

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR

SUPPLEMENTAL WITNESS STATEMENT

WITNESS INFORMATION:

Last Name: [REDACTED] Gender: M
First Name: [REDACTED] Father's Name: [REDACTED]
Other names used: N/A Mother's Name: [REDACTED]
Place of Birth: [REDACTED] Passport / ID number: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth/Age: [REDACTED] Nationality(s): [REDACTED]
Ethnicity: [REDACTED] Religion: N/A

Language(s) Spoken: English, French, [REDACTED]
Language(s) Written: English, French, [REDACTED]
Language(s) Used in Interview: English

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Place of Interview: The Hague, The Netherlands,

Date(s) and Time(s) of Interview: 29 August 2018, 09:30 hrs – 11:30 hrs, 30 August 2018, 08:45 hrs – 10:20 hrs.

Names of all persons present during interview: [REDACTED] (witness) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Associate Investigator); Olivia STRUYVEN (Trial Lawyer), Nema MILANINIA (Trial Lawyer)

Signature(s) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Procedure

1. I was introduced to [REDACTED] Olivia STRUYVEN and Nema MILANINIA and told that they are an associate investigator and trial lawyers, respectively, with the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the International Criminal Court (ICC).
2. The associate investigator and trial lawyers re-explained to me: (1) the ICC's mandate and the role and mandate of the OTP within the ICC; (2) that they are investigating events that took place in the Central African Republic (CAR) from 1 August 2012 and that the OTP is contacting me because they believe I may have information relevant for establishing the truth; (3) that I do not have to answer their questions; (4) that they are seeking to find out the truth; (5) how the interview was going to be conducted and that I needed to be as accurate as possible in my account and that I should state when I do not know the answer to or do not understand the question; (6) that any information I give to the OTP, including my identity, may be shared with the parties of the proceedings at the ICC; in particular the Judges, Accused persons, the Counsel of the Accused and the legal representatives of the victims; and (7) the reasons and importance of keeping my contacts with the OTP confidential, which I fully understand.
3. Having understood all the above issues, I confirmed my willingness to answer the questions posed by the associate investigator and trial lawyers.
4. I understand that I need to distinguish between what I have experienced or seen myself and what I have heard or learned about from someone else.
5. I agree to tell the truth and that my answers to their questions are as complete as possible and reflect the best of my knowledge and recollection.
6. I agreed that the interview would be conducted in English. I fully understand and speak English.
7. I was told that at the conclusion of the interview, I would be asked to sign a written statement after having had the opportunity to review it, make any corrections, or add additional information.

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Identification of Locations Referenced in 28 June 2018 Statement

8. I have been shown satellite images for BOSSANGO, BANGUI, BODA, MBAIKI, YALOE, BOALI, BOYALI and BOSSEMBELE and been asked to identify locations referenced in my 28 June 2018 statement, to the best of my recollection.
9. I have marked some of the locations referenced in my 28 June 2018 statement. Those markings are appended to this Statement at annexes A to H. High-resolution digital versions of those satellite images are also appended to this Statement at annex I.
10. For each satellite image, I drew a circle identifying the location referenced in my 28 June 2018 statement. I also used a symbol in the form of a letter, to demarcate the location. The below tables describe what location each symbol is supposed to represent and where that location is referenced in my 28 June 2018 statement:

LOCATIONS IN BOSSANGO (ANNEX A)

Symbol	Location	Reference(s) in 28 June 2018 Statement
A	Catholic Church of BOSSANGO.	pages 11-12, 19 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0779-0780, 0787)
B	Market centre principally populated by Muslim merchants and individuals of Peuhl descent.	paragraph 24 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0774); page 21 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0789)
C		
D	<i>École Liberté</i> school.	pages 10, 19, 22-23 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0778, 0787, 0790-0791)
E	FOMAC compound.	pages 17-20, 22-23, 25 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0785-0788, 0790-0791, 0793)



LOCATIONS IN BANGUI (ANNEX B)

Symbol	Location	Reference(s) in 28 June 2018 Statement
A	The area of PK13 where I witnessed homes and the mosque being looted and burned.	pages 27-28, 32-33, 48 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0795-0796, 0800-0801, 0816)
B	The Muslim enclave in PK13.	pages 30-35, 46-47 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0798-0803, 0814-0815)

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LOCATIONS IN BODA (ANNEX C)

Symbol	Location	Reference(s) in 28 June 2018 Statement
A	Where I witnessed Muslims congregating in BODA and detaining members of the Anti-Balaka. One of the Anti-Balaka members had been burned, [REDACTED] provided, and he was being cared for by the Muslim community.	pages 42-44 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0810-0812)
B	This area is approximately where I believe we came across four to five self-proclaimed Anti-Balaka members with machetes who told us they were going to BODA to kill Muslims. I [REDACTED]	page 44 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0812)
C	This is a location where we were told by Muslim community members in BODA that there were several dead bodies of Muslims lying on the ground that they could not collect due to insecurity. I presume the bodies were that of civilians because there was no visible military presence in BODA at the time. [REDACTED]	page 43 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0811)



LOCATIONS IN MBAIKI (ANNEX D)

Symbol	Location	Reference(s) in 28 June 2018 Statement
A	Location where I came across a group of heavily armed and highly regimented Anti-Balaka members who said they were preparing to go to BODA. I was later told that this group was led by a man named "RAMBO".	page 44 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0812)

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LOCATIONS IN YALoke (ANNEX E)

Symbol	Location	Reference(s) in 28 June 2018 Statement
A	The area where I saw a Muslim school and where I saw burnt tablets with Arabic script and also burnt residences and shops. This is also where witnesses had told me that there had been an Anti-Balaka attack and where I saw local Anti-Balaka members and the French military protecting the remaining Muslim residents.	pages 45-46 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0813-0814)
B	The area where the mosque was located in YALoke [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I assume this is the Muslim quarter because of the mosque.	pages 45-46 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0813-0814)
C	Old school where I witnessed members of the Peuhl community being enclaved.	pages 55-56 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0823-0824)



LOCATIONS IN BOALI (ANNEX F)

Symbol	Location	Reference(s) in 28 June 2018 Statement
A	BOALI Church where I witnessed a mixed group of Muslims and Peuhls being taken care of by a Catholic priest.	pages 28-29, 38-39 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0796-0797, 0806-0807)

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LOCATIONS IN BOYALI (ANNEX G)

Symbol	Location	Reference(s) in 28 June 2018 Statement
A	Muslim market that had been burnt down and where witnesses told me that at least six Muslims had been killed by the Anti-Balaka. We were also told that at least 961 residences in BOYALI 2 had been burnt.	pages 29-30, 35-39 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0797-0798, 0803-0807)
B	Muslim quarter of BOYALI where I saw evidence of massacres, including blood stained clothing and bullet holes. I also saw the destroyed mosque and destroyed homes in this area. In the homes I saw papers in Arabic script, Muslim garb and identification cards. The names on the identification cards were identifiably Muslim as were the clothes that were abandoned on the floors. On the walls of one the destroyed homes was written "COLONEL BAMONOUAGON" with a skull and bones drawn beneath the name. I was told by residents that the killings and the destruction of the homes and mosque had been committed by the Anti-Balaka. It appeared that these events had occurred quite recently from [REDACTED] because the blood stains were still there and weather conditions had not damaged the papers littered on the ground.	pages 35-39 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0803-0807)



LOCATIONS IN BOSSEMBELE (ANNEX H)

Symbol	Location	Reference(s) in 28 June 2018 Statement
A	Anti-Balaka compound where I saw members of the Peuhl community being held captive and where I saw and heard a member of the Anti-Balaka threatening to kill them in front of us.	pages 41-42 (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0809-0810)

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[REDACTED]

11. Since my interview with the OTP between 26 and 28 June 2018, I added further information [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

were provided to the OTP in conjunction with my 28 June 2018 statement and are located at annex E of that Statement [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]

Correction to 28 June 2018 Statement and [REDACTED]

13. At pages 41 and 42 of my 28 June 2018 statement (CAR-OTP-2081-0770, at 0809-0810), I incorrectly stated that we came across an Anti-Balaka group on the road towards [REDACTED]. This is in reference to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Rather, the Anti-Balaka group [REDACTED] and their compound was located in BOSSEMBELE, which is not on the road towards [REDACTED]. The basis for my initial mistake was because I was looking [REDACTED] chronological order and [REDACTED] – so I assumed I must have been on the way to [REDACTED] upon re-reviewing [REDACTED] and upon further recollection, it is clear to me [REDACTED]

14. Since my interview with the OTP between 26 and 28 June 2018, I was also able to [REDACTED] the Peuhls who were being held captive at this compound [REDACTED] can be found at annex K of this Statement. [REDACTED] there were at least five women and five children being held captive by the Anti-Balaka at this



compound in BOSSEMBELE, and not just the 3-4 individuals I originally thought were being held captive.

Annexes

15. Annex A is a satellite image of BOSSANGO that I have marked in accordance with my comments above.
16. Annex B is a satellite image of BANGUI that I have marked in accordance with my comments above.
17. Annex C is a satellite image of BODA that I have marked in accordance with my comments above.
18. Annex D is a satellite image of MBAIKI that I have marked in accordance with my comments above.
19. Annex E is a satellite image of YALOE that I have marked in accordance with my comments above.
20. Annex F is a satellite image of BOALI that I have marked in accordance with my comments above.
21. Annex G is a satellite image of BOYALI that I have marked in accordance with my comments above.
22. Annex H is a satellite image of BOSSEMBELE that I have marked in accordance with my comments above.
23. Annex I are high-resolution, digital versions of the satellite maps shown to me and which I marked in accordance with my comments above.
24. Annex J contains [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] which are appended to my 28 June 2018 statement at annex E.
25. Annex K contains [REDACTED] members of the Peuhl community who were being held captive by the Anti-Balaka in BOSSEMBELE. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] are in addition to those I provided in conjunction with my 28



Closing Procedure

26. I was reminded that I may be called to testify before the Court and that ICC trials are held in public. It was re-explained to me that, as an exception to the principle of public hearings, the judges may apply protective measures to those testifying if circumstances require.
27. The associate investigator and trial lawyers reminded me of the protective measures that may apply during and after the investigation and/or trial proceedings.
28. I have nothing to add to the above statement nor do I have anything to clarify. I am available to be contacted in the future for clarifications or questions on topics not covered during this interview.
29. I have given the answers to the questions of my own free will.
30. There has not been any form of coercion, duress, threat, promise or inducement which has influenced my account.
31. I have no complaints about the way I was treated during this interview.

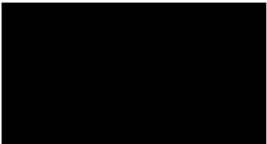


WITNESS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read over this statement and (it) is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have given this statement voluntarily and I am aware that it may be used in legal proceedings before the International Criminal Court and that I may be called to give evidence in public before the International Criminal Court.

Signed: 

Dated: 30 August 2018



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