14:26

4 A. One child was there and I asked the child and he told me that the age  
5 was 15 years.

6 Q. Do you know about the others?

7 A. I didn't ask their ages but they all had similar heights like me.

8 Q. And at that time or later do you know if Morris Kallon and  
9 General Issa used their bodyguards in combat?

11:15:07

10 A. Yes.

11 PRESIDING JUDGE: What is the meaning of this answer?

12 MR WERNER: What do you mean?

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Because he told us earlier on that he was not aware  
14 that the bodyguards were used for combat.

11:15:43

15 MR WERNER: No, he said, if my recollection is correct, concerning  
16 Superman he said that at that time he was not aware. So then I asked --

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: And later.

18 MR WERNER: Yes.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: Anyway, go ahead, it is your case.

11:16:03

20 MR WERNER:

21 Q. Mr Witness, you told us before about civilians in the camps.

22 MR JORDASH: Sorry to jump up. The answer that seems to have been  
23 recorded is that they used their bodyguards in combat, but there is no  
24 clarification on who is "they" and how this witness knows that.

11:16:39

25 PRESIDING JUDGE: That is precisely why I told him it is his case.  
26 Let us continue please.

27 MR WERNER: I will move on, Your Honour.

28 Q. Who was living in PC Ground, except the commander you named? Who was  
29 living at PC Ground?

- 1 A. There were some people, some rebels.
- 2 Q. With the rebels, was there anybody else?
- 3 A. Except those of us who were caught, the civilians.
- 4 Q. I am not talking about Kissi Town; I am talking about PC Ground.
- 11:17:46 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Were civilians living in PC Ground?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What were they doing?
- 9 A. I didn't know what they did there, but there were civilians.
- 11:18:07 10 Q. Did you meet some of them?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And did they tell you anything?
- 13 A. Well, the ones I met there was the time when we were gathered to go
- 14 for training.
- 11:18:37 15 Q. When was it?
- 16 A. During the same month I was caught.
- 17 Q. And what happened?
- 18 A. Some message came to Kissi Town and we were gathered.
- 19 Q. Where did the message come from?
- 11:19:29 20 A. The message came from PC Ground.
- 21 Q. What was the message?
- 22 A. They said Mosquito wanted to see everybody in Kailahun, so we were
- 23 gathered in PC Ground.
- 24 Q. Who sent the message?
- 11:20:02 25 A. I don't remember their names. They were sent from PC Ground to come
- 26 and tell in Kissi Town.
- 27 Q. And what happened?
- 28 A. The message that came was that all of the civilians that have been
- 29 caught are to be assembled and taken to PC Ground.

1 Q. What do you mean by all the civilians? From where?

2 A. All the civilians that were in PC Ground, Banya Ground and  
3 Kissi Town, all of us.

4 Q. And then what happened?

11:21:12 5 A. That morning we were all assembled taken to PC Ground.

6 Q. How many civilians were there?

7 A. When we were assembled at PC Ground there were many of us.

8 Q. I know, Mr Witness, it is difficult for you to approximate, but can  
9 you give us an idea of how many civilians were in this meeting?

11:21:48 10 A. When we were all assembled we were more than 200.

11 Q. Civilians?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And what happened?

14 A. That day when we were all assembled it wasn't too long when they

11:22:34 15 came.

16 Q. Who came?

17 A. General Issa and Morris Kallon.

18 Q. And what happened?

19 A. When we were all assembled, General Issa told us that Mosquito had

11:23:11 20 sent a message that all of the civilians that have been caught should be

21 taken to Kailahun.

22 Q. Did he say why they should be taken to Kailahun?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Could you tell the Court?

11:23:36 25 A. They said to go and have training.

26 Q. Did he specify which kind of training?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Could you tell this Court?

29 A. Yes.

1 Q. Please do so.

2 A. They told us to go and have training to come and fight ECOMOG.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: So the training was in order to fight ECOMOG?

4 MR WERNER: Yes.

11:24:31 5 Q. What happened after General Issa talked?

6 A. When he finished speaking he asked Morris Kallon to select people to  
7 go.

8 Q. What happened?

9 A. That day when he finished speaking they started to select the people.

11:25:26 10 They selected the adults first. When you are selected you stand in line.

11 Q. And then what happened?

12 A. After they selected the adults they also selected the young boys who  
13 were fit enough.

14 Q. These young boys, were they from your age group?

11:26:19 15 A. They were my age groups and some were taller than me.

16 Q. You told us that about 200 civilians were gathered for this meeting.  
17 Are you able to tell this Court how many of them were selected in your age  
18 group or taller?

19 A. We had two single files. I cannot remember the exact numbers. There  
11:27:00 20 were two single files that were formed -- long files.

21 Q. And what happened?

22 JUDGE BOUTET: Were there single files of young boys or single files  
23 of civilians?

24 MR WERNER: I will clarify again.

11:27:22 25 Q. Can you explain again about these two lines? You said there were two  
26 lines. Can you describe each line?

27 A. He had both. Single files were mixed of young peoples and adults.

28 [The witness raises his hand]

29 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, what do you want?

1 THE WITNESS: I want to urinate.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: We will recess and as soon he is ready we will come  
3 in.

4 [Break taken at 11.27 a.m.]

11:48:06 5 [On resuming at 11.48 a.m.]

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: We are resuming the session, Mr Werner.

7 MR WERNER: Your Honour.

8 Q. Mr Witness, just before the break you were talking about these lines.  
9 Let me ask you a question to try to clarify that. How many people out of  
11:48:32 10 the 200 were selected to go for the training?

11 A. There were many of us that were selected.

12 Q. Are you going to give a figure or are you not able?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Out of this many people, were there people from your age group?

11:49:32 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. How many?

17 A. Those of us I saw that were about my height and some taller than me,  
18 there were six of us.

19 Q. Did anyone in this meeting tell you what would happen if any of you  
11:50:06 20 tried to escape?

21 A. Nothing was said as we were just toeing the line to go.

22 Q. Were you the only one from Superman's camp selected to go to this  
23 training?

24 A. No.

11:50:43 25 Q. How many of you?

26 A. There were many of us.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Werner.

28 MR WERNER: I will move on.

29 Q. Did your boss Wallace know about the fact that you had been selected

1 for this training?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And what was his reaction?

4 A. That day when we are selected an order came that we should go. They  
11:51:35 5 told us that anybody else who was selected and was seen around the next day  
6 would be killed.

7 Q. What do you mean was "seen around the next day"?

8 A. They said you, the civilian who was selected to go for the training,  
9 if you were subsequently seen around you would be killed.

11:52:07 10 Q. Do you mean seen around trying not to go to the training?

11 A. If you refused to go for the training.

12 Q. Where did the order come from?

13 A. We were told in the meeting that the order came from Kailahun from  
14 Mosquito.

11:52:44 15 Q. I am going to read you the question because you did not answer it;  
16 you answered another question. I will just repeat the question once. You  
17 told us that Wallace knew about your selection for the training. Was  
18 Wallace happy about that?

19 A. No, he was not.

11:53:08 20 Q. Did he say anything?

21 A. That day when we were selected he told me to go. If God made me  
22 survive the training and come back I should come and stay with him.

23 Q. What happened next?

24 A. When we were selected on that day we moved that very day and went.

11:53:46 25 Q. Could you describe your group?

26 JUDGE THOMPSON: Learned counsel, would you moderate your rate.

27 MR WERNER: Sorry, Your Honour. I apologise.

28 Q. I will repeat my question. You said you went. Could you describe  
29 your group? With whom did you go?

1 A. Some rebels were given security to take us.

2 Q. Was there a commander among them?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What was his name?

11:55:29 5 A. There was one commander with them whose name was Five-five.

6 Q. Do you know if Five-five was part of a group?

7 A. He was one of the senior security in our group to take us to  
8 Kailahun.

9 Q. Did you know who was his boss -- Five-five's boss?

11:56:11 10 A. His boss was Issa.

11 Q. Are there any other names? Did any other commanders come with you?

12 A. Yes, there were other commanders with us going.

13 Q. Do you know their names?

14 A. Yes.

11:56:32 15 Q. Could you tell us their names?

16 A. That day we were going one of them was called "Blood".

17 Q. Do you know who was his boss?

18 A. All of them who were going with us said their boss was Issa.

19 Q. And then what happened?

11:57:10 20 PRESIDING JUDGE: He has not finish his enumeration, I suppose, of  
21 the generals --

22 MR WERNER: Sorry about that.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE: -- of those that included Blood.

24 MR WERNER:

11:57:21 25 Q. Do you have other names? You talked about Five-five and Blood, but  
26 you said that there were many. Do you have other names?

27 A. These were the heads amongst the rebels that were taking us.

28 PRESIDING JUDGE: So it was only Five-five and Blood?

29 MR WERNER: The commanders.



1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Those were the two commanders?

2 THE WITNESS: They were the two commanders that were escorting the  
3 group.

4 MR WERNER:

11:58:05 5 Q. Then what happened?

6 A. When we left that day it took us three days; we slept three days on  
7 the way. On the fourth day we arrived.

8 Q. Where did you arrive?

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: They did the journey on foot, of course.

11:58:49 10 MR WERNER:

11 Q. How did you travel?

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Let him just confirm.

13 MR WERNER: I am sorry; I apologise.

14 Q. How did you travel?

11:59:03 15 A. We travelled on foot through the bush.

16 Q. Did you carry anything?

17 A. No, at that time we were travelling for the training and we didn't  
18 carry anything.

19 Q. Now you said you arrived. Where did you arrive?

11:59:30 20 A. Buedu.

21 Q. Did you know the district?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Could you tell this Court the district?

24 A. It is called the Kailahun District.

12:00:03 25 Q. What happened when you arrived?

26 A. When we arrived in the evening there was a clearing in the bush where  
27 we were all asked to sit and they said they were going to inform their  
28 master that we have arrived.

29 Q. Did they say who was the master?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What did they say?

3 A. At that time they said Mosquito; that was whom they referred to as  
4 master.

12:00:56 5 Q. And then what happened?

6 A. In the evening he arrived and we were all falling in line and he came  
7 through the lines observing us and looking at each of us. He told us that  
8 it was him who sent the message to bring all the civilians that were  
9 caught.

11:58:14 10 [HS060405C 12.00 p.m. - SV]

11 Q. Who are you referring to? You say he. Who are you talking about?

12 A. Mosquito.

13 Q. And then what happened?

14 A. That day when he came he observed us. After he spoke to us he went

12:02:45 15 back. The next morning a lady arrived, one woman arrived.

16 Q. Who was she?

17 A. They said it was the training commander.

18 Q. Were you told her name?

19 A. Yes.

12:03:25 20 Q. Could you tell this Court?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Please do?

23 A. She was called Monica.

24 Q. And then what happened?

12:04:01 25 A. When she came that morning we were distributed into companies.

26 Q. How many in each company?

27 A. They distributed us in fifteens. Fifteen persons in one company.

28 Q. And how many companies?

29 A. There were four companies.

1 Q. How many of you in each group, in your own company?

2 A. There were 10 of us in my own company.

3 Q. Of your age group?

4 A. Yes.

12:05:27 5 Q. What happened after that?

6 A. The first exercise was running. We ran and went to one town and came  
7 back running.

8 Q. Did that take place -- did the training take place in Buedu?

9 A. They called the Buedu camp Lion.

12:06:15 10 PRESIDING JUDGE: Was Monica running with you?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 MR WERNER:

13 Q. Was she the overall commander or was she the commander of your group?

14 A. She was the overall commander of the training.

12:06:37 15 Q. And who was in charge of your company?

16 A. At that time it was one of our A groups that was appointed.

17 Q. How long did you train?

18 A. Two months.

19 Q. Could you describe to this Court the training?

12:07:26 20 A. Yes. While we were there, in the morning we'll jog, we'll run. In  
21 the evening we'll jog and we'll run.

22 Q. [Inaudible]

23 A. While we were doing the training we were with our commanders.

24 Q. What were you told?

12:08:34 25 A. After the jogging and running and we come back we'll sit down and  
26 they'll begin to explain to us how to attack towns and how to fight.

27 Q. What did they tell you?

28 A. At that time they taught us how to fire guns and how to attack towns.

29 Q. Do you remember what they told you about how to attack a town?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What did they tell you?

3 A. Two groups were selected, my group -- our group and the other group  
4 and they took us into the bush and they explained to us how to approach  
12:10:09 5 towns and attack.

6 Q. I'll just try once again. Do you remember what they told you or you  
7 don't? If you don't it's fine. Just do you remember what they told you  
8 about how to attack a town?

9 A. Yeah, they told us how to attack towns.

12:10:39 10 Q. What did they tell you?

11 A. Monica placed us and told us that when you have a single group and  
12 you are approaching a town you should split up.

13 Q. Did she tell you anything else?

14 A. She also told us about how to burn houses.

12:11:15 15 Q. Anything else?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did you receive weapons during this training?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Were you told anything about the weapons?

12:11:44 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What were you told?

22 A. In the morning they would distribute the guns among us and they would  
23 show us how to fire the guns.

24 Q. Which kind of guns?

12:12:07 25 A. AK-47s were there, RPGs were there.

26 Q. Any other guns?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Which ones?

29 A. There was another called two-barrel.

1 Q. Did you suffer any injuries during this training?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Could you describe the injuries you suffered?

4 A. Yes.

12:12:53 5 Q. Please do so?

6 A. We were beaten and on my feet I have sores because I'll get wounds  
7 when I step on stumps, sharp stumps.

8 Q. Why did you step on sharp stumps with your foot?

9 A. Some of this trainings you have to lay down on the ground and you'll  
12:13:34 10 try to drag and scrawl yourself and in that process you get injuries on  
11 your foot.

12 Q. You told us that you were beaten. Could you explain?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Please do so?

12:14:01 15 A. Some of the training was hopping. You'll hop like a frog and if you  
16 are there and couldn't hop properly you will be beaten with truncheon.

17 Q. Did you see people being beaten up like this?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Were you given food during this training?

12:14:45 20 A. Yes. One ladle full of food.

21 Q. Sorry, I didn't get the translation. Could you repeat that? I'm  
22 repeating the question. Mr Translator, I am repeating the question. Were  
23 you given food during this training?

24 A. Yes.

12:15:09 25 Q. Could you tell us?

26 A. They'll cook rice and mix it with different kinds of things and we  
27 will all toe a line and when you arrive they'll serve you one ladle full of  
28 food. This is a big spoon.

29 Q. [Inaudible] a day?

1 A. In the morning and in the afternoon.

2 Q. Was it enough?

3 A. Well, it went around. Everybody got one ladle full but it's not  
4 enough, you won't be full.

12:16:01 5 Q. Now, were you told anything during this training about how to treat  
6 civilians?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Any other training during this two months you can remember of?

9 A. Yes.

12:16:27 10 Q. Which one?

11 A. During some trainings we would be taught how to fire guns. Others we  
12 were told how to run and move. Others, she would write things on the floor  
13 for us to be able to decipher.

14 Q. Were you trained for a purpose?

12:17:11 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Which one?

17 A. They said to come and clear Koidu.

18 Q. Who told you that?

19 A. When we were there initially it was Monica who told us.

12:17:31 20 Q. What happened when the training was completed?

21 A. When the training was concluded we fell in line and Mosquito arrived.

22 Q. What happened?

23 A. When he arrived he thanked Monica for the training. Before long a  
24 truck came with ammunition and guns.

12:18:21 25 Q. How many trucks?

26 A. One truck.

27 Q. Did Mosquito say anything else during his speech?

28 A. Yes.

29 Q. What did he say?

1 A. He said, "Your group, when you're returning I'm going to add some  
2 more people on you so that you'll go and clear Koi du."

3 Q. Did he mention any operation?

4 A. Yes.

12:19:24 5 Q. Which one?

6 A. Operation No Living Thing.

7 Q. In which context?

8 A. They didn't tell us the context. They only told us this is the  
9 operation you're going for in Koi du.

12:19:54 10 Q. And did he tell you if anyone was going to wait for you back in Kono?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Who?

13 A. He said General Issa.

14 Q. Did anything happen after the arrival of the truck?

12:20:32 15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Could you tell this Court what happened?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Mr Witness, when I tell you, "Could you tell this Court what  
19 happened" you can just go ahead and tell the Court.

12:20:55 20 A. Okay.

21 Q. So could you tell the Court what happened?

22 A. When the truck arrived they distributed the guns among all of us.  
23 The cartridges were not distributed. They said if you bring all these  
24 ammunitions to Kono they will be distributed there.

12:21:37 25 Q. Which kind of guns were distributed?

26 A. The children were given AK-47s and the adults were given other bigger  
27 guns.

28 Q. Like which ones?

29 A. The other one was called barjehjeh. It had a chain.

1 Q. You talked about cartridge. Do you know how much cartridge arrived  
2 with the trucks?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. How much?

12:22:39 5 A. They brought 15 boxes.

6 Q. And what happened after that, Mr Witness?

7 A. That day we left in the evening and the ammunition boxes were  
8 distributed. We had some that we also brought along with us. That's when  
9 we left for Koidu.

12:23:18 10 Q. And what happened after that?

11 A. When we arrived in Kono we all slept at PC Ground and they told us in  
12 the morning we're coming to attack Koidu Town.

13 Q. Who told you that?

14 A. At that time it was Issa who told us.

12:23:58 15 PRESIDING JUDGE: So you say you slept in which place, PC Ground?

16 MR WERNER: Yes, Your Honour.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, PC Ground.

18 MR WERNER:

19 Q. Are you able to say if that was in the dry season or the rainy  
12:24:19 20 season?

21 A. It was in the rainy season.

22 Q. Beginning of the rainy season, middle of the rainy season or end of  
23 the rainy season?

24 A. It was towards the end. By that time the rain came intermittently.

12:24:51 25 Q. What happened after that?

26 A. When we arrived in PC Ground and they told us that next morning we  
27 were coming to attack Koidu Town, I hid at night and came to Kissi Town to  
28 Wallace.

29 Q. And then what happened?



1 A. I told Wallace that I've been instructed to go to fight in the  
2 morning in Koidu Town but I told him I was a small boy and I have never  
3 been to war before.

4 Q. What did he tell you?

12:26:12 5 A. He told me to stay with him, he will hide me in the morning so that I  
6 won't go to Koidu to fight. So I was there in the morning, I saw the  
7 others passing by.

8 Q. So there was an attack the next morning?

9 A. Yes, that morning they went and attacked Koidu Town.

12:26:53 10 Q. Was there a leader for this attack?

11 A. Yes, there were leaders.

12 Q. Who were they?

13 A. Morris Kallon was there, Issa was there and Superman was there.

14 Q. Any other commanders?

12:27:28 15 A. The other commanders that were there that I saw were Wallace, Rambo  
16 and Black Devil.

17 Q. Did any of your friends participate in this attack?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Who?

12:28:12 20 A. Ali.

21 Q. How old was Ali?

22 A. He was an adult. He was one of the people who arrested me.

23 Q. Did Ali tell you anything about this attack?

24 A. Yes.

12:28:41 25 Q. What did he tell you?

26 A. When he came that day he told me that they went for the attacks but  
27 they were unable to dislodge the people. In fact, they came back with some  
28 of the people who were wounded.

29 Q. Did he tell you anything about the instruction before the attack?

1 PRESIDING JUDGE: Mr Werner, you are going too fast.

2 MR WERNER: I apologise for that.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE: It's not a recitation, it's an examination-in-chief  
4 and you are being recorded.

12:29:19 5 MR WERNER: I apologise.

6 MR JORDASH: Could I also object, please. The question just asked by  
7 my learned friend assumes that there was a direction given before the  
8 attack. It is - as my learned friend knows - a very delicate area. We  
9 know precisely from the Defence bench what he's trying to elicit and he  
10 knows it too, I would respectfully submit.

11 MR WERNER: I will rephrase it, Your Honours.

12 Q. Did Ali tell you if there were any instructions given?

13 A. Yes, when I asked him.

14 Q. What did he tell you?

12:30:26 15 A. He said when they arrived very close to Koidu Town they split into  
16 two groups and they were instructed that this operation was Operation No  
17 Living Thing.

18 Q. Did Ali tell you who said that, who mentioned Operation No Living  
19 Thing?

12:31:37 20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Could you tell this Court?

22 A. Yes. He said it was General Issa who give that instruction.

23 Q. Did Ali tell you what was the meaning of that instruction?

24 A. He didn't tell me what it meant.

12:33:01 25 Q. Mr Witness, have you heard about a place called Tumbodu?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. When did you hear about that?

28 A. That was when we left Koidu to go.

29 Q. Who left Koidu to go?

1 A. Superman and his group.

2 Q. Were you among this group?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And who else?

12:33:51 5 A. And Wallace. All those who were in Kissi Town under Superman's  
6 command.

7 Q. What happened -- so, did you reach Tumbodu?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What happened when you reached Tumbodu?

12:34:55 10 A. We arrived there in the evening and we found some rebels in Tumbodu.

11 Q. Did you see a commander?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Could you tell this Court who was this commander?

14 A. Yeah.

12:35:33 15 Q. Please tell this Court who was this commander?

16 A. It was Savage that we found there.

17 Q. What happened?

18 A. He arrived in the evening. He met with the other commanders we came  
19 with. We slept there. In the morning we were all assembled.

12:36:05 20 Q. You say he spoke with the other commander. With whom did he speak?

21 A. The morning we met Savage and some commanders whose names I don't  
22 know, but with all the others that came with us we met in the morning.

23 Q. Did Superman talk with Savage?

24 A. Yes.

12:36:47 25 Q. Did you know anything about the conversation?

26 A. Yes.

27 Q. Could you tell this Court what you know?

28 A. When we all assembled in the morning Superman told Savage that we had  
29 to move from Tumbodu to go to Krubola.

1 Q. And how did Savage react?

2 PRESIDING JUDGE: To go to where?

3 MR WERNER: To Krubola.

4 THE WITNESS: Krubola, to go to Krubola.

12:38:13 5 MR WERNER:

6 Q. How did Savage react? Sorry. Do you know how did Savage react?

7 A. Savage agreed.

8 Q. What was the relationship between Superman and Savage?

9 A. At that time they had a cordial relationship.

12:38:55 10 Q. Was one superior to the other?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Who was superior?

13 A. Superman was the superior.

14 Q. How do you know that?

12:39:17 15 A. We could tell by their ranks.

16 Q. Mr Witness, did you talk with anyone in Tumbodu?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. With whom did you speak?

19 A. There was a certain soldier, he was also arrested. I spoke to him.

12:39:54 20 Q. Did he tell you anything?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What did he tell you?

23 A. He explained to me how they used to kill people and he took me to a  
24 pit and told me that this is Savage Pit where they used to kill people.

12:40:26 25 Q. Who is "they"?

26 A. This man I met in Tumbodu and who was arrested.

27 Q. Yes, but he told you they used to kill people. Did he tell you who  
28 were these "they", whom he was referring to?

29 A. Savage and his men.

1 Q. How long did you stay in Tumbodu?

2 A. We slept there once. It was the next morning that he showed me the  
3 pit.

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4 Q. But I'm not talking about this pit now, I'm just asking you how long  
5 did you stay in Tumbodu?

6 A. Two days.

7 Q. And what happened after that?

8 A. When he showed me the pit and I looked into the pit and I saw dead  
9 people they were all swollen up.

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10 Q. How many dead people?

11 A. I saw four people floating and they were all swollen.

12 Q. Now, after the two days -- you said you stayed two days in Tumbodu,  
13 what happened after?

12:42:46

14 A. While we were there, people came with more luggages and packed them.  
15 So the following day, the third day, we moved.

16 Q. Who moved?

17 A. Superman's group and Savage's group.

18 Q. How many people?

19 A. There were many of us.

12:43:10

20 Q. Do you know, Mr Witness, who gave the order to go. Sorry, I'll  
21 rephrase that. Sorry. Was there an order to go?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Who gave the order to go?

24 A. Superman gave the orders for us to go.

12:43:43

25 Q. What happened after that?

26 A. We were divided into two groups. The first group was Savage's group  
27 and it was the group that was ahead of us.

28 Q. And the second group?

29 A. The second group was our group and we were at the back. Among our

1 group we had women, we had nursing mothers. Some of these men were married  
2 and their wives were with us while we were moving.

3 Q. Where were they coming from?

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4 A. They told us that some of them they came with from Freetown here,  
5 their wives.

6 Q. Did anything happen with the advance team?

7 A. Nothing really happened to them. It was them who were doing bad  
8 things as they went along.

9 Q. What were they doing?

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10 A. While they were advancing they killed civilians in their path.

11 Q. How do you know that?

12 A. While we were at the back we -- as we arrived in any town we would  
13 see freshly killed human beings.

14 Q. Where was this?

12:45:53

15 A. Tumbodu right on to Krubola.

16 Q. Could you give us names of towns or places?

17 A. At that time I didn't know the names of the towns over in that part  
18 of Kono. We just went through them.

19 Q. And the district?

12:46:36

20 A. Kamara, I think that's it.

21 Q. So let me rephrase. Do you know the chiefdom?

22 A. It was in the towns around Tumbodu. Tumbodu.

23 Q. What happened after that?

12:47:27

24 A. While we went and they were going around doing killing, Superman  
25 advanced and told them to stop killing people.

26 Q. How do you know that?

27 A. They were halted at a particular point and they were warned to stop  
28 killing people.

29 Q. How did you learn that?

1 A. I was present when that was happening.

2 Q. Did the killing stop?

3 A. Yes, it halted while we were going.

4 Q. What happened after?

12:48:20 5 A. So as we went along they didn't kill people but they abducted the  
6 young but able-bodied then so that they can carry luggages and goods.

7 Q. Who did that?

8 A. It was the advance team, Savage's team. They arrested and caught  
9 people.

12:49:00 10 Q. What happened after that?

11 A. We went until we arrived at Krubola.

12 Q. How long did it take you to go up to Krubola?

13 A. We took about five weeks along the way.

14 Q. Was it still the rainy season when you arrived?

12:50:20 15 A. No.

16 Q. What did you see when you arrived?

17 A. When we arrived we met some of the rebels there.

18 Q. Who did you meet?

19 A. We met SAJ Musa.

12:50:28 20 Q. Anyone else?

21 A. The other was called General Bropleh.

22 Q. Then what happened?

23 A. We met them all there and the other was called Five-Five.

24 Q. And what happened?

12:51:50 25 A. When we arrived we slept one night. The next morning we were all  
26 assembled. Those that were there and those of us that arrived and joined  
27 them.

28 Q. You talked about someone called Five-Five. I just want to clarify  
29 something because earlier in your testimony you talked as well about

- 1 Five-Five. Do you know who was the Five-Five you met in Krubola?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Could you tell us?
- 4 A. He was a member of the Sierra Leone Army and he was with SAJ Musa.
- 12:52:40 5 Q. Was he a commander?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Was he the same Five-Five that took you to Buedu for training?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. And do you know how long did he stay in Krubola, SLA Five-Five?
- 12:53:20 10 A. No. We found them there.
- 11 Q. Okay. So what happened after that?
- 12 A. When we arrived we slept. In the morning we were all assembled.
- 13 Issa, General Bropleh and Five-Five, they were all at the meeting.
- 14 Q. And then what happened?
- 12:54:12 15 A. When we arrived Superman explained to SAJ Musa why we had arrived.
- 16 SAJ Musa told him, "Well, we are here but we do not have ammunitions for
- 17 any operation".
- 18 Q. Okay. And what did SAJ Musa say? Do you know if SAJ Musa said
- 19 anything?
- 12:54:36 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. What did he say?
- 22 A. He said we should plan and decide to go and attack Mongo so that we
- 23 can have more ammunitions to come down to Freetown.
- 24 Q. Okay, we are going to talk about that but, just before, where did you
- 12:55:10 25 stay? Did you settle anywhere over there? You just told us that you
- 26 arrived but what happened? Did you settle?
- 27 A. Yes, we were in Krubola.
- 28 Q. Who were there as well? Was anyone else with you at Krubola?
- 29 A. Yes. Yes, there were some other people.



1 PRESIDING JUDGE: When are you wrapping up with this? You don't  
2 appear to be at the end of your examination-in-chief.

3 MR WERNER: I was expecting to finish this morning. I was really  
4 expecting but, unfortunately, I won't.

12:55:59 5 PRESIDING JUDGE: Yes, so this is an episode. Where can you wrap it  
6 up so that we rise at 1.00 because we don't want to go beyond 1.00.

7 MR WERNER: I will, Your Honour.

8 Q. So just for the sake of clarity, because now I am myself a bit  
9 confused, where did Superman stay?

12:56:22 10 A. Superman was also in Krubola.

11 Q. And where was SAJ Musa staying?

12 A. [No interpretation]

13 Q. So you told us about this discussion between SAJ and Superman. What  
14 happened after that?

12:56:56 15 A. After the discussions it was agreed to go to Mongo and attack.

16 Q. So what happened after that?

17 A. Yes, the attack took place.

18 Q. Who attacked?

19 A. The rebels.

12:57:24 20 Q. Was anyone leading the attack?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Who was leading the attack?

23 A. Savage.

24 Q. Anyone else?

12:57:43 25 A. At that time it was a general attack so there were many commanders.

26 Q. Could you give some names?

27 A. Yes.

28 Q. Please do so?

29 A. SAJ Musa was there, Five-Five was there, Wallace was there and the

1 others that we went with.

2 Q. Did you yourself participate in this attack?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Now what happened?

12:58:38 5 A. When the group was set up we went to Mongo and attacked.

6 Q. Okay, and what happened?

7 A. We succeeded in the attack on Mongo. That's where we got a lot of  
8 ammunitions and we went back.

9 Q. I was told by my counsel that just before we break, and because I  
12:59:15 10 don't want to leave any confusion, it seems -- I didn't get that but it  
11 seems that you may have used the name Issa in Krubola. Just to clarify,  
12 you told us about General Issa before. Now, who was this Issa you referred  
13 about relating to Krubola?

14 A. I'm sorry, Issa was not in Krubola. I made a mistake when I called  
13:00:13 15 the name Issa. Issa was not in Krubola. He was left behind in Koidu.

16 MR WERNER: I think it's a good time for us to break, Your Honour.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE: He said they attacked Mongo.

18 MR WERNER: Yes.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE: And who were they attacking? He said they  
13:00:44 20 collected a lot of ammunition. Where did this ammunition come from?

21 MR WERNER:

22 Q. So you talked about this attack against Mongo. So who were you  
23 attacking?

24 A. At that time the Guineans were there.

13:01:09 25 Q. And you talked about ammunition. Could you clarify that?

26 A. Yes. There were AK rounds, G3s, RPG bombs.

27 PRESIDING JUDGE: What were the Guineans doing there? Was it a  
28 Guinean contingent or what were they doing there?

29 JUDGE BOUTET: Were they part of ECOMOG?

1 MR WERNER:

2 Q. You were talking about Guineans. Who were these Guineans?

3 A. They were soldiers and they were on the border. One of these  
4 soldiers that we arrested told us that they were Guinean soldiers.

13:01:57 5 Q. Okay. Was this attack successful?

6 PRESIDING JUDGE: He has said yes.

7 MR WERNER:

8 Q. Okay. So what happened just after the attack?

9 PRESIDING JUDGE: And these arms, were they arms which they got from  
13:02:15 10 the Guineans.

11 MR WERNER: I'm just trying to clarify that, your Honour.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE: Please do.

13 MR WERNER: I'm trying.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE: Go straight to the point.

13:02:25 15 MR WERNER: I'm trying.

16 Q. So what happened after -- you said the attack was successful so what  
17 happened after that?

18 A. When we succeeded in ousting them we were told to take their  
19 ammunitions to Krubola.

13:02:48 20 Q. Okay. Could you be a little bit more specific. What do you mean by  
21 their ammunition, what are you referring to?

22 JUDGE BOUTET: Was Mongo a camp, a military camp, a town? What was  
23 it? It's not clear.

24 MR WERNER:

13:03:08 25 Q. You said the attack against Mongo. Is Mongo a town?

26 A. Yes, Mongo Town.

27 Q. Is it a big town or a small town?

28 A. It's a big town.

29 Q. Where were the Guineans? Were they in camps inside Mongo?

1 A. Their camp was in Mongo Town itself.

2 Q. How big was the camp?

3 A. It was -- yeah, it was fenced with barbed wires and razor wires and  
4 there was a field inside the camp.

13:04:02 5 Q. Last question about the ammunition. So you say you seized  
6 ammunition. Can you be a little bit more specific about the quantity and  
7 the kind of ammunition you seized?

8 A. We captured armoured car and twin barrel, but they couldn't bring  
9 them so they were burnt. But we also captured AK-47s, RPG bombs and rounds  
13:04:52 10 of ammunitions.

11 Q. In which quantity?

12 A. It was a whole store that was full of these ammunitions.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE: Can we round up please?

14 MR WERNER: I think it's a good time to break because then we are  
13:05:18 15 going to talk about something else.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE: Well, learned counsel, we will have to observe the  
17 traditional break and we are not sitting, as we all know, this afternoon.  
18 So we will resume the session tomorrow at 9.30. The Court will rise,  
19 please.

13:07:19 20 [Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 1.05 p.m., to be reconvened  
21 on Thursday, the 7th day of April 2005, at 9.30 a.m. ]

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