

Trial Hearing
WITNESS: CAR-OTP-P-1563

(Open Session)

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1 International Criminal Court
2 Trial Chamber VI
3 Situation: Central African Republic II
4 In the case of The Prosecutor v. Mahamat Said Abdel Kani - ICC-01/14-01/21
5 Presiding Judge Miatta Maria Samba, Judge Maria del Socorro Flores Liera and Judge
6 Sergio Gerardo Ugalde Godinez and Judge Keebong Paek
7 Trial Hearing - Courtroom 2
8 Thursday, 26 September 2024
9 (The hearing starts in open session at 9.35 a.m.)
10 THE COURT USHER: [9:35:48] All rise.
11 The International Criminal Court is now in session.
12 Please be seated.
13 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:36:02] Good morning, everyone.
14 Madam Court Officer, can you please mention the case.
15 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:36:18] Good morning, Madam President, your Honours.
16 The situation in the Central African Republic II in the case the Prosecutor v. Mahamat
17 Said Abdel Kani, case reference ICC-01/14-01/21.
18 And we're in open session.
19 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:36:34] Thank you very much.
20 Can I ask for representation, please, starting with the Prosecution.
21 MS MAKWAIA: [9:36:41] May it please the Court, for the Prosecution this morning,
22 myself, Holo Makwaia, senior trial lawyer; Thomas Bifwoli, Marie-Jeanne Sardachti,
23 trial lawyers; and Anusha Rawoah, assistant legal officer. Thank you.
24 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:36:53] Thank you very much, Ms Makwaia.
25 Ms Pellet for the victims, please.

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1 MS PELLET: [9:37:03](Interpretation) Thank you, Madam President. I'm sorry, I
2 was just waiting for the interpretation to end.

3 The victims are represented by Adeline Bedoucha and myself, Sarah Pellet, counsel,
4 OPCV.

5 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:37:22] Thank you very much, Ms Pellet.
6 Ms Naouri, for the Defence, please.

7 MS NAOURI: [9:37:31](Interpretation) Thank you, Madam President. Good
8 morning.

9 Today, we have on the front row, Mr Jacobs; beside him, Mr François-Jacquemin;
10 Elina Legat; and, as for myself, I am Jennifer Naouri, lead counsel representing
11 Mr Said.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:37:55] Thank you very much, Ms Naouri.
13 And for the record, I do take note that Mr Said is in the court with us.

14 A very good morning, Mr Said. I hope I see you well.

15 MR SAID: [9:38:09](Interpretation) Yes. Good morning, Madam President.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:38:14] Good morning.

17 The Prosecution is calling P-1563 as its 51st witness. The Chamber previously
18 rejected an application to introduce P-1536's testimony pursuant to Rule 68(2)(b) and,
19 instead, authorised him to appear fully *viva voce*.

20 It is our understanding that this witness will be testifying in Sango via video link, so I
21 remind everyone of the importance of the need to speak slowly and to observe the
22 five-seconds rule between questions and answers.

23 Before commencing, the Chamber notes briefly that protective measures are in place
24 for this witness by virtue of decision numbered 875 and that the VWU recommends
25 certain special measures.

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1 Madam Court Officer, can you connect us to the witness, please.

2 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:39:38] The witness can now hear us, Madam President.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:39:43] Thank you very much.

4 Mr Witness, good morning. Can you hear me? Can you see me?

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6 (The witness speaks Sango)

7 (The witness gives evidence via video link)

8 THE WITNESS: [9:39:58](Interpretation) Good morning, Madam President, I see you

9 and I can hear you very well. Just fine.

10 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:40:05] Good. Now, Mr Witness, you are going to

11 testify before the International Criminal Court. On behalf of this Chamber, I

12 welcome you to the courtroom.

13 THE WITNESS: [9:40:27](Interpretation) Thank you.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:40:30] Mr Witness, you should have in front of you

15 the solemn declaration to tell the truth that every witness who appears before this

16 Court must agree to.

17 Now I'm going to read it out for you: I solemnly declare that I will speak the truth, the

18 whole truth and nothing but the truth.

19 Mr Witness, do you understand and agree to what I have just read out?

20 THE WITNESS: [9:41:12](Interpretation) Yes, I accept. I agree that I shall tell the

21 truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, Madam President.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:41:33] Good. So you are now under oath to tell

23 the truth to this Court.

24 Mr Witness, let me explain to you the protective measures that the Chamber has put

25 in place for your testimony.

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1 The following measures are put in place to protect you. We have in place for you
2 voice and face distortion. This means that no one outside the courtroom can hear
3 your real voice or see your face during your testimony. We also have in place for
4 you the use of pseudonym and, in accordance with that, we shall all refer to you only
5 as "Mr Witness" so that the public does not know your name.
6 When you answer questions that will not give away who you are, we will do so in
7 open session. Now that means that the public can hear what is said inside the
8 courtroom. When you are asked to describe anything that relates specifically to you
9 or you are asked to mention facts that might reveal your identity, we will do so in
10 private session.
11 Lastly, I have a few practical matters you should have in mind when giving your
12 testimony. Everything we say here is written down and interpreted. It is, therefore,
13 important that you speak clearly and slowly. Please speak into the microphone that
14 you have before you and only start speaking when the person asking you the
15 question has finished.
16 To allow for the interpretation, we all have to wait a few seconds before starting to
17 speak. If you, yourself, have any question or if you need a break, raise your hand so
18 we know that you want to say something to us.
19 Further, we hope that there are no issues with the video link. However, if there are
20 any issues with the technology, rest assured that we will do our best to sort it out as
21 quickly as possible.
22 Have you understood all that I have said, Mr Witness?
23 THE WITNESS: [9:44:51](Interpretation) Yes, Madam President. I have
24 understood.
25 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:45:03] Good.

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1 We are going to start then with your testimony. I'm going to invite the Prosecution
2 to put questions to you in chief.

3 Madam Prosecutor, your witness.

4 We are in open session.

5 MS MAKWAIA: [9:45:24] Mr Thomas Bifwoli will be leading the witness today.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:45:28] Thank you.

7 Mr Bifwoli, your witness then.

8 And we are in open session, please.

9 MR BIFWOLI: [9:45:41] Good morning, Madam President, your Honours.

10 I request for a private session so that I can elicit information relating to the identity of
11 the witness.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:45:49] Madam Court Officer, can we go briefly into
13 private session, please, then.

14 (Private session at 9.46 a.m.)

15 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:46:01] We are in private session, Madam President.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:46:10] Mr Bifwoli, please put questions to the
17 witness.

18 QUESTIONED BY MR BIFWOLI:

19 Q. [9:46:21] Good morning, Mr Witness. Can you please tell the Court your full
20 names?

21 A. [9:46:30] Are you talking to me? My name is (Redacted). My name is
22 (Redacted)

23 Q. [9:46:51] What is your date of birth?

24 A. [9:47:02] I was born on (Redacted)

25 Q. [9:47:21] What is your current occupation?

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1 A. [9:47:26] I'm not working right now. I'm a farmer. I got your call and so that
2 is why I'm here before you today.

3 Q. [9:47:49] What was your occupation in the year 2013?

4 A. [9:47:55] In 2013, I was (Redacted)

5 (Redacted)

6 (Redacted)

7 Q. [9:48:30] When did you start working as (Redacted)

8 A. [9:48:39] I began that job -- well, I've forgotten the date -- I've forgotten the date
9 on which I began working as (Redacted). I worked for (Redacted)-- even during that
10 period of danger, I was working there as (Redacted), and then, after that, I went to
11 (Redacted) kilometres away.

12 Q. [9:49:19] A short while ago you stated that you (Redacted)

13 (Redacted)

14 Who else was (Redacted)

15 A. [9:49:35] There was no one at (Redacted). I was hired as (Redacted) and I was
16 allowed (Redacted); they

17 would come (Redacted) and then go back home. (Redacted)

18 (Redacted)

19 Q. [9:50:22] In 2013, did anyone (Redacted)?

20 A. [9:50:44] Other than the Seleka, when they came, they were occupying the
21 (Redacted), and, at the same time, they did a lot of damage. After, the Seleka leaders
22 fled, and then after all of that, (Redacted)

23 MR BIFWOLI: [9:51:20] Madam President, we can try with the public session.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:51:23] Madam Court Officer, can we go to open
25 session, please.

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1 (Open session at 9.51 a.m.)

2 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:51:30] We are back to open session, Madam President,
3 your Honours.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:51:42] Mr Bifwoli, please continue.

5 MR BIFWOLI: [9:51:45]

6 Q. [9:51:46] So, Mr Witness, we are back in the -- open session, so don't give your
7 name or say anything that could identify you.

8 Now, my next question is this: Where were you when the Seleka first arrived {PFR:
9 (Redacted)}

10 A. [9:52:09] My family and I -- well, I forget exactly when. I don't remember the
11 exact date, but it was on a Sunday, around nine -- no, six in the morning. That's
12 when they began to arrive, up until 1500 hours in the afternoon; that is when they
13 ended their invasion.

14 Q. [9:53:00] And what were they doing as they came?

15 A. [9:53:11] When they arrived, they weren't -- they were agitated and they started
16 to shoot rocket launchers {PFR: (Redacted)}, and so the people who were
17 {PFR: (Redacted)} fled. The people that they found there scattered in panic because
18 of the weapons going off, the weapons that were shot by the Seleka.
19 They had heavy weaponry. Within {PFR: (Redacted)}, they shot, they shot, they shot.
20 No one had time to organise himself. People were able to barricade themselves
21 within some of the {PFR: (Redacted)}. That's what happened.

22 Q. [9:54:29] And can you describe the kind of weapons they were firing?

23 A. [9:54:44] There were weapons -- heavy weapons that were mounted on the back
24 of the BJ75s. They had rocket launchers and they shot at the walls {PFR: (Redacted)}.
25 {ICR: (Redacted)} they shot off a rocket

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1 against the wall and it hit the wall. And the wall was destroyed and, actually, one
2 piece of ordinance fell right into the yard. It didn't explode.

3 Later on, {ICR: (Redacted)} about that and specialists came to get the piece of
4 ordinance in question.

5 So that's what happened.

6 Q. [9:55:51] Apart from the rockets and the heavy weapons, were the Seleka
7 carrying anything else?

8 A. [9:56:03] Yes. They had various pieces of equipment. Some of them were
9 armed. They would go into the town. Some of them crossed into {PFR: (Redacted)}
10 and they were all armed. They were all armed.

11 Q. [9:56:36] They were armed with what?

12 A. [9:56:51] Kalashnikovs, some of them had rocket launchers, and they had the
13 ammunition for the rocket launchers, and, the rocket launchers, they carried on their
14 shoulders. They went with these rocket launchers on their shoulders. Others had
15 automatic weapons. The situation began to deteriorate {ICR: (Redacted).}

16 At the time, no one could go up to them. They were very violent and *they were
17 saying they were ordered to kill everyone. They could shoot anything that
18 moved -- human beings, animals. They said that they were going to shoot
19 everything that moved.

20 Q. [9:57:58] In which language did they say that?

21 A. [9:58:02] I haven't understood your question.

22 No, I haven't understood what he said.

23 Q. [9:58:26] Thank you, Mr Witness --

24 A. [9:58:29] I haven't got your question. I didn't get it.

25 Q. [9:58:34] I will repeat my question. A short while ago, you said the Seleka were

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1 saying they would shoot at anything that moves.

2 So my question is: In which language did they say that?

3 A. [9:58:52] Amongst the Seleka, some spoke Arabic, some spoke the Banda

4 language of Ndele, which is at the border. They spoke Banda-Ndele. {PFR:

5 (Redacted)}. They were going about.

6 They were underneath the veranda, and {ICR: (Redacted)}.

7 They didn't see me.

8 I understood what they were saying in Banda. *Some of them were Banda people,

9 others were Muslims, others were from the Sara ethnic group, they have scarring on

10 their faces. There were many different ethnic groups. It was a mixed group made up

11 of a lot of people. Some were Nigerians with bushy hair and beards. They were on

12 foot. They walked around {PFR: (Redacted)}, crossing the corridor.

13 That is what I saw.

14 Q. [10:00:17] What did the Seleka do immediately after they entered {PFR: (Redacted)}

15 A. [10:00:43] After that, they started to visit {PFR: (Redacted)} one by one and they

16 were armed. The people who had been killed were those who had tried to flee and

17 they were put into {PFR: (Redacted)}, and that's how they were killed. So the Seleka

18 went through {PFR: (Redacted)} and shot all the people at random.

19 {ICR: (Redacted)} and I could see everything what is happening, but

20 they couldn't see me. After having killed everybody, their superior arrived and

21 asked them questions and said, "Have you accomplished your mission?" And they

22 said, "Yes."

23 So they started to collect the bodies. They had all the bodies and put them -- they

24 stacked them so they were up to 2, 3 metres high. There were about 33 bodies and I

25 saw -- {ICR: (Redacted)} so I saw everything that was happening. I saw three

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1 people -- 33 people being killed.

2 *Later on, I saw a BG75 vehicle that had come from the town enter the compound. It
3 positioned itself there, and the 33 bodies were put into the vehicle. As they were being
4 put there, I counted them. They wrapped the bodies in tarpaulin, started the vehicle,
5 and went back in the direction of the town. I don't know what happened in the town
6 they left to.

7 I don't know what happened to the bodies there.

8 So these are some events which I witnessed.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:03:13] Mr Prosecutor, if you can pinpoint the
10 witness as to the time that you're talking about, especially that we're hearing about
11 killings. I'm sure that you have your -- his statement before you. Thank you.

12 MR BIFWOLI: [10:03:35]

13 Q. [10:03:39] Mr Witness, when the killings that you have just described happened,
14 how long had the Seleka been based {PFR: (Redacted)}?

15 A. [10:03:57] Most of them came in two groups. The first group set themselves up,
16 made themselves a base, and they took over {PFR: (Redacted)}. They were there on
17 {PFR: (Redacted)}. It was as if the {PFR: (Redacted)}. They set
18 themselves up on the other side of the street, the street that goes down from Boy-Rabe.
19 There are some houses there, they were in all those houses.

20 The second -- the first didn't commit a lot of exactions. The second group -- the
21 Balaka arrived, there were clashes. There was a lot of damage. They started to kill
22 children, adults. They said they were going to kill everyone.

23 They started from the morning, until about 15 hours --

24 can you hear me? -- until 15 hours, and then they stopped shooting.

25 The first base was done on 10 December. I forget the date -- sorry, sorry, they set up

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1 a base and they moved around. They carried out patrols. They stopped people. If
2 the person had money, they took the money from the person. They took the
3 motorbikes, the bicycles. Everything that the person had, they just took it away.
4 But there was a certain point of time when they carried out their attacks that a lot of
5 damage and harm was caused.

6 Q. [10:06:31] Now, Mr Witness, when the Seleka first arrived and established their
7 base {PFR: (Redacted)}, how long thereafter did the killings that you just describe
8 happened?

9 A. [10:06:52] They set up their base. The Anti-Balaka weren't there. The
10 Anti-Balaka didn't attack them. They were there for about three or four months, and
11 they didn't move. {PFR: (Redacted)}, they were there, they didn't do anything
12 when you called them. They carried out missions, and they came {PFR: (Redacted)}
13 (Redacted)) -- I've forgotten the dates, because time has passed, and, so, I can't
14 remember the dates anymore. I'm really sorry about that.

15 Q. [10:07:56] So you just stated that they were there for about three or four months
16 before they moved.
17 So before that time, the killings -- had the killings happened or not? Before this three
18 or four months, had the killings happened or not?

19 A. [10:08:20] When they entered, they had already killed people. It was {PFR:
20 (Redacted)}. They killed people {PFR: (Redacted)}. They killed seven people {PFR:
21 (Redacted)}, just behind {ICR: (Redacted)}. They caught them somewhere and they
22 took them to the {ICR: (Redacted)} they killed seven people {PFR: (Redacted)}.
23 I'm just saying {ICR: (Redacted)}
24 (Redacted)} {PFR: (Redacted)}
25 As they were there, I couldn't get any closer to the bodies. I was just looking from

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1 afar, {PFR: (Redacted)}. But I could see from afar what was
2 happening.

3 Q. [10:09:31] Do you recall the date when those people were killed {PFR:
4 (Redacted)}

5 A. [10:09:51] No. I can't remember the date. Those people who were killed {PFR:
6 (Redacted)} was the day when they actually entered. It was a Sunday, maybe
7 around 7 o'clock. When they entered, it was then that they carried out the exactions.
8 They caught those people somewhere, they put them in a vehicle and they took them
9 {PFR: (Redacted)} and killed them. But they didn't bury them. The bodies simply
10 lay there on the ground. The bodies were there on the ground.

11 Q. [10:10:31] You have stated that two groups came. So which group killed those
12 people {PFR: (Redacted)}? Which group of the Seleka, because there are two
13 groups that came at different times?

14 A. [10:10:49] Those who arrived before the first group, they stayed {PFR:
15 (Redacted)}. And then the Balaka arrived at the second position, and there was
16 some attacks and they started to kill those people.
17 In the second group, which I mentioned, they were staying {PFR: (Redacted)}.
18 That was their base. They were there, one, two, three groups. The fourth group
19 was those who were behind the road which goes towards Boy-Rabe. There were
20 many of them. There was a group here and there. There was a group somewhere a
21 little bit further away. It was like a military camp.

22 Q. [10:11:57] Mr Witness, let's go step by step.

23 When the first group arrived -- when the first group arrived for the first time on the
24 {PFR: (Redacted)}, did any killings happen on that day, {PFR: (Redacted)}

25 A. [10:12:25] The first group that arrived - and, some people fled - it's the first

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1 group that killed those people who were fleeing on the field. It's the first group.

2 They came and they stayed {PFR: (Redacted)}. They were staying there until the end,
3 and then afterwards, {PFR: (Redacted)}.

4 The first group killed those people on {PFR: (Redacted)}.

5 Q. [10:13:16] Mr Witness, I'll come back to that point later. But let's talk about the
6 Seleka who were based {PFR: (Redacted)}. Did they have a leader?

7 A. [10:13:33] Yes, there were leaders. There were those in charge who gave them
8 orders so they could commit these exactions. These leaders were also camping at the
9 {PFR: (Redacted)} These -- this leader had a wife, and they were {PFR: (Redacted)}
10 they were there all the time.

11 Everything that the Seleka did, they reported back to him.

12 Q. [10:14:24] Do you know his name, the name of the leader?

13 A. [10:14:29] The leader don't have fixed names. Their name -- sometimes it
14 wasn't their real names, the names of the generals. The generals had different names,
15 various names. Sometimes the -- one would say, "Look, my name is Moussa.
16 Moussa. Moussa" -- that's what they said.

17 But they didn't really give away their real identity. And, sometimes, they used
18 nicknames. They'd say to their elements, "Our chief is called Moussa." But the
19 name of the generals, we didn't really know their names. They didn't tell us their
20 true identity.

21 Q. [10:15:27] And can you describe how their leader looked like?

22 A. [10:15:35] The leader in question was slender and rather tall -- or rather plump.
23 He'd rather prefer to stay on the veranda and then return back into his house. The
24 majority of the leaders who came, came and went. They came and they left. This
25 man was a bit plump.

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1 Q. [10:16:31] For how long was this man based {PFR: (Redacted)}?

2 A. [10:16:44] As I said, they were there for over three months -- four months {PFR:
3 (Redacted)}. They were there for some time. They occupied all {PFR: (Redacted)}.
4 They were all {PFR: (Redacted)}. They were there for three or four
5 months.

6 Q. [10:17:22] Where was this particular leader you just described a while ago
7 during these three or four months that these Seleka were based {PFR: (Redacted)}

8 A. [10:17:39] As I said, {ICR: (Redacted)}
9 (Redacted)

10 (Redacted)}. That's where the leader stayed.

11 Q. [10:18:12] Can you describe how the leader dressed?

12 A. [10:18:17] Usually, they had military uniforms on. They would dress like
13 soldiers. They had the red berets which the FACA wore, they also had them. They
14 had the stripes of a general on their shoulders. You could see they were soldiers by
15 the way they were dressed, and, from afar, you could say that they were career
16 soldiers.

17 There wasn't really a difference between them and career soldiers.

18 Q. [10:19:16] Approximately, how many Seleka troops were based {PFR: (Redacted)}

19 A. [10:19:34] Oh, I can't count their number. There were so many that I can't
20 really give you a number. But you know, there were {PFR: (Redacted)}
21 (Redacted)} were occupied. They were very numerous. There were so numerous I
22 really can't count them. They were on the verandas, first floor, second floor, third
23 floor.

24 The veranda in front {PFR: (Redacted)}, they were all occupied by the Seleka.

25 There were many, many, many of them.

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1 Q. [10:20:28] How did you know that the man you just described a short while ago
2 was, indeed, the leader of the Seleka?

3 A. [10:20:50] Let me give you an example to show you what I mean. When you
4 live in an area, someone appoints you as the leader of that area and everybody has to
5 respect that person. That's how I was introduced to this individual. And those
6 were -- in front of him, knelt down and respected him, and through that I could
7 deduct that he was leader because he was respected by everyone.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:21:28] Mr Prosecutor, we've reached the redaction
9 limit; so I'm going to ask that we go into private session so we continue smoothly.
10 Madam Court Officer, can we go into private session, please.

11 (Private session at 10.21 a.m.)

12 THE COURT OFFICER: [10:21:52] We are back to private session, Madam President.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:21:58] Thank you very much.

14 Continue, Mr Bifwoli.

15 MR BIFWOLI: [10:22:02] Thank you, Madam President.

16 Q. [10:22:05] So, Mr Witness, how did the Seleka refer to this man you say was
17 their leader?

18 A. [10:22:21] You know, once they had established (Redacted)
19 (Redacted). So all the Seleka elements came (Redacted)
20 (Redacted), they said, "Oh, the general is inside -- the general is inside."

21 And I went to the house of the general. Before having access to the general, there
22 was a bodyguard, and when they went to the general to visit, they came (Redacted)
23 (Redacted), and we talked a bit and that's how I deducted that he was the general.
24 That he was their leader.

25 Q. [10:23:32] Was the general reporting to someone else?

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1 A. [10:23:41] Well, you know, they probably reported back to those who were
2 higher. They were under instructions. You know, they had orders and the
3 authorities were under the presidency. They were just carrying out orders, that's it.

4 Q. [10:24:33] Was anyone visiting the general while he was (Redacted)?

5 A. [10:24:43] Yes, several leaders came to visit -- visit him, and they had some
6 conversations, and, then, those people left again. You know, (Redacted),
7 (Redacted), I couldn't approach them, but I did see a car without any markings came
8 to the compound and visited the general, and when they arrived, everybody had to
9 stay where they were. And without any particular authorisation, you couldn't
10 approach the general.

11 Q. [10:25:50] Did you know these leaders who were visiting the general? Do you
12 know any of them?

13 A. [10:25:58] I didn't know anyone. Some had military uniforms on, some had
14 turbans, but the majority who came had turbans. You could hardly see their face.
15 When they arrived, they got down from their vehicle, went to the house, talked to
16 him, left, went back into their car and left again.

17 Q. [10:26:39] So, Mr Witness, how many bases did the Seleka set up?

18 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:27:07] Yes?

19 MR FRANÇOIS-JACQUEMIN: [10:27:09](Interpretation) Yes, we have no objection
20 because he talked about a base. But I don't see any foundation of several bases at
21 this stage. I don't see any foundation for that. I, therefore, object based on what
22 was being said. The objection is that the witness talked about a single base. I don't
23 see any basis or foundation to talk about several bases at this stage in the questioning.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:27:43] Yes, Mr Prosecutor, the witness's testimony
25 is to the effect that there was -- they established a base at (Redacted). That was the

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1 base.

2 Do you want him to tell you whether there was other bases and where?

3 MR BIFWOLI: [10:28:06] Thank you, Madam President.

4 Q. [10:28:10] Mr Witness, apart from the base that the Seleka set up (Redacted)

5 (Redacted), were there any other bases?

6 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:28:25] Where? Where?

7 MR BIFWOLI: [10:28:34]

8 Q. [10:28:35] Within the locality, in the neighbouring locality?

9 A. [10:28:46] (No interpretation)

10 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:28:48] Carry on, Mr Witness.

11 THE WITNESS: [10:28:51](Interpretation) You know, (Redacted), there is

12 a path that goes away from the town, and there's also a base on the other side of the

13 road. The largest base was in (Redacted). And the other side

14 of the road, there was another general who set himself up in a very big villa who was

15 there and that was also a base, a complete base.

16 MR BIFWOLI: [10:29:35]

17 Q. [10:29:37] Who controlled the area around (Redacted) after the arrival of the

18 Seleka?

19 A. [10:29:51] I didn't fully understand that question. Could you reformulate it,

20 please. I -- I don't think that question is very clear. Could you please put the

21 question to me again.

22 Q. [10:30:21] I will repeat, Mr Witness.

23 Now, Mr Witness, when the Seleka set up their bases around (Redacted), who was

24 controlling that area around the (Redacted)?

25 A. [10:31:09] Well, they themselves controlled all those areas, the Seleka themselves.

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1 They had control over the surrounding area. The people on the other side of the
2 road, they controlled that base. But the elements would cross the road and go see
3 the elements at (Redacted) and then go back again when -- so the areas surrounding,
4 were controlled by the Seleka themselves.

5 Q. [10:32:00] How did the Seleka go about exercising control over that area?

6 A. [10:32:12] Well, the camp wasn't there. Well, that's -- they would go get
7 a weapon, they would patrol. They would patrol. Sometimes a small group of
8 them would go off and patrol or they would move around (Redacted) or they would
9 cross over to the other side of the road. They would chat. They would go back to
10 their original base.

11 So there weren't really anyone checking the area. It was the Seleka who had control
12 of the area. There was no one else in control of that area.

13 Q. [10:33:17] And what happened to civilians as the Seleka patrolled the area?

14 A. [10:33:38] When they came in, it was quiet at first, there was a bit of a lull.

15 Civilians were moving about. They were moving about. They would take various
16 roads, but the main road, they didn't go on the main road so much, except the road
17 that heads towards the centre of town.

18 But no one could (Redacted). Only in that area, (Redacted) could not

19 even go to (Redacted) anymore. No one entered (Redacted). I told you that.

20 There was only the Seleka. There were men, women, they were wearing military
21 attire. There were many men, but there were also some women amongst them.

22 Q. [10:34:37] Did anything happen to the civilians who were passing by?

23 A. [10:34:46] They would be on the main road, and when they saw you, they would
24 stop you because -- well, the people couldn't runaway. If those people were to
25 runaway, they would threaten them with their weapons. And those people would

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1 go towards the Seleka, and, when those people came, they would be searched,
2 frisked.

3 If they had 500 francs or 100 francs or a telephone, or nice shoes or nice clothing, they
4 would steal everything from the people. They would not let them keep anything.
5 Anything. If you're threatened by a weapon, what is that person supposed to do?
6 The person can only runaway after, if possible.

7 If the person refused, they would be tied up using the *arbatachar* method with the
8 hands tied behind the back and to their feet. They were like -- they were tied up like
9 hogs, and they were put out into the sun. Those people suffered. But they didn't
10 care; it wasn't their problem.

11 Q. [10:36:24] What was the gender of people who were stopped by the Seleka?

12 A. [10:36:31] They didn't choose anyone.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:36:56] I guess we could do with the answer, but
14 please carry on, Mr Bifwoli.

15 MR BIFWOLI: [10:37:10]

16 Q. [10:37:10] Mr Witness, what was your answer? Can you repeat again.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:37:19] His answer was that they didn't choose
18 anyone. They didn't distinguish between genders, yes.

19 MR BIFWOLI: [10:37:30]

20 Q. [10:37:31] So what happened to the men after they were stopped.

21 A. [10:37:54] When they stopped someone, they would strip the person. The
22 person would be naked. They would frisk you, and they would take things like
23 shoes, telephones -- anything and everything that the person had. They would take
24 all those things.

25 Then after, they would say to go away. If the person didn't go away, the person

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1 would be tied up in the *arbatachar* method and put out in the sun. Sometimes the
2 person would be put out in the sun and they would tell the person to stare at the sun,
3 and when the person was looking at the sun, no one took care of that person.
4 If they wanted to, they would free the person; otherwise, the person would spend
5 some time in the sun and then the person would be released. That's what they did.
6 There were no criteria used for selection. It could be for a telephone, a watch,
7 clothing. They would leave you naked. Naked, I say, and then they would tell you
8 to go away.

9 Q. [10:39:17] Mr Witness, what happened to women who were stopped by the
10 Seleka?

11 A. [10:39:40] If they stopped women, if the woman didn't have money, well, even if
12 you had money, they would take the money and then they would say to the lady,
13 "We're taking you to the colonel or to the general."
14 But after that, once they got to certain rooms, they would put the woman there -- the
15 women -- two or three people would rape the woman and then they would tell the
16 woman to go away. So that's what they did to women. They would rape them.
17 They would rape them. They didn't use condoms, and then after that, they would
18 tell the women to get lost.
19 So that's what they did. They raped the women and they didn't use condoms.

20 Q. [10:40:34] And how do you know that those women were raped?

21 A. [10:40:58] I know that because, you know, (Redacted)
22 (Redacted) -- well, you know in the morning, sometimes I would tell my children not
23 to go anywhere and to stay at home. I would (Redacted) and I
24 would move about the Seleka, and they would say, "(Redacted)", and I
25 would be (Redacted), and the ones who were on the main road, less than 50 metres

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1 away from me, I would see them.

2 If someone went by, I -- well, and stopped someone, I could see. I could see them
3 tell -- I could see these people stripping people. Sometimes there would be
4 a husband and a wife. They would tell the husband to remove his clothes. They
5 would say, "Get out of here, go away" and then they would take the wife into one of
6 the rooms.

7 So I was close by, less than 50 metres away. So I saw everything that was going on
8 on the road.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:42:19] Mr Prosecutor, we could go back into open
10 session, if that's fine by you.

11 MR BIFWOLI: [10:42:26] Yes, Madam President.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:42:28] Thank you.

13 Madam Court Officer, can we go back into open session, please.

14 (Open session at 10.42 a.m.)

15 THE COURT OFFICER: [10:42:41] We are back to open session, Madam President.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:42:44] Thank you.

17 Mr Prosecutor, please, continue with your questions.

18 MR BIFWOLI: [10:42:49] Thank you, Madam President.

19 Q. [10:42:52] Mr Witness, did you speak to any of those women who were raped?

20 A. [10:43:09] It was truly difficult because they would rape those women and then
21 they wouldn't release them right away. Sometimes they would start raping those
22 women, they would rape them for eight hours, and then let them go at night, at
23 midnight.

24 Or, maybe, 1500 hours, they would stop those women, an element would take one of
25 those women, take her {PFR: (Redacted)} and do anything he wanted to her. We

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1 couldn't go up to them because we wanted to do something, but they would threaten
2 you. They could even kill you.

3 So I didn't go up to them. I would see them from far away and I would see what
4 was going on. I was observing from a distance, from far away.

5 Q. [10:44:19] Do you know any particular Seleka who raped these women?

6 A. [10:44:27] No, no, no. I don't know anyone amongst the rapists. We called
7 them the elements who were uncon- -- out of control. They remained in groups.
8 They would bring some people in. Once they had seen their victim, maybe, well, if it
9 had been a group of 10, that would be one thing, but there were many of them.
10 They would find a victim, and, if it was a man, they would let the man go. But if it
11 was a woman, they would say, "We are taking you to see the general", and they
12 would take the person to an unknown place and they would continue doing their evil
13 things.

14 Q. [10:45:49] Where was the leader of the Seleka while these rapes happened {PFR:
15 (Redacted)}?

16 A. [10:45:58] I told you that the leaders did not stay outside, they were always
17 inside in the places where they were staying. The leader had a wife with him, and I
18 wonder where he found that wife, that woman. The leaders stayed in their places,
19 and then the ones who were outside engaged in evil actions. Bad things.

20 Q. [10:46:46] How often did these rapes occur?

21 A. [10:47:02] Sometimes it would be three times a day. You know, when -- when
22 the women would cross from Kilometre 5 to take shelter in Boy-Rabe, sometimes
23 there would be three women and all three would be snatched by the Seleka.
24 Once the Seleka got the woman, they would take her to a room and a group of them
25 would go there - and I don't know exactly what they did there - but all I know is that

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1 when they would take a woman to one of the rooms, it would be to rape them. They
2 weren't just having fun with the women.

3 Q. [10:48:15] (Overlapping microphones)...by the Seleka?

4 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:48:29] Your question is incomplete. But
5 Mr François-Jacquemin, why are you standing?

6 MR FRANÇOIS-JACQUEMIN: [10:48:38](Interpretation) Madam President, the
7 witness did not say that he spoke to those women, so I don't know on what basis the
8 Prosecutor has put such a question.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:48:51] But he does not need to speak to the women
10 to know their age.

11 But your question was incomplete. Can you put your question, please, counsel.

12 MR BIFWOLI: [10:49:03] Thank you, Madam President.

13 Q. [10:49:04] Mr Witness, you've told the Court about the women who were raped
14 by the Seleka. Can you tell us approximately what were their ages, if you can?

15 A. [10:49:22] Amongst those women, some were 15 years old; specifically, the girls
16 who were fleeing Miskine neighbourhood headed towards Boy-Rabe. There were
17 also some women aged 20, and some aged 40.

18 No matter what the age, they would be snatched by the Seleka. They did not make
19 a distinction between a girl and a woman. For them, a woman was a woman.

20 There was no age criteria. They didn't say, "Oh, that's like a girl. That one's of age".

21 No. Even a 10-year-old girl could be their victim. They had no pity. They made
22 no distinction about age.

23 Q. [10:50:30] What were the Seleka doing on a day-to-day basis?

24 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:50:56] Where, counsel?

25 MR BIFWOLI: [10:51:02] Thank you, Madam President.

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1 Q. [10:51:04] Mr Witness, on a normal day when the Seleka wake up, on a normal
2 day {PFR: (Redacted)} and the neighbouring areas, what would they do on
3 a normal day?

4 A. [10:51:21] They didn't have any work, so to speak, the Seleka. They didn't have
5 work or an occupation. Once they got there, some of them who had some money
6 would go and get some coffee. {ICR: (Redacted)}
7 (Redacted)
8 (Redacted)
9 (Redacted)} and they were

10 looking at the main road looking for victims. Anyone who went by with any kind of
11 bag with items or possessions, they would rob the person.

12 That's what they did on a daily basis. They were there, and if there was some food,
13 they would eat and -- or they would rest. That's what they did on a daily basis.

14 Q. [10:52:44] Where were the pillaged items stored?

15 A. [10:53:03] The items stolen would be kept by the person who had robbed the
16 person. If it was me, for example, if I were to rob someone, I would keep the items
17 where I stayed, where I spent the night.

18 And elements were not allowed to touch things that had been stolen by another
19 element. So they would -- that's how they operated, each person would keep his
20 own loot.

21 Q. [10:53:49] Did the Seleka participate in any military operation during their time
22 they were based {PFR: (Redacted)}?

23 A. [10:54:07] They were soldiers. Each night, they would patrol. A vehicle
24 would come and get those elements and they would leave, they would go off to patrol.
25 Some vehicles would come and get them and later bring them back, pick them up,

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1 bring them back. That's what they did, more or less.

2 Q. [10:54:49] And where did they go to?

3 A. [10:55:02] Oh, I have no idea. When they left in a vehicle, I couldn't even go -- I
4 couldn't even go to the side of the road. I was not allowed to move about. Bangui
5 is a big place, so I really don't know where they went.

6 Q. [10:55:34] Apart from the patrols that you've mentioned, was there a major
7 operation that they took part in?

8 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:55:48] Yes, please.

9 MR FRANÇOIS-JACQUEMIN: [10:55:50](Interpretation) Thank you,
10 Madam President. I was just waiting for the French translation. The question is
11 rather leading and I object.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:56:04] Mr Prosecutor, do you want to respond?

13 MR BIFWOLI: [10:56:09] Madam President, I can rephrase.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:56:16] Try and see -- I note that you had asked that
15 question before anyway. So rephrase and see if you get the answer that you want.

16 MR BIFWOLI: [10:56:29]

17 Q. [10:56:43] Mr Witness, who was the president of the Central African Republic in
18 2013?

19 A. [10:57:00] Are you talking about the first president or...? Could I have
20 a bathroom break?

21 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [10:57:28] Yes, certainly, Mr Witness. What we are
22 going to do, we are going to break off here and come back at 11.30.

23 When you come back for that question, Mr Prosecutor, can you give the month, the
24 time that you are looking for in 2013.

25 Mr Witness, please, parties, I rise the Court for 11.30.

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- 1 THE COURT USHER: [10:57:54] All rise.
- 2 (Recess taken at 10.57 a.m.)
- 3 (Upon resuming in open session at 11.32 a.m.)
- 4 THE COURT USHER: [11:32:58] All rise.
- 5 Please be seated.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [11:33:21] Good morning again, everyone.
- 7 Mr Witness, can you see me, can you hear me?
- 8 THE WITNESS: [11:33:35](Interpretation) Yes, I can see you and hear you clearly.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [11:33:40] Good.
- 10 Mr Prosecutor, how much more time do you want for this witness, with this witness?
- 11 (Counsel confers)
- 12 MR BIFWOLI: [11:33:56] Thank you, Madam President. Our estimation is that we
- 13 will not go beyond one hour.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [11:34:05] Okay. Continue with your questions to
- 15 him. We're in open session.
- 16 MR BIFWOLI: [11:34:16]
- 17 Q. [11:34:16] So, Mr Witness, before the break, I asked you who was the president
- 18 of the Central African Republic at the time when the Seleka were based {PFR: (Redacted)}
- 19 A. [11:34:44] At that time, the president of the republic was Djotodia.
- 20 Q. [11:35:01] And did you see him anywhere around the time the Seleka were {PFR:
- 21 (Redacted)}?
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [11:35:09] Yes.
- 23 MR FRANÇOIS-JACQUEMIN: [11:35:15](Interpretation) Madam President, yes.
- 24 The witness has already said "I am" -- the French version, page 20, line 3 to 6, where
- 25 he was asked, "Do you know this leader, who this -- this leader who came to visit the

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- 1 general? Do you know one of the other", and the answer was he doesn't know
2 anyone. So he said he knew -- doesn't know anyone who came to {PFR: (Redacted)}.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [11:35:52] The question is: "Did you see him anywhere
4 around the time that the Seleka were {PFR: (Redacted)}?" How is that related to
5 your -- to the point or to your objection?
- 6 Mr Prosecutor, please continue. Objection overruled, please.
- 7 MR BIFWOLI: [11:36:10] Thank you, Madam President.
- 8 Q. [11:36:12] Mr Witness, I'll repeat my question.
9 Did you see President Djotodia anywhere at the time the Seleka were based {PFR:
10 (Redacted)}?
- 11 A. [11:36:35] He arrived {PFR: (Redacted)}-- before he arrived, I didn't know him.
12 A little later, I learnt, because the elements who were based {PFR: (Redacted)}, the
13 Seleka elements said the president came. But before his arrival, there were
14 40 vehicles -- {ICR: (Redacted)
15 (Redacted)}} that that is the President Djotodia. They opened
16 the door and there was a talk with the general, and after some time he returned. He
17 went back.
- 18 It is the element -- the Seleka elements who were based {PFR: (Redacted)} who told
19 me that that was the president. But before that time I had never seen him.
- 20 Q. [11:37:49] What time was it -- approximately what time was it when the
21 president visited {PFR: (Redacted)} on that day?
- 22 A. [11:38:08] He came around 10 o'clock.
- 23 Q. [11:38:23] And can you describe how Djotodia looked like?
- 24 A. [11:38:41] He's not very tall. He's rather stout. That's how I would describe
25 him. He's not really tall. He was wearing a turban. I could only see his eyes.

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1 Q. [11:39:04] How was he dressed on that day?

2 A. [11:39:15] He had a suit with a -- a *pagne* suit, it was a -- very simple trousers,
3 and around his neck he had a chain.

4 (Pause in proceedings)

5 (Discussion between the Chamber and the court officer)

6 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [11:44:42] I rise the Court for 10 minutes, please.

7 THE COURT USHER: [11:44:46] All rise.

8 (Recess taken at 11.44 a.m.)

9 (Upon resuming in open session at 11.53 a.m.)

10 THE COURT USHER: [11:53:11] All rise.

11 Please be seated.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [11:53:40] Welcome back, Mr Witness.

13 Mr Bifwoli, please continue with your questions. We're in open session.

14 MR BIFWOLI: [11:53:52] Thank you, Madam President, your Honours.

15 Q. [11:53:56] Mr Witness, I will proceed from where we stopped before we lost the
16 signal.

17 Did President Djotodia speak to anyone when he visited {PFR: (Redacted)} on that day?

18 A. [11:54:21] To be frank, I didn't go close up to the place where he was. But,
19 according to what I saw, he spoke to certain elements for some time.

20 Q. [11:54:40] Do you know the elements he spoke to?

21 A. [11:55:00] The elements all wore turbans, so I could not really see and recognise
22 them. He was surrounded by Seleka. They were all dressed in white. It was very
23 difficult for me to recognise them.

24 Q. [11:55:26] Where was the leader of the Seleka at that time?

25 A. [11:55:42] Are you talking about the leader based {PFR: (Redacted)}? Yes, if it's

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1 him, that -- he was {PFR: (Redacted)}, and that's where they gathered. Once they left
2 that {PFR: (Redacted)}, there was an exchange with the president and some elements.
3 It wasn't a big distance, but I couldn't get any closer to them because he was
4 surrounded by various Seleka elements.

5 Q. [11:56:19] For how long was President Djotodia at {PFR: (Redacted)} on that day?

6 A. [11:56:35] He didn't go inside. He didn't go {PFR: (Redacted)}. He stayed
7 outside. I think he was there for about 30 minutes. During those 30 minutes he had
8 a conversation with some of the elements who were there and, afterwards, he left.

9 Q. [11:57:01] And where were the rest of the Seleka who were usually based {PFR:
10 (Redacted)} at that time when Djotodia was {PFR: (Redacted)}?

11 A. [11:57:21] When the Seleka were based {PFR: (Redacted)}, they were there,
12 within the {PFR: (Redacted)}. Djotodia didn't ever come before that day. He never
13 came before the date when I saw him. They were based {PFR: (Redacted)} itself.

14 Q. [11:57:47] So, on that day when Djotodia was -- President Djotodia was present
15 on {PFR: (Redacted)}, where were they, which part of {PFR: (Redacted)} were they?

16 A. [11:58:13] Some were on the veranda, some were under the trees, others were
17 sitting on {PFR: (Redacted)}. There were many in the {PFR: (Redacted)} when the
18 president arrived. They all stood up. He spoke. He spoke, and when he finished,
19 the elements sat down again.

20 Q. [11:58:48] And how did the Seleka behave when President Djotodia was present
21 on {PFR: (Redacted)} at that time?

22 A. [11:59:11] You know, it was impossible for a civilian to get close to them. There
23 were many of them and those who came with the president came alongside the
24 vehicle or were with -- were heavily armed. You couldn't come near them because
25 the president was surrounded with Seleka elements. It's only after he left that the

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1 Seleka elements started to scatter and move around a bit.

2 Q. [11:59:51] How many vehicles accompanied President Djotodia when he came to
3 {PFR: (Redacted)} on that day?

4 A. [12:00:07] There were many cars. I can't tell you exactly how many. There were many
5 vehicles, and in that there were his security guards -- before {PFR: (Redacted)}, behind
6 {PFR: (Redacted)}, everywhere. There were a lot of vehicles, and on those vehicles you
7 had heavy weaponry mounted. All I can say is that there were lots of vehicles.

8 Q. [12:00:43] Did anyone address the Seleka who were present when Djotodia
9 visited {PFR: (Redacted)} on that day?

10 A. [12:01:10] I haven't understood the question. The sound is not very good.
11 Could you speak up, please?

12 Q. [12:01:26] Thank you, Mr Witness. I'll repeat again and I'll do so slowly.
13 My question is: Did anyone address the Seleka who were present when President
14 Djotodia visited {PFR: (Redacted)}?

15 A. [12:01:57] There were Seleka members, many Seleka members. There were
16 many of them. I couldn't tell you how many. They surrounded the president. So
17 the president was surrounded by the Seleka in front of the office of their general.

18 Q. [12:02:31] Did the president address the Seleka on that day?

19 A. [12:02:49] The president? I haven't heard your question. There's a problem
20 with the sound, please. I haven't understood your question.

21 Q. [12:03:10] I'll repeat the question again.

22 Did the president, President Djotodia, did he address the Seleka on that day {PFR:
23 (Redacted)}?

24 A. [12:03:32] Well, you know, he was the head of state. When a head of state
25 travels about and meets people, of course he has a message to get across. I know he

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1 spoke to them and they spent about 30 minutes talking, but I don't know what they
2 talked about.

3 Q. [12:04:03] Apart from President Djotodia, did anyone else -- I'll repeat: Apart
4 from President Djotodia, did anyone else address the Seleka at the time the president
5 was present at {PFR: (Redacted)}?

6 A. [12:04:41] I didn't go up to the group surrounding the president. I was at a bit
7 of a distance. The president spoke to the elements who were around him, so I can't
8 tell you exactly who spoke that day. But I do know that the president did come and
9 there were many Seleka members around him.

10 Q. [12:05:10] Did you learn later on on what President Djotodia told his troops?

11 A. [12:05:33] You know, the people with the president, they gave some advice, but
12 they couldn't tell me what the president had said. It was like a secret amongst them.
13 They couldn't tell everyone.

14 Q. [12:06:00] Where did President Djotodia go to after that meeting?

15 A. [12:06:32] After the meeting, the president got into his vehicle with all the
16 entourage and they headed towards Boy-Rabe. They took the road that leads to
17 Boy-Rabe.

18 Q. [12:06:58] Do you know what they were going to do in Boy-Rabe?

19 A. [12:07:14] I don't know what they were going to Boy-Rabe to do, but once they
20 got to Boy-Rabe, there were -- there was the sound of guns being fired up until
21 1600 hours. Some people who came, some people close to the {PFR: (Redacted)}
22 (Redacted)}. They were going -- there was -- there was -- there was some people
23 going from door to door. Everyone fled to Boy-Rabe. It was every man for himself.
24 Some people went to the monastery where the monks were. They went and took
25 refuge there. But there were -- there was a lot of sound, sounds of guns going off.

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1 But I couldn't tell you exactly when Djotodia came back or what road he took to go
2 back to his home.

3 Q. [12:08:31] And when did the Seleka return from that Boy-Rabe -- from Boy-Rabe
4 on that day?

5 A. [12:09:04] When the president came, they spent some time talking to him.

6 There were many vehicles. It was around 10 or 11 a.m. That's when they went to
7 Boy-Rabe. At that point in time, we could hear the sound of guns going off up until
8 1600 hours, but I can't tell you exactly when the president went back. I did have a
9 watch and I could see that at 1600 hours we could still hear the sound of gunfire.

10 Some people close to the Boy-Rabe {PFR: (Redacted)} fled, and they took refuge not
11 far away from {PFR: (Redacted)}, and they were the ones who told me that there was
12 a lot of shots being fired in Boy-Rabe and that the Seleka were going from door to
13 door. If they found you, they would kill you. Some broke into houses and looted
14 the goods. They broke into compounds to rob people, to take their vehicles. They
15 also had -- well, they also broke into the storage building of a member of Parliament
16 called Ngaïssona, and they took a lot of goods out of there. All -- there were all
17 kinds of things in that storage building and I saw some of that, but I can't tell you
18 exactly when the president went back.

19 Q. [12:11:04] Where were those items which were pillaged from Boy-Rabe, the
20 vehicles and the other goods you've just mentioned, where were they stored?

21 A. [12:11:35] They took the goods back to {PFR: (Redacted)}, and they
22 stored these items in one of the rooms {PFR: (Redacted)}. Each person kept an eye
23 on the goods that he had stolen. The vehicles that they had stolen as well from
24 Boy-Rabe, they were all parked within {PFR: (Redacted)}. Behind {PFR: (Redacted)}
25 {PFR: (Redacted)} there's a large space, and that's where they parked all the vehicles they

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1 had stolen. {ICR: (Redacted)}.

2 Q. [12:12:23] Now, Mr Witness, can you specify the kind of items that were stored
3 {PFR: (Redacted)}? You've mentioned vehicles, which other items were you able to see?

4 A. [12:13:00] Well, for example, some televisions, foam mattresses, chairs -- chairs
5 they had stolen from people's homes kitchen utensils. Each time they would break
6 down a door and go into a person's house. Each person would take whatever he
7 could get his hands on. And once they took those items, they would come back and
8 they stored them {PFR: (Redacted)}{ICR: (Redacted)}
9 (Redacted)}

10 So they stored these items in {PFR: (Redacted)}. There was a lot of going
11 and -- coming and goings. They would go out, they would go back and forth at least
12 three or four times. That's what happened.

13 Q. [12:14:09] Mr Witness, so eventually what happened to those vehicles which
14 were pillaged and stored {PFR: (Redacted)}? What happened to them
15 eventually?

16 A. [12:14:37] Those stolen vehicles were parked {PFR: (Redacted)}. They would
17 get some paint and they would paint things on the vehicles. They would paint
18 "Seleka" on the vehicles. Once they were done, well, one couldn't know when they
19 left the {PFR: (Redacted)} with those vehicles. They would come back. Sometimes
20 they would go and they would say, "Oh, I'm going off again." They took a lot of
21 things -- freezers, mattresses. They would load them into the vehicles and they
22 would leave the compound. You might think that they would come back, but they
23 left for once and for all. That was their final departure.

24 Q. [12:15:46] How many stolen vehicles did you see {PFR: (Redacted)}?

25 A. [12:16:01] About 60 vehicles. As I said earlier, they went from door to door,

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1 and they would come to a compound, and if they saw any tyre marks, they would
2 break down the main entrance, the gate, and go in. They would tell the person to
3 kneel down and then they would take the keys of the vehicles. And they would take
4 everything from the house and put them in the vehicle -- radios, freezers, televisions.
5 And they had no choice. They took everything that was of value. They would load
6 these items up and then they would go back -- go back to their homes with that.

7 Q. [12:17:07] What happened to the stolen vehicles -- sorry. What happened to the
8 stolen televisions which were {PFR: (Redacted)}?

9 A. [12:17:32] Initially, they stored them -- they stored those televisions somewhere
10 {PFR: (Redacted)}, and then, later, those televisions were loaded into a vehicle. And
11 they took all those stolen items back to their own country. That's why they went
12 from door to door. They went to loot peoples houses.

13 Q. [12:18:35] Where was the leader of the Seleka who were based {PFR: (Redacted)},
14 where was their leader while those pillaged items were being stored {PFR: (Redacted)}
15 (Redacted)}?

16 A. [12:19:03] Well, of course, he was {PFR: (Redacted)}. The day that the
17 Seleka went to pillage in Boy-Rabe, he was indeed there. The following days, after
18 that particular day, all the other elements would go out. They would go and loot in
19 Boy-Rabe. Sometimes they would come across vehicles or goods, they would steal
20 them and they would always bring them back to {PFR: (Redacted)}

21 Q. [12:19:50] Could he see those pillaged items from his office?

22 A. [12:20:10] Yes, he could see them. He saw everything that happened. When
23 they brought back the looted goods that had been stolen, the leader himself would
24 take some of them. They would report to the chief, the leader, and in such cases the
25 leader has to help himself to some goods and would leave the rest of the goods, or the

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1 items, to his elements.

2 Q. [12:20:50] Which particular items did the leader -- did the leader take for
3 himself?

4 A. [12:21:14] When they wanted to divvy up the various goods, I wasn't there.

5 {ICR: (Redacted)}

6 (Redacted)} that the vehicle belonged to the

7 general and those goods were being loaded onto that vehicle, no matter what the

8 good might be. All the electronics were also stolen. {ICR: (Redacted)}

9 (Redacted)

10 Q. [12:22:14] (Redacted)

11 (Redacted)}

12 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [12:22:33] You know, counsel, I think -- Mr Witness,
13 can you wait, please.

14 I think this witness's testimony is to the effect that when {PFR: (Redacted)}

15 (Redacted)}. That's his testimony so far.

16 MR BIFWOLI: [12:22:52] Thank you, Madam President. However, there is a
17 particular incident which I'll just explore and see how it goes.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [12:23:05] All right. Just a minute.

19 Yes, Mr François Jacquemin.

20 MR FRANÇOIS-JACQUEMIN: [12:23:18](Interpretation) The witness spoke about
21 looting, but he didn't talk about an operation in Boy-Rabe. I would be happy if the
22 Prosecution did not put words into the witness's mouth, but, rather, listened to the
23 testimony.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [12:23:38] Yes, Mr Prosecutor. You heard

25 Mr Jacquemin's -- François-Jacquemin's concern -- the use of the word "operation" as

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1 against "pillaging" or "stealing". So rephrase your question.

2 MR BIFWOLI: [12:24:02] Thank you, Madam President. Well guided.

3 Q. [12:24:08] Mr Witness, after -- when the Seleka returned from Boy-Rabe, {ICR:

4 (Redacted)

5 A. [12:24:38] (Redacted)

6 (Redacted)

7 (Redacted)

8 (Redacted)

9 (Redacted)

10 (Redacted)}.

11 Q. [12:25:38] Mr Witness, do you recall the 5th of December 2013?

12 A. [12:25:53] Yes, I remember.

13 Q. [12:25:58] What happened on that day?

14 A. [12:26:16] The 17 December, that's the day on which the Seleka came in, as I told

15 you. It was during that attack that the damage worsened, got worse. Some came

16 from very far away, from somewhere, and they joined the ones who were {PFR:

17 (Redacted)}, and then they committed many exactions, acts of violence, abuses.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [12:26:59] Mr Prosecutor, could you guide the witness.

19 Could you put the date again to him and guide him as to the evidence you want,

20 please.

21 MR BIFWOLI: [12:27:14]

22 Q. [12:27:14] Mr Witness, you have responded -- in your response you've

23 mentioned 17 December, but I asked you specifically whether you recall what

24 happened on 5 December. Do you recall what happened on 5 December 2013?

25 A. [12:27:51] They came the first time and I told you about what they did. The

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1 second time, that was when the Anti-Balaka launched an attack and the fighting
2 resumed.

3 Q. [12:28:20] So on which date did they fight with the Anti-Balaka?

4 A. [12:28:41] I no longer recall the exact date. But it was during that attack that
5 they killed several civilians.

6 MR BIFWOLI: [12:29:10] Madam President, I would like to refresh the witness with
7 respect to the deaths.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [12:29:19] You may do so.

9 MR BIFWOLI: [12:29:32]

10 Q. [12:29:33] Mr Witness, when you recorded a statement with the Office of the
11 Prosecutor --

12 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [12:29:44] No, he has not told us that he recorded his
13 statement. Do you want to ask him whether he gave a statement to the investigators,
14 lay the foundation.

15 MR BIFWOLI: [12:29:57]

16 Q. [12:29:58] Mr Witness, do you recall being interviewed by members
17 of -- investigators from the Office of the Prosecutor?

18 A. [12:30:18] Yes, I remember.

19 The first time, when they came, {ICR: (Redacted)}
20 (Redacted)

21 (Redacted)}. And, so, that is how it came to be that they contacted me. {PFR:
22 (Redacted)}. And we spoke over two days and they wrote down everything that
23 I said. They took my statement.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [12:31:08] Carry on, Mr Prosecutor.

25 MR BIFWOLI: [12:31:13]

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1 Q. [12:31:13] Did you sign that statement?

2 A. [12:31:24] Yes, I signed it at the bottom of the statement. I signed everything.

3 I signed to agree to everything I had said.

4 MR BIFWOLI: [12:31:43] Madam President, your Honours, I would like to read to
5 the witness paragraphs 38 and 39 of his statement.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [12:31:56] Go ahead -- go ahead, Mr Prosecutor.

7 MR BIFWOLI: [12:32:01]

8 Q. [12:32:01] Now, Mr Witness, I am going to read to you what you told the
9 investigators from the Office of the Prosecutor. This is what you told them and I'm
10 reading, at paragraph 38:

11 "As far as I know, the Séléka didn't kill anyone at {PFR: (Redacted)} before 5
12 December."

13 At paragraph 39 you state:

14 "On 5 December 2013, at 5 a.m., the Anti-Balaka came down from Boy-Rabé {PFR:

15 (Redacted)} {ICR: (Redacted)}

16 (Redacted)

17 (Redacted)} Have you heard what I've read?

18 A. [12:33:28] Yes. That's what I said at that time. It's the truth. I said that.

19 Q. [12:33:41] Does that refresh your memory in relation to the dates the
20 Anti-Balaka came to {PFR: (Redacted)}?

21 A. [12:33:59] I know that it was in the month of December. The second
22 clash -- I can't tell you exactly when that took place. You know, it was a violent
23 event. I even had to flee to protect myself, so I can't remember the exact date.

24 Q. [12:34:40] Sorry. Mr Witness, let's talk about this Anti-Balaka when they came.

25 What did they do on that day they came (Redacted)?

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1 A. [12:35:08] Once they arrived {PFR: (Redacted)}, they started fighting. Clashes
2 started at about 6 a.m. until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. There was shootings until
3 about 16 hours.

4 Q. [12:35:41] Who were the Anti-Balaka fighting on that day? Who were they
5 fighting against?

6 A. [12:36:04] The Anti-Balaka made no distinction. You know, everything was
7 going crazy, everything was breaking down. Many civilians fled and went {PFR:
8 (Redacted)} to protect themselves. And those civilians -- amongst those civilians
9 many died, unfortunately. There were {PFR: (Redacted)} amongst them who only in
10 the morning came to {PFR: (Redacted)}. They, too, lost their lives.

11 Q. [12:36:53] Where were those civilians when they were killed?

12 A. [12:37:18] There were many vehicles from the Seleka in the compound, and
13 those Seleka filled up the vehicles and left. And once they saw there were two or
14 three vehicles, that meant those had already fled and left. Those who were in
15 Boy-Rabe came back with the vehicles. We could see that. They selected the goods
16 that had been stolen, which they handed over to the leader. Then they -- the
17 numbers grew and in the end there weren't many left {PFR: (Redacted)}.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [12:38:09] I'm afraid, Mr Prosecutor, we'll have to go
19 into private session. There are too many redactions.

20 Madam Court Officer, can we go into private session, please.

21 (Private session at 12.38 p.m.)

22 THE COURT OFFICER: [12:38:29] We are now in private session, Madam President.

23 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [12:38:33] Thank you very much.

24 Mr Prosecutor, please continue.

25 MR BIFWOLI: [12:38:36] Thank you, Madam President.

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1 Q. [12:38:38] Mr Witness, when the Seleka and the Anti-Balaka were fighting one
2 another on that day, which particular place did the civilians take refuge?

3 A. [12:39:19] The Seleka, as I just said, had -- were far less, and they had moved to
4 the major route. You know, there were civilians (Redacted) who had come to the
5 (Redacted). The attack was very abrupt. There was shootings everywhere in the
6 town of Bangui, and even those who went to sell their goods in the town sought
7 refuge in (Redacted) and also went into the various levels to find shelter.
8 Unfortunately, the Seleka entered (Redacted) where these people were seeking shelter
9 and started to kill them. Those (Redacted),
10 they, too, were killed by the Seleka. It was a massacre. There were many bodies.
11 Many people died.
12 It was really many inhumane acts.

13 Q. [12:40:45] Approximately, how many people were killed by the Seleka on the
14 (Redacted) on that day?

15 A. [12:41:10] They killed 33 individuals in the (Redacted). How do I know
16 this? You know, when clashes take place, I went (Redacted) and I was looking
17 through a small hole at the inside (Redacted). I saw them, I saw how they were
18 killing these people. A vehicle arrived from the direction of the town and on the
19 vehicle was written "Seleka" on that vehicle. And there was also a skull that was on
20 the vehicle, and the chief was talking to them in Arabic. And they threw the bodies
21 from the various levels (Redacted) and, so, (Redacted)
22 (Redacted). They put the bodies in the vehicles. They threw them
23 into the vehicles and at that time I counted them. I counted 33 bodies.
24 They covered the bodies. There were (Redacted) amongst the people who had been
25 killed. There were also the walking peddlers or traders who walk along the side of

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1 the road. They started up the vehicles and went in the direction of the town. They
2 were the only ones who passed and used the major route. There was no one else.
3 When things calmed down, I left from behind to have a bit of a closer look.

4 Q. [12:43:41] You just testified that their chief was talking to them in Arabic. Do
5 you know what he told them?

6 A. [12:44:02] You know, I don't speak Arabic so I can't understand what they were
7 saying. But I saw they were making signs with his hand, and I understood that these
8 were the people that they had killed (Redacted) in the various levels of the
9 (Redacted). He made them -- he made a sign with his hands and I could thereby
10 understand that he -- that -- that he was telling them to -- to get rid of the bodies.

11 Q. [12:44:37] So, eventually, what happened to those bodies, the dead bodies?

12 A. [12:44:52] They put the bodies into a vehicle and they took the route to the
13 centre of town. After that, I don't know what happened.

14 Q. [12:45:14] Apart from the 33 bodies that you have mentioned, were other bodies
15 recovered (Redacted)?

16 A. [12:45:31] It was in the (Redacted). For example, the
17 (Redacted) sought shelter behind (Redacted), and the bodies were there. There was
18 a lot of blood (Redacted). You know, we're humans. When you are hit by a bullet,
19 there's a lot of blood that flows. There was a lot of blood (Redacted).
20 (Redacted). They killed the person and he
21 was still moving, so I came so that we could take him to the hospital. But the body
22 remained there and, ultimately, the body remained there for two days. And it
23 was -- (Redacted)

24 Q. [12:46:49] Did you see the Red Cross anywhere at that time?

25 A. [12:47:07] On the first day when they killed people (Redacted), I called

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1 (Redacted) to say that there were people who had been killed (Redacted), and
2 (Redacted) in his turn called the Red Cross who came in order to collect the bodies.
3 And the Red Cross took the bodies away.

4 I'm the one who called (Redacted) called the Red Cross who
5 came with the bags, and the Red Cross put the bodies into the bags and left with the
6 bodies.

7 Q. [12:48:08] And who killed those people whose bodies were taken away by the
8 Red Cross?

9 A. [12:48:26] They did. Amongst them, they had -- they had a weapon, but I have
10 forgotten the name of the weapon. There were lots of ammunition which they could
11 use. But the person (Redacted) and started shooting at me. I left,
12 I went out. He saw me. When he saw me, he continued along his path. He didn't
13 speak to me.

14 Q. [12:49:24] How do you know those particular bodies that were carried away by
15 the Red Cross -- how do you know that those people were killed by the Seleka?

16 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [12:49:36] Well, we don't know -- I mean, he said "they
17 did". I don't know who "they" are. He hasn't said the Seleka or Anti-Balaka. He
18 said "they". I don't know who "they" are.

19 MR BIFWOLI: [12:49:51] Well guided, Madam President.

20 Q. [12:49:53] Now, Mr Witness, let's go back to your answer a bit.
21 Who killed those people who were -- whose bodies were carried away by the Red
22 Cross?

23 A. [12:50:18] I showed you the difference between the Seleka and the Anti-Balaka.
24 The Anti-Balaka were armed with sticks, batons. When they came down to
25 Boy-Rabe, heading towards (Redacted), they didn't have weapons, they didn't have

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1 arms, they had sticks. They wanted to hit the Seleka with those batons and take their
2 weapons from them. When (Redacted) they didn't really have
3 any arms, they only had sticks. It was the Seleka who killed those people. Just
4 imagine, you -- you have got a stick in your hand. How can you defend yourself
5 against someone who is carrying a weapon? That's the difference I saw.

6 Q. [12:51:25] Now, you have said that it was the Seleka who killed those people
7 whose bodies were carried by the Red Cross. But how do you -- how did you know
8 that, indeed, it's the Seleka who killed those people?

9 A. [12:51:48] I know because the Balaka didn't have any firearms. (Redacted)

10 (Redacted), I could see what

11 was happening. The Seleka were shooting with heavy weapons that were mounted
12 on vehicles.

13 You know, with a stick in your hand, how can you physically hit someone and attack
14 someone who has an arm? So somebody who has a weapon can attack someone
15 that's further away. They can do that because they have a weapon and so they can
16 attack someone who's further away.

17 Q. [12:52:50] How many bodies were carried away by the Red Cross?

18 A. [12:53:09] I spoke to you of 33 bodies who were carried away into the
19 bodies -- into the vehicles -- sorry.

20 After they had taken the bodies away, I went out because things had calmed down a
21 bit. But I still heard shots and shooting from people who had heavy weapons.

22 These people were completely wearing a turban and those people had heavy
23 weapons. And when they saw me, they didn't -- when that person saw me, they
24 didn't say anything to me, they just continued along their way.

25 Q. [12:54:10] Mr Witness, I'll repeat my question.

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1 When the Red Cross came (Redacted) to carry away the dead bodies, do you know
2 the number of dead bodies that they carried away?

3 A. [12:54:37] People were killed. (Redacted), there were seven bodies.

4 The Red Cross took those seven bodies the next day around about 10 o'clock. The
5 (Redacted) called the Red Cross who came to collect the bodies (Redacted). There
6 were seven bodies in total.

7 (Redacted), they also took another body that was on the ground.

8 You know, at the time, the Seleka were looting a lot of vehicles. Perhaps they also
9 pillaged a vehicle of the Red Cross, so the Red Cross didn't stay very long to collect
10 the body and they left via another route. And the bodies that remained (Redacted)
11 (Redacted).

12 Q. [12:56:01] Now, Mr Witness, let's move on to the next day. After people were
13 killed, where were you the following day?

14 A. [12:56:27] You know, (Redacted). I don't have any weapons. (Redacted)

15 (Redacted)

16 (Redacted)

17 (Redacted)

18 (Redacted) I could see everything that the Seleka were doing.

19 Q. [12:57:04] So what happened on the second day, do you know, after the killings,
20 the day that followed, what happened?

21 A. [12:57:26] The next day, a discussion took place between them, amongst them.

22 Some of them got up, some of them were fighting, and there was one person who was
23 in the toilet who left running. The other Seleka who were present when all the
24 events took place collected those who had been killed and took them in the vehicles to
25 the town.

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1 Q. [12:58:15] Apart from that, did you witness anything else on the second day?

2 A. [12:58:34] Yes, I did see something. The next morning, (Redacted)

3 (Redacted). Suddenly I heard shots and I said, "Why are they

4 shooting?" I saw them. They were about five metres away from me and they were

5 going towards a tree that was in the centre of the (Redacted)

6 (Redacted) and I approached them. I saw that they had killed two individuals, two

7 well-built persons, those were persons who wanted to leave Boy-Rabe in order to flee.

8 (Redacted), they had to face the Seleka who killed them. When

9 I saw the bodies I wanted to go back and they said, "No, no, no. Stay with us."

10 I approached them. I put my hand in the pocket of one of the persons who had been

11 killed. I found his ID card. I saw his name. I think that identity card is something

12 that I handed over to you. And when I took the second ID card, they refused that.

13 They were Yakoma as an ethnic group.

14 The Seleka spoke in Arabic and his friends said, "What do they expect?" He took out

15 his knife and started to cut up the bodies that were on the ground. He also cut into

16 pieces the second body. The intestines sprawled out on the ground. They entered

17 into (Redacted). They took (Redacted) and started to break them down. They

18 broke (Redacted). They broke them down with axes. When

19 I wanted to withdraw, one of the Seleka came. He had markings all over his face

20 and spoke which seemed to me the language they speak in Nigeria and told me not to

21 move. They asked me to cut wood and to make some sort of smoking area because

22 they wanted to smoke the meat that was on the ground before they left. And they

23 said if I didn't do this, they would shoot me. They gave me some machetes to cut the

24 wood. I went down. They took the head of the people and put it on a pole and said,

25 "It's going to stay here for some time." They took the pieces they had cut and put it

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1 under the smoking area that I had made. Then they took the heart and their sexual
2 organs and salted them and cooked them and started to eat them.

3 I was trembling throughout my entire body. One of them said, "Come. Come and
4 eat with us" and I said, "No, no, no. I have never eaten human flesh in my life." He
5 took his weapon in order to beat me and one of the Seleka said to him, "You can't
6 force someone to eat something they've never eaten before, you know."

7 He said to me, in that case you have to take the skull of these people and cook them
8 for us. I did so. And they took the genitals of those people and they started to eat
9 them with onions.

10 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [13:03:36] Okay. Thank you, Mr Witness.

11 Mr Prosecutor, please guide the witness. We are talking in -- this is December 2013,
12 and you know the temporal scope. Guide the witness. I want to know -- we're
13 close to -- we're past 1 o'clock now. What do you want to do now? How many
14 more minutes or is this your last question?

15 MR BIFWOLI: [13:04:01] Madam President, I -- I have two annexes which I would
16 like to show to the witness and that will be it.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [13:04:13] We could accommodate you to 1:10. That
18 is like six minutes more, so try, please. Go on, please.

19 MR BIFWOLI: [13:04:35] Madam Court Officer, I request that you display tab 2,
20 which is CAR-OTP-2050-0118.

21 Q. [13:05:01] And, Mr Witness, were you shown any images by the investigators
22 from the Office of the Prosecutor during your interview.

23 A. Yes, they showed me some pictures. And what I see on the screen here is a
24 view of the inside (Redacted).

25 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [13:05:38] Normally, the question would come before

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- 1 you show the image. I hope you take note of that, counsel.
- 2 MR BIFWOLI: [13:05:44] I realise. I'm sorry for that, Madam President, your
- 3 Honours.
- 4 Q. [13:05:54] Mr Witness, are you able to see the markings on that picture? Are
- 5 you able to see -- or we zoom a bit.
- 6 A. [13:06:15] Yes, I can see them. Yes, I see the marks.
- 7 Q. [13:06:22] Are you -- can you see letter "A"? Are you able to see that?
- 8 A. [13:06:34] Yes, I can see the letter "A".
- 9 Q. [13:06:40] (Microphone not activated)
- 10 THE COURT OFFICER: [13:06:46] Microphone, please.
- 11 MR BIFWOLI: [13:06:49] Sorry.
- 12 Q. [13:06:50] What happened at that point where it's marked letter A?
- 13 A. [13:07:06] That's the main road. The main road.
- 14 Q. [13:07:17] Did anything happen at that point? If yes, what happened?
- 15 A. [13:07:35] Nothing happened on the main road, but I do know that some things
- 16 happened (Redacted). I don't know what happened on the main road.
- 17 Q. [13:07:51] Okay. Can you see point "B" on that image?
- 18 A. [13:08:05] Yes, can I see it. That's the (Redacted)
- 19 Q. [13:08:20] (Microphone not activated)
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [13:08:33] Your microphone please, counsel.
- 21 MR BIFWOLI: [13:08:35] Sorry.
- 22 Q. [13:08:37] Mr Witness, can you see point "C" on the image?
- 23 A. [13:08:54] Yes, I can see the marking "C". That's where the toilets were.
- 24 Q. [13:09:00] (Microphone not activated)
- 25 THE COURT OFFICER: [13:09:15] Microphone, please.

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1 MR BIFWOLI: [13:09:19] Sorry.

2 Q. [13:09:21] Yeah, at point "C", was there something else there?

3 A. [13:09:34] I can see the letter "D".

4 Q. [13:09:41] Okay, tell the Court what -- what was at letter "D"?

5 A. [13:09:57] That's just opposite the spot where -- well, just opposite (Redacted)

6 (Redacted). That's where the general was staying when they were based (Redacted)

7 (Redacted)

8 (Counsel confers)

9 MR BIFWOLI: [13:10:21]

10 Q. [13:10:22] And can you see point "E"?

11 A. [13:10:33] Yes, I see location "E". That's where the higher storeys were, where
12 many people were killed.

13 Q. [13:11:05] That's all for that annex.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [13:11:10] Counsel, I see you -- you'll need some more
15 time, so -- maybe a bit more, so I'm going to ask that we end with the witness's
16 testimony here today and give you a little bit more time tomorrow morning.

17 So, Mr Witness, we're going to stop here for today. We'll come again tomorrow and
18 start off with your testimony at 9:30. When you leave your location, do not discuss
19 your testimony with anybody until we meet tomorrow. You will still be on oath
20 when we meet tomorrow to tell the truth to the Court.

21 I rise the Court for 9:30 tomorrow, please.

22 THE COURT USHER: [13:11:49] All rise.

23 (The hearing ends in private session at 1.11 p.m.)