



SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE
OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR

WITNESS SUMMARIES – WEEK 5 – 9 MAY 2008

TF1-143

The witness may provide evidence in relation to the following:

Personal background information.

Abduction and mutilation of civilians by AFRC/RUF forces- civilians were marked “AFRC” or “RUF” and some “AFRC” and “RUF” on their chests and foreheads in Koinadugu in September 1998, abducted civilians training in Koinadugu training camp.

Attacks on civilians in Fadugu in Koinadugu – abduction of civilians who were made to carry loads, amputation of limbs of four civilians.

Attacks on civilians by AFRC/RUF group in Karina (Bombali).

January 6, 1999 Invasion of Freetown, attacks on civilians, killings, rapes and amputations and burning of property.

Use of child soldiers by the AFRC/RUF.



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TF1-215

The witness may provide evidence in relation to the following:

Personal background information.

Atrocities committed against civilians in Koinadugu District by RUF rebels.

The People's Army set up check points in Koinadugu District as part of "Operation Pay Yourself" and took property from civilians.

During the post-Junta period, civilians were abducted and forced to carry loads. Civilians were also mutilated and killed and houses burned.

Villages which were attacked by the RUF during the post-Junta period were Yiffin, Kromanta, Badala, Lengekoro and Kondembaia.

In particular, in or around May 1998, civilians including children were killed and mutilated by the RUF in Kondembaia.



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TF1-028

The witness may provide evidence in relation to the following:

Personal background information.

Multiple attacks in Karina and the surrounding areas by soldiers at the time of Kabbah's overthrow.

Attacks in Karina and the surrounding areas consisted of burnings, killings, the abduction and stripping naked of civilians and amputations.

The taking of women as bush wives and sexual slavery.

The witnessing of SBU's setting fire to houses.



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TF1-571

The witness may provide evidence in relation to the following:

Personal background information

Conscription of civilians into the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) in the early 1990's, including the witness' conscription into the RUF

The Accused's assistance to the RUF and later to the AFRC/RUF, including but not limited to providing military training to RUF personnel in the early 1990's, providing safe havens in the early 1990's, providing personnel to fight in Sierra Leone in the early 1990's, providing arms and ammunition in particular during the period from about 1998 through 2002, providing a helicopter to facilitate the movement of AFRC/RUF personnel and arms and ammunition between Liberia and Sierra Leone

The involvement of personnel subordinate to the Accused such as Benjamin Yeaten, in providing this assistance to the RUF and later to the AFRC/RUF, the provision of a helicopter to facilitate this assistance

Foday Sankoh's meeting in or around early 1997 with senior leaders of the RUF, including Sam Bockarie, Issa Sesay, Augustine Gbao, Morris Kallon, and subordinates of the Accused. Sankoh's instruction that, in his absence, all orders were to come from the Accused, confirmation of several promotions in the RUF; confirmation of Sankoh's instructions by the Accused's subordinates

Travel of senior level AFRC/RUF (Armed Forces Revolutionary Council and RUF alliance) commanders, including but not limited to Sam Bockarie and Issa Sesay, to Liberia, including to Monrovia and Foya, after the arrest of RUF leader Foday Sankoh, to meet with the Accused, give the Accused diamonds mined in Sierra Leone, and/or to obtain money, arms and ammunition from the Accused

Communications between subordinates of the Accused and the Accused regarding the capture of the Tongo diamond fields during the Junta period. Thereafter, communications between subordinates of the Accused and the Accused regarding packages of diamonds for the Accused from Tongo during the Junta period

AFRC/RUF diamond mining in Sierra Leone, providing diamonds to the Accused, in particular from 1997 onwards. Presence of the Accused's subordinates, including Jungle, at Cyborg pit when forced mining by civilians being performed. Flogging of civilians involved in mining in presence of Accused's subordinates



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The Accused's use of subordinate Liberian personnel and/or associates to liaise with the AFRC/RUF regarding diamond mining and to monitor that diamond mining for the Accused

Organisation of diamond mining operations including command and reporting structure

Strategy meeting in Buedu (after the Intervention and before the death of Sani Abacha) with senior AFRC/RUF leaders and others including but not limited to Sam Bockarie, Johnny Paul Koroma, "Gullit", Issa Sesay, Morris Kallon, Augustine Gbao, at which was discussed *inter alia* the Accused advising Bockarie that Accused would facilitate the provision of arms from Blaise Compaore in Burkina Faso to the AFRC/RUF; the initiation of construction of an air drop point site around Buedu and Dawa for the Accused to send ammunitions and supplies to the AFRC/RUF, the setting up of a training base in Bunumu, Kailahun to train more people for the movement including SBUs, and the Accused's interest in starting significant mining operations

The return of Sam Bockarie in late 1998 from Burkina Faso with arms, ammunitions and military uniforms

Strategy meeting in Buedu in or around late 1998 after Sam Bockarie returned from Burkina Faso, attended by the Accused's subordinates, to discuss a large scale operation called "Operation Free the Leader" including the attack on Freetown, whose objectives were to free Foday Sankoh and to take control of the government

The Accused ordering Sam Bockarie, senior leader of the AFRC/RUF, to assist subordinates of the Accused to attack the LURD (Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy) in Liberia, RUF compliance with that order



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WITNESS SUMMARIES – WEEK 12 – 16 MAY 2008

TF1-561

The witness may provide evidence in relation to the following:

Personal background information.

Training received by the Accused and Foday Sankoh in Libya in the late 1980's, the Accused authority at that time.

Creation of the NPFL, the composition and command structure of the NPFL from the late 1980's onward, the Accused's control over the NPFL.

Creation of SBUs in the NPFL and the RUF, reasons for using children in the NPFL and RUF.

NPFL headquarters and base camps in Liberia from the late 1980's onward.

Relationship between the Accused and the leader of Libya and the President of Burkina Faso from the late 1980's onward.

Libyan assistance to the Accused and to Foday Sankoh from the late 1980's onward, including providing money to the Accused and providing weapons and ammunition or facilitating the Accused's ability to obtain arms and ammunition.

Assistance of the President of Burkina Faso to the Accused from the late 1980's onward, including but not limited to providing arms and ammunition to the Accused, procedure by which such assistance provided.

Storage of arms and ammunition in Liberia.

Relationship between the Accused and leaders of the AFRC/RUF, including but not limited to Foday Sankoh, Sam Bockarie and Issa Sesay, and Johnny Paul Koroma, leader of the AFRC/RUF Junta.

Assistance provided by the Accused to the RUF, including but not limited to arms and ammunition, training in Liberia, providing Liberian personnel subordinate to the Accused to fight with the RUF in Sierra Leone, providing guest houses and Liberian escorts in Liberia.



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Command structure of the fighters in Sierra Leone in the early to mid 1990's, including the command structure of subordinates of the Accused facilitating the movement of fighters into Sierra Leone.

Crimes against Sierra Leonean civilians committed by Liberian subordinates of the Accused in the early to mid 1990's, including but not limited to killing civilians and looting, the Accused reaction to these crimes.

Travel of AFRC/RUF leaders, including but not limited to Foday Sankoh, Sam Bockarie, Issa Sesay, Johnny Paul Koroma, to Liberia to meet with the Accused and/or his subordinates.

Communications within the NPFL in Liberia regarding activities of the NPFL and RUF, and regarding crimes being committed in Sierra Leone.

The Accused's control over the Liberian armed forces, police, special units after he became President in 1997, command structure among those forces.

The involvement of the AFRC/RUF in supporting the Accused against the LURD and ULIMO.

Circumstance surrounding the killing of Sam Bockarie in Liberia by personnel subordinate to the Accused, including but not limited to the reason for the killing.

Circumstances surrounding the killing of Johnny Paul Koroma, the leader of the AFRC/RUF Junta government, in Liberia by personnel subordinate to the Accused.



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The witness may provide evidence in relation to the following:

Personal background information.

Involvement with the RUF.

RUF: leaders and command structure before, during and after the Junta.

Trips by the Accused's subordinates to Sierra Leone during the Junta period and meeting with the RUF and AFRC high command.

Instruction from the Accused to the RUF to join the AFRC and to the RUF and AFRC to work hand in hand during the Junta period.

Diamond mining in Kono, Kenema and Kailahun districts from 1997 onwards, use of civilians as forced labour by the AFRC/RUF, diamonds taken to Liberia and to the Accused.

Forced farming in Kailahun by the AFRC/RUF from 1997 onwards.

"Operation Pay Yourself" ordered by the AFRC/RUF leaders during the retreat from Freetown to Kono via Makeni after the Intervention in February 1998.

Use of women by RUF leaders and commanders as bush wives throughout the existence of the RUF.

Attack on villages, burning, mass killings of civilians, abduction of civilians, large scale looting of civilian properties in Kono in 1998 by the AFRC/RUF soldiers.

Abduction of adults and children sent to be trained as fighters by AFRC/RUF in 1998.

Use of children by the AFRC/RUF in Kono and Kailahun in 1998.

System of reporting information to the AFRC/RUF leaders and commanders in 1998.

Order from the AFRC/RUF leaders and commanders to defend Kono in 1998.

The Accused's control over AFRC/RUF leadership during and after the Junta period.

The Accused's assistance to the AFRC/RUF, including but not limited to weapons, ammunition and armed personnel; the Accused receiving diamonds in return.



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Trips to Monrovia by the RUF leaders and/or their subordinates to get arms, ammunition and other supplies, and use of civilians as forced labour to carry the ammunition.

Burning of Koidu town upon the order of AFRC/RUF commander in mid-1998.

Mass killing of civilians in Kailahun town by the AFRC/RUF soldiers in 1998.

Arms, ammunition and other supplies sent and/or brought from Liberia to Kailahun and Kono districts by the subordinates of the Accused in 1998.

Unsuccessful Fiti Fata mission operation to re-take Koidu town in mid-1998 by AFRC/RUF fighters and the killing of civilians by AFRC/RUF fighters during that attack.

Meetings of AFRC/RUF leaders and commanders to plan the attack against Koidu town at the end of 1998.

Successful attack against Koidu town and Makeni at the end of 1998 by AFRC/RUF troops. Massive killings of civilians during ambushes in Kono district and the attack against Koidu town and Makeni.

Attacks in other places in Kono and Kailahun districts at the end of 1998 by AFRC/RUF troops. Killing of civilians during those attacks and burning of towns.

Freetown Invasion in January 6 1999.

Communication between AFRC/RUF troops in Freetown and RUF leaders and commanders outside Freetown during the Freetown invasion.

Departure of Sam Bockarie from Sierra Leone to Liberia in 1999.

Involvement of the Accused in the release of the UNAMSIL peacekeepers abducted by the RUF in 2000.

Formal and informal system of sharing information within the AFRC/RUF and formal and informal reporting information to the AFRC/RUF leaders and commanders.

Informal system of reporting to the RUF high command.