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- 1 International Criminal Court
- 2 Trial Chamber IX
- 3 Situation: Republic of Uganda
- 4 In the case of The Prosecutor v. Dominic Ongwen ICC-02/04-01/15
- 5 Presiding Judge Bertram Schmitt, Judge Péter Kovács and Judge Raul Cano
- 6 Pangalangan
- 7 Trial Hearing Courtroom 3
- 8 Monday, 1 April 2019
- 9 (The hearing starts in open session at 9.34 a.m.)
- 10 THE COURT USHER: [9:34:35] All rise.
- 11 The International Criminal Court is now in session.
- 12 Please be seated.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:35:00] Good morning, everyone.
- 14 Could the court officer please call the case.
- 15 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:35:10] Good morning, Mr President, your Honours.
- 16 The situation in the Republic of Uganda, in the case of The Prosecutor versus Dominic
- 17 Ongwen, case reference ICC-02/04-01/15.
- 18 And for the record, we are in public session.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:35:24] Thank you.
- 20 I call for the appearance of the parties, Prosecution first, Ms Ndagire.
- 21 MS NDAGIRE: [9:35:29] Good morning, Mr President, your Honours.
- 22 The Prosecution is represented this morning by Ben Gumpert, Shkelzen Zeneli,
- 23 Pubudu Sachithanandan, Grace Goh, Jasmina Suljanovic, Laura de Leeuw,
- 24 Natasha Barigye, and, myself, Sanyu Ndagire.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:35:47] Thank you, Ms Ndagire.

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- 1 Ms Massidda for the Representatives of the Victims.
- 2 MS MASSIDDA: [9:35:53] Good morning, your Honours. With me today, Caroline
- 3 Walter, Orchlon Narantsetseg, and I am Paolina Massidda.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:35:58] Yes.
- 5 And the second team, please.
- 6 MS SEHMI: [9:36:01] Good morning, Mr President, your Honours. On behalf of
- 7 the victims, Anushka Sehmi and James Mawira.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:36:07] (Microphone not activated)
- 9 And now for the Defence, Mr Kifudde.
- 10 MR KIFUDDE: [9:36:10] Good morning, Mr President and your Honours.
- 11 For the Defence today we have, myself, Gordon Kifudde, assistant to counsel; we
- 12 have Thomas Obhof, assistant to counsel; we have Chief Charles Taku Achaleke,
- 13 co-counsel; and Beth Lyons, co-counsel. As well as our client, Dominic Ongwen, is
- 14 in Court.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:36:29] Thank you very much.
- And before we start just a short remark on the behalf of the Chamber, that whenever a
- 17 break is needed the Chamber will be informed, as I understand it, and we have
- mindful of potential problems, but I think we can be optimistic that we proceed
- 19 without further delay.
- We have a witness here in the courtroom, the next witness that is going to be called by
- 21 the Defence. It's D-65 and he is called Mr Ogaga.
- 22 Good morning, Mr Ogaga. On behalf of the Chamber I would like to welcome you
- 23 in the courtroom.
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- 25 (The witness speaks Lango)

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- 1 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:37:10] Mr Ogaga, there is a card in front of you
- 3 with a solemn undertaking. I will read it to you, please listen carefully, and then I
- 4 will ask you if you agree:
- 5 I solemnly declare that I will speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the
- 6 truth.
- 7 Do you understand the undertaking, Mr Ogaga?
- 8 THE WITNESS: [9:37:34] (Interpretation) I do not know English. If somebody
- 9 could interpret, this should be interpreted in Luo.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:37:51] Then there seems to be a problem with the
- 11 interpretation. It might be that it's a wrong channel only, and so it should be the
- 12 right channel.
- 13 So, Mr Ogaga, please sit down. It's not a problem. Please have a seat.
- 14 So when I speak to you, Mr Ogaga, do you get an interpretation? Obviously not.
- 15 Then this would have to be fixed. And if this cannot be fixed quickly we will have to
- 16 go to the deliberation room and wait until it is fixed.
- 17 So we start it again. Mr Ogaga, do you hear of course you hear me but do you
- 18 hear an interpretation so that you can understand me?
- 19 THE WITNESS: [9:38:54] (Interpretation) Yes, I can hear.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:38:59] Then we start all over again. But it's not a
- 21 problem. That can happen. There is so much technical here in the courtroom that I
- 22 wonder every once in a while that not more happens negatively.
- 23 So, Mr Ogaga, of course not a problem with you, it was simply a problem with
- 24 interpretation. So we start from scratch, so to speak.
- 25 I now read to you that the solemn undertaking that every witness has to take who

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- 1 comes to this courtroom, so please listen carefully:
- 2 I solemnly declare that I will speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the
- 3 truth.
- 4 Mr Ogaga, do you understand the undertaking?
- 5 THE WITNESS: [9:39:45] (Interpretation) Yes, I have heard it.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:39:46] And do you agree with it?
- 7 THE WITNESS: [9:39:52] (Interpretation) Yes, I do agree.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:39:54] Thank you.
- 9 So, obviously, now it functions and we are all happy that we can proceed.
- 10 Before we start with the examination a practical matter, Mr Ogaga:
- 11 As you have now recognised very well, everything here is written down and
- interpreted, at least when it functions, and to allow for the interpretation we have to
- speak at a relatively slow level so that the interpreters can follow.
- 14 If you have any questions yourself, you want to address the Chamber, you can raise
- 15 your hand and I will ask you what you want to tell us.
- We start then now with the examination by the Defence and, Mr Kifudde, you have
- 17 the floor.
- 18 QUESTIONED BY MR KIFUDDE:
- 19 Q. [9:40:52] Good morning, Mr Witness.
- 20 A. [9:40:53] Good morning.
- 21 Q. [9:40:55] I will be questioning you on behalf of the Defence. Mr Witness, can
- 22 you please tell Court your current legal name.
- 23 A. [9:41:14] My name currently is Ogwang Bosco.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:41:23] So may I shortly. So I have -- when I said
- 25 "Mr Ogaga", this was wrong simply?

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- 1 THE WITNESS: [9:41:33] (Interpretation) Yes, I understand it.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:41:36] No, no, no. But of course, out of respect,
- 3 the Chamber has to address you with your correct name. So is Ogwang would be
- 4 correctly?
- 5 THE WITNESS: [9:41:46] (Interpretation) Yes.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:41:48] Okay. Thank you. Then I apologise for
- 7 that.
- 8 Please, Mr Kifudde, proceed.
- 9 MR KIFUDDE: [9:41:53]
- 10 Q. [9:41:53] Have you ever been known by any other nicknames or aliases?
- 11 A. [9:42:05] Are you asking about another name?
- 12 Q. [09:42:10] Exactly.
- 13 A. [09:42:10] The name ...
- 14 Q. [9:42:21] Have you ever been known by any other names apart from Ogwang
- 15 Bosco?
- 16 A. [9:42:31] No.
- 17 Q. [9:42:35] Okay. Let me put it this way: Have you ever been known by the
- 18 name Ogaga George?
- 19 A. [9:42:48] Yes, that was the name I was known by during work, but my name
- 20 from birth is Ogwang Bosco.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:43:03] So I think now we have also the reason for
- 22 the misunderstanding in the beginning, but I think he's "Mr Ogwang" and we can
- 23 simply proceed from that. Perhaps his age, I think, I'm not sure if we have
- 24 addressed that.
- 25 MR KIFUDDE: [9:43:18]

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- 1 Q. [9:43:20] Mr Witness, when and where were you born?
- 2 A. [9:43:25] I was born in 1972 in Kole district.
- 3 Q. [9:43:41] What is your nationality, ethnic origin and place of residence?
- 4 A. [9:43:55] I am a Ugandan. I purchased a piece of land in Abok sub-county in
- 5 Oyam.
- 6 Q. [9:44:12] And what is your ethnic origin? Your tribe.
- 7 A. [9:44:21] I am of Ogora origin.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:44:30] Perhaps for the record, we have now our
- 9 lead counsel, Mr Ayena Odongo also in the courtroom.
- 10 Good morning, Mr Odongo.
- 11 MR AYENA ODONGO: [9:44:39] (Overlapping speakers) must apologise,
- 12 Mr President --
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:44:42] You don't have to apologise.
- 14 MR AYENA ODONGO: [9:44:43] With the badge, they disabled it; so I had to run
- 15 around. I didn't know so --
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:44:44] Yes, sometimes, but perhaps --
- 17 MR AYENA ODONGO: [9:44:45] Yes.
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:44:45] -- this might sooth you, that even
- 19 sometimes happens to Judges; so that might help perhaps to come over it.
- 20 MR AYENA ODONGO: [9:44:54] Thank you.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:44:56] Please proceed, Mr Kifudde.
- 22 MR KIFUDDE: [9:44:59]
- 23 Q. [9:45:01] Mr Witness, what do you do for a living?
- 24 A. [9:45:11] I am a peasant farmer.
- 25 Q. [9:45:14] What is your level of education?

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- 1 A. [9:45:21] I stopped in primary 4.
- 2 Q. [9:45:26] Mr Witness, while growing up, how was life like in the 1980s?
- 3 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honour, could the witness move closer to the
- 4 microphone.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:45:41] Mr Ogwang, could you please move a little
- 6 bit closer to the microphone so that the interpreters can hear you better. Perhaps
- 7 you can move a little bit forward. I don't know if it is possible. Yes? Perhaps you
- 8 can be helped by ...
- 9 Thank you very much.
- 10 Mr Kifudde -- the question was, which is very general, how life was in the 1980s. So,
- 11 yes, but I would not object to it.
- 12 Mr Ogwang, how do you remember your life in the 1980s, but perhaps in more
- 13 general matters -- terms?
- 14 THE WITNESS: [9:46:44] (Interpretation) I should have continued with my
- 15 education, but LRA rebels killed my father and my mother. There was no one who
- 16 could pay for my tuition; then I resorted to farming.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:47:05] (Overlapping speakers) When did that
- 18 happen, do you recall it?
- 19 THE WITNESS: [9:47:13] (Interpretation) Are you talking about the year it happened?
- 20 I do not recall the year that my father was killed. I later joined the army in 1991
- 21 because there was no one who was taking care of my education. I worked as a
- 22 soldier. I would buy goats to rear while working as a soldier.
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:47:46] Thank you.
- 24 THE WITNESS: [9:47:48] (Interpretation) The goats multiplied slowly and later I
- 25 started buying cows. Sometime back, you know, as a soldier you are bound to be

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- 1 transferred. We left and I was transferred to Abok. While at Abok, we were given
- 2 work at Abok camp. When we were assigned, the LRA abducted two children.
- 3 The children were from Atura. They found the children were swimming in a swamp
- 4 near the road; they fled naked.
- 5 MR KIFUDDE:
- 6 Q [9:49:04] Now, Mr Witness --
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:49:05] Just a remark, but this, Mr Kifudde,
- 8 happens sometimes. If you ask and it was me, you started it and I took over, when
- 9 you put open questions, the narrative becomes relatively -- but it's not bad. So it
- 10 simply foreshadows also some of your later questions I would assume that have been
- already asked. But I understand that you now interrupt, so please proceed.
- 12 MR KIFUDDE: [9:49:31]
- 13 Q. [9:49:32] Mr Witness, you mentioned that you joined the army in 1991. Which
- 14 army did you join? Was it the NRA or some other paramilitary institution?
- 15 A. [9:49:49] It was the LDU.
- 16 Q. [9:49:56] And why did you decide to join the LDU?
- 17 A. [9:50:05] Because the LRA was disturbing the communities, they were abducting
- our children forcibly, and also sleeping with them forcefully. Others have not
- 19 returned up to now. They were abducted from their homes. That is the reason
- 20 why I joined. Even my sister was abducted and taken to the bush from St Mary's.
- 21 She's not returned up to now.
- 22 Q. [9:50:39] Now upon joining the LDU, did you undergo any form of military
- 23 training?
- 24 A. [9:50:52] Yes, we were trained. We were trained in Logore training wing.
- 25 Q. [9:51:01] In what aspects were you trained?

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- 1 A. [9:51:14] We were trained about security of the civilians, warfare and some of
- 2 the rules to follow. If you are with a weapon, you should not arrest the civilians; if
- 3 you want something, you should ask politely.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:51:42] Which weapons were you taught to handle,
- 5 Mr Ogwang?
- 6 THE WITNESS: [9:51:55] (Interpretation) We were trained in handling RPG, G2,
- 7 LMG, AK-47, mortar and coilless.
- 8 MR KIFUDDE: [9:52:19]
- 9 Q. [9:52:20] When you talk about LMG, what do you mean?
- 10 A. [9:52:30] It is a submachine gun; LMG is a submachine gun.
- 11 Q. [9:52:37] Now, who did the LDU belong to? Did it belong to the government
- or the rebels?
- 13 A. [9:52:52] It belonged to the government.
- 14 Q. [9:52:57] So would I be right to say it was the government which was recruiting
- 15 the LDUs?
- 16 A. [9:53:07] Yes.
- 17 Q. [9:53:13] And for how long were you trained as LDUs?
- 18 A. [9:53:20] It was six months.
- 19 Q. [9:53:26] (Microphone not activated) while being trained --
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:53:32] Mr Obhof is now -- you know what I'm
- 21 referring to because Mr Kifudde was responsible for Mr Ayena's microphone and
- 22 now I declare, so to speak, Mr Obhof being responsible for -- it's more difficult I see.
- 23 I see from -- logistically, so to speak, but nevertheless.
- 24 MR KIFUDDE: [9:53:51]
- 25 Q. [9:53:52] Mr Witness, while being trained at Logore, approximately how many

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- 1 were you who were being trained?
- 2 A. [9:54:02] There were many people being trained. It can be up to 10,000 people
- 3 and people would be split into coys, into different coys into different platoons.
- 4 There would be A coy, B coy and D coy and so on and so forth. After the training
- 5 and after being passed, after the six-months' training, we were put into detaches.
- 6 Q. [9:54:49] Now before being put into detaches, I have another follow-up question,
- 7 can you tell the approximate age of the people who were being trained at the time?
- 8 A. [9:55:11] The people who went for training ranged from the age of 15 upwards.
- 9 Q. [9:55:26] Now, the people who went for training, was it voluntary or some were
- 10 forced?
- 11 A. [9:55:44] It was voluntary. There was no one who was forced. It is the LRA
- 12 who forces people. But this one is voluntary.
- 13 Q. [9:55:57] After the training, were you given any sort of ammunitions?
- 14 A. [9:56:09] After the training, we were given weapons. Every detach was given a
- mortar or one RPG or two; then they would give one or two G2. The rest were given
- 16 AK-47s and SMG.
- 17 Q. [9:56:37] Apart from the weapons, were you given any special type of clothing?
- 18 A. [9:56:58] Let me respond to that. In regard to clothing, they gave us some form
- of clothing and the LRA would be wearing the same uniform that we were given.
- 20 We wondered how they were getting the clothing. There's -- there is some clothing
- 21 which was -- which was maroon, reddish in colour. Whenever they give it to us,
- 22 they would also have it. And then the -- another form of uniform, which was
- camouflage; whenever they gave it to us they would also be having it.
- Q. [9:57:49] Now, after being passed out as members of the LDU, what were your
- 25 terms of engagement?

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- 1 A. [9:58:07] They gave us rules. When we were sent out and deployed in different
- 2 detaches, you were not supposed to harass civilians with your gun. If you wanted
- 3 something from a civilian, you should go and request for it so that you are given.
- 4 When you get your salary, you would pay for the thing you have got. That was one
- 5 of the rules we were given. You are not supposed to steal people's things.
- 6 Q. [9:58:51] Now, to act as members of the LDU, were you being remunerated in
- 7 form of being paid salaries?
- 8 A. [9:59:09] Yes. They started paying us. We were being paid 10,000 shillings.
- 9 Afterwards, from 10,000, they would also give us flour every week. Then they
- started paying us 40,000. Later on it was raised to 60,000. And then, after some
- time, it was raised to a hundred thousand, and that is where it stopped.
- 12 Q. [9:59:59] (Microphone not activated) It was monthly, on monthly basis?
- 13 A. [10:00:09] Sometimes we would miss some months. After two or three months
- 14 they would pay us in arrears.
- 15 Q. [10:00:21] Now, after being passed out as members of the LDU, who were you
- 16 told were your commanders?
- 17 A. [10:00:39] On our side, when we were deployed we heard someone called
- 18 Mugabe; he was not from our local area. He had two stars as a rank.
- 19 Q. [10:01:07] Now, after being passed out shortly before you -- okay, before you
- 20 were posted to Abok, which other areas were you deployed at?
- 21 A. [10:01:27] I recall that I was sent to Abok. They initially sent me to Minakulu,
- 22 and then from Minakulu they took me to Jambia. From Jambia, I was taken to Iceme.
- 23 From Iceme, I was taken to Pala Bii. From Pala Bii they took me to Panyjok I. From
- 24 Panyjok I to Panyjok II. Panyjok II they took me back to Amwa. From Amwa I was
- 25 taken to Omel-Apem. From Omel-Apem I was taken to Loyo Ajonga. From

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- 1 Loyo Ajonga I was taken to Koch Goma, from Koch Goma to Aleka, from Aleka to
- 2 Ojwii, from Ojwii to Alito, from Alito to Abongo Dero.
- 3 Q. [10:02:56] Now, Mr Witness, how long were you spending in most of those areas
- 4 before being transferred?
- 5 A. [10:03:17] Perhaps -- you know, the places that I was being transferred to were
- 6 places that the LRA frequented. Sometimes I would stay there for three weeks and
- 7 then I would be re-assigned. I wouldn't stay there for longer than a month. It was
- 8 only for very short periods. All those places that I listed, I was only assigned there
- 9 for very short pieces. The longest I stayed was a week.
- 10 Q. [10:03:47] Okay. In what area did you stay longest?
- 11 A. [10:04:08] My longest deployment was at Abongo Dero. I stayed there and
- 12 there was a place where they were -- I was protecting the girls who had been
- 13 abducted from Abongo Dero. And while we were there I was able to get a little bit
- 14 of rest.
- 15 Q. [10:04:39] And in most of those areas who were your immediate bosses? Was it
- 16 UPDF, as you earlier alluded to?
- 17 A. [10:05:02] No. The other person was at Abok, because when you are assigned
- 18 to a new place where you are deployed you find another commander in charge of that
- 19 place. So there are always different commanders, not the same one.
- 20 Q. [10:05:24] But are the commanders all from UPDF?
- 21 A. [10:05:34] Yes, they are. Some of them are cadet officers and they have one star.
- 22 And while they are there they are assigned, some of them have two stars.
- 23 Q. [10:05:55] Now, in the execution of your work, how were you coordinating with
- 24 the UPDF? Were you part of the UPDF or you were acting separately from the
- 25 UPDF?

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- 1 A. [10:06:27] As I stated, there was a worktop. If there is a place that is under
- 2 severe attack or that is frequently being attacked, they take the UPDF, they take the 31,
- 3 the 27 and they come and stay with us, they will take us with them to the bush.
- 4 Their commanders are usually from the UPDF.
- 5 Q. [10:07:01] Mr Witness, when were you deployed to guard Abok IDP camp?
- 6 A. [10:07:16] I was sent to Abok in 2004.
- 7 Q. [10:07:30] Could you be remembering the month when you were deployed at
- 8 Abok?
- 9 A. [10:07:41] Yes, I do recall.
- 10 Q. [10:07:43] What month was it?
- 11 A. [10:07:52] I went to Abok in June. In June, on the 8th. And that was when the
- 12 LRA came and -- when the LRA came and attacked Abok on 8 June I was already
- 13 there.
- 14 Q. [10:08:22] Now, for how long were you at Abok before the attack in June?
- 15 A. [10:08:37] I had been in Abok -- I had only been deployed to Abok for a month,
- 16 I had only been there for a month. Because Abok was attacked on the 8th and I was
- only deployed there on 1 June. I hadn't been there for that long. I had been taken
- 18 from Koch Goma.
- 19 Q. [10:09:19] What was your major job at Abok camp?
- 20 A. [10:09:34] My major job at Abok camp, as I stated -- well, I stated earlier that
- 21 I was a farmer.
- 22 Q. [10:09:51] What was your major task or major role at Abok while as an LDU?
- 23 A. [10:10:17] All right. At Abok I was only there guarding civilians. I wasn't
- 24 doing anything other than guarding the civilians.
- 25 Q. [10:10:32] Approximately how many people were staying in Abok IDP camp, if

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- 1 you could remember?
- 2 A. [10:10:47] Are you asking about civilians?
- 3 Q. [10:10:51] Yes.
- 4 A. [10:10:54] Well, Abok was really big, possibly from 3,000 upwards, because the
- 5 camp was big.
- 6 Q. [10:11:16] And how many LDUs were deployed to guard the IDP camp?
- 7 A. [10:11:30] Those of us who were -- when we were taken to protect the camp, the
- 8 LRA came and they crossed the road. The OC called us. Civilians ran to the
- 9 barracks and informed us that these people have arrived. When these people came, I
- 10 cycled, I cycled really fast and followed their tracks. After cycling, just cycling a
- little bit I found them; some of them were in the bushes still eating mangos. When I
- 12 cycled I turned back and returned.
- 13 I went to another barracks in Bar-Rio. I found them assigning people and I reported.
- 14 There are some people who were sent to place an ambush, some people had already
- set the ambush along the road. Some people had already gone towards Iceme parish.
- 16 These people were apparently already close by. I turned, went back at around 2.
- 17 They abducted the two kids that I mentioned earlier. They started shooting. They
- started firing at these people and that's when they started fighting. They were using
- some kind of a gun known as a J2 and that's what they were using to attack the camp.
- 20 Q. [10:13:05] Mr Witness, we shall come to that later. Now, to take you back, I
- 21 was seeking to know how many members of the LDU were deployed to guard the
- 22 IDP camp in June 2004, before the attack.
- 23 A. [10:13:32] All right, I see. There were not many people, about 20 people, about
- 24 \*27. Because there are some people who stayed behind in the barracks to protect the
- 25 barracks, some people would go and set up an ambush. So there were

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- 1 approximately 20 people.
- 2 Q. [10:13:59] Now, was the 20 or 70 inclusive of the UPDF, members of the UPDF?
- 3 A. [10:14:15] No. It was only the LDU. There were no UPDFs in that -- at that
- 4 location at that time.
- 5 Q. [10:14:24] And who was the commanding officer in respect of the LDUs at Abok
- 6 IDP camp?
- 7 A. [10:14:37] It was Mugabe. It was Mugabe. He was from the west.
- 8 Q. [10:14:44] And Mugabe belonged to which army? Which army did Mugabe
- 9 belong to?
- 10 A. [10:14:52] Mugabe was a member of the UPDF.
- 11 Q. [10:14:57] Now, Mr Witness, what was the positioning of the barracks vis-à-vis
- 12 the camp?
- 13 A. [10:15:23] There was only -- it was only about 50 metres away from the camp.
- 14 Q. [10:15:33] Would you guard the IDP camp even during day, daytime?
- 15 A. [10:15:51] No. We would only guard the camp at night because nothing
- 16 happens during the day.
- 17 Q. [10:15:59] And at what time would you be deployed to guard the camp?
- 18 A. [10:16:09] From 12 p.m.
- 19 THE INTERPRETER: Interpreter corrects: 6 p.m.
- 20 MR KIFUDDE: [10:16:27]
- 21 Q. [10:16:28] And at what time would you retreat back to the barracks?
- 22 A. [10:16:36] Seven a.m.
- Q. [10:16:40] And how many LDU members would be deployed each night to
- 24 guard the IDP camp?
- 25 A. [10:17:00] Twenty, 20 and above. If it's relatively safe, if there is no insecurity,

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- then they would leave 20 people behind in the barracks and 40 would go to the camp.
- 2 Q. [10:17:16] And what would be the spacing between the soldiers guarding the
- 3 IDP camp?
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:17:46] Mr Witness, do you want to have a break?
- 5 Oh, he wants to show.
- 6 No, it's fine. It's very good, it's very good to see that, yes. Please be seated and I
- 7 ask you something then. That's very good.
- 8 Mr Ogwang, you wanted to show us the distance where the people are sitting here,
- 9 was this correct?
- 10 THE WITNESS: [10:18:49] (Interpretation) It's where the Judges are sitting, is a bit
- further, but just here at the edge of where the legal officers are sitting.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:18:58] That's absolutely perfect.
- 13 MR KIFUDDE: [10:19:00] For the record, it's approximately 9 metres.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:19:05] Yes, I think this is -- I think we had this
- 15 already during the Prosecution case. It's common knowledge the dimensions of this
- 16 courtroom here.
- 17 Mr Kifudde, please proceed.
- 18 MR KIFUDDE: [10:19:18]
- 19 Q. [10:19:19] Mr Witness, what type of weapons were you assigned while guarding
- 20 the IDP camp, Abok IDP camp?
- 21 A. [10:19:29] There was an RPG and a J2, as well as a mortar, one mortar. And
- 22 that's what -- those are the heavy ammunition that we were given to protect the camp
- with.
- Q. [10:19:49] Mr Witness, you stated that around 20 to 30 LDU members would be
- 25 deployed to guard the camp. Where would the rest of the LDUs remain?

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1 A. [10:20:14] The rest of the LDU would have been sent somewhere else, deployed

- 2 somewhere else, because if there is insecurity in a particular area where the LRA is
- 3 disturbing people, then they would be moved and taken to that particular area.
- 4 Q. [10:20:39] What was the manner in which you the LDUs were guarding the IDP
- 5 camp of Abok?
- 6 A. [10:20:50] We used to take good care of Abok camp, we would guard it well.
- 7 But on the day that they tell people that, please, collect all your rubbish, people would
- 8 collect the rubbish and dig a rubbish heap and take all the rubbish to that rubbish
- 9 heap. If there is a problem, we would tell people what to do. If you are sent to the
- camp, then you are there to help people, to assign people duties that they are
- supposed to do. Those of you who stay back in the barracks also do what you have
- been left to do at the barracks.
- 13 Q. [10:21:52] Mr Witness, while not on duty, would you be allowed to go to the
- camp and freely mix up with the civilian population?
- 15 A. [10:22:13] Yes, you were able to do that.
- 16 Q. [10:22:18] And in the process of interacting with the civilian population --
- 17 A. [10:22:28] You need to ask for permission first before going. You do not get up
- and just go, you have to ask for permission, because at least there have to be some
- 19 people staying behind in the barracks, you cannot leave the barracks empty. So it's
- 20 extremely important that you ask for permission and only go there if you need to do
- something, for example, you have to go and buy something from there.
- 22 Q. [10:22:58] While at Abok did you still have the same uniform, army uniform that
- 23 were given to you after, you know, after being passed out?
- 24 A. [10:23:27] No. When we were passed, I had a different uniform. I recall that
- 25 when we were taken there we were given new uniforms, we were given plain

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- 1 uniforms, and we were also assigned some camouflage uniform.
- 2 Q. [10:23:47] While at Abok who supplied the LDUs with food?
- 3 A. [10:24:01] It was the quartermaster. I do not recall his name at the moment, but
- 4 he was the one who would supply us with food. It's very difficult to recall
- 5 some -- the names, some of the names from people from the western part of Uganda,
- 6 but I do recall Mugabe's name, it was easier than the rest of the other names, and
- 7 Mugabe used to spend time with us.
- 8 Q. [10:24:28] And how often was the food supplied to you?
- 9 A. [10:24:42] There are times when they would take time, sometimes two weeks,
- sometimes they would bring food relatively fast, sometimes they would take their
- 11 time. In two weeks, every fortnight, they would bring perhaps 16 bags of flour,
- 12 10/12 cups of flour and maybe 12 cups of beans.
- 13 Q. [10:25:12] Now, was the food that was supplied to you enough?
- 14 A. [10:25:23] Yeah, they would bring enough food for people.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:25:31] For people, this means for you as part of
- 16 the LDU; is that correct?
- 17 THE WITNESS: [10:25:44] (Interpretation) Yes.
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:25:45] And did you observe how the situation
- 19 was for the civilians in the camp?
- 20 THE WITNESS: [10:26:05] (Interpretation) The food that was given to civilians were
- 21 provided by the NGOs; they were given food in the camps, they were given
- saucepans, they were given blankets and plates. If, for example, you as a person do
- 23 not feel like eating maize meal, you go and you ask them for cassava. You take your
- 24 maize meal and you take it to them and exchange it with the cassava. That's what
- 25 we used to do. That's what the LDUs and the civilians used to do, would barter for

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- 1 our food.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:26:50] Was food for the civilians enough?
- 3 THE WITNESS: [10:27:03] (Interpretation) The food that was given to civilians is
- 4 difficult for me to say because I did not know what they had in their houses. What
- 5 we had was enough for us. But whatever was given to every single individual
- 6 civilian I do not know, because I had no right to go into their houses and check and
- 7 see what they had in there.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:27:27] Fair enough.
- 9 Mr Kifudde.
- 10 MR KIFUDDE: [10:27:29]
- 11 Q. [10:27:30] But were you allowed to go and get food from the civilians?
- 12 A. [10:27:41] No, we were not allowed to. Because we were also given our own
- 13 food, so we were not allowed. You know, when I -- what I stated earlier is that if
- 14 you want something from a civilian, you have an understanding with them, you go,
- 15 you ask them and you barter, you change; because it's very difficult to eat maize meal
- 16 every single day, so you barter, you exchange.
- 17 Q. [10:28:11] You earlier told Court that among the rules that you were given was
- that you were not allowed to go and steal food from the civilians. Were there no
- 19 incidents when some of your colleagues would rob or torture civilians or rob, you
- 20 know, food meant for civilians?
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:28:46] Mr Kifudde, better would be on direct to
- 22 say, for example, did everyone observe this rule, but I let it pass. It was quite
- 23 suggestive, so to speak, yes.
- 24 MR KIFUDDE: [10:29:00] Much obliged.
- 25 THE WITNESS: [10:29:06] (Interpretation) Do you want me to respond?

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:29:08] Please.
- 2 THE WITNESS: [10:29:11] (Interpretation) Okay. There was one soldier who did
- 3 that, he went and uprooted civilian's cassava. The civilian was watching this soldier,
- 4 and I know the name of the person. The civilian came and reported the matter to the
- 5 barracks. They waited for him to come back and he was called and asked. They
- 6 asked him "Where have you been?" Then they went into his house, they found that
- 7 they had cassava in the house. They went, they brought some sticks. They beat
- 8 him. They beat him while the owner of the cassava was standing there watching,
- 9 and it did not happen again. They gave the owner of the cassava, they gave him
- 10 back the cassava. And that's what I saw. That's the one incident where I saw
- somebody go and take something, appropriate something that was not rightfully
- 12 theirs.
- 13 Q. [10:30:23] Mr Witness, how were the living conditions in the IDP camp? Abok
- 14 IDP camp, for that matter.
- 15 A. [10:30:36] Life was generally good. It was the LRA that went and messed up
- 16 the camp.
- 17 Q. [10:31:00] You also mentioned earlier that you, you LDUs would, you know,
- 18 freely mix up with the civilian population in the IDP camp. In the process of mixing
- 19 up, would you still be dressed in uniform and would you still be wielding guns?
- 20 A. [10:31:31] For us, we would be holding our guns. It was unpredictable then.
- 21 You could not leave your weapon in the barracks. When the civilians go to their
- 22 farms, for us, we do not go to the farms. They came and give us reports that the
- 23 LRA is on this side or that side, so we would hurry to dress up, and in our shoes also,
- 24 and run there. And if indeed they were there, we would go and get them and
- 25 engage with them.

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1 Q. [10:32:15] Now we are going to talk about the attack on the IDP camp, on Abok

- 2 IDP camp. You earlier mentioned that it was on 8 June 2004, and you also
- 3 mentioned that during the day you sighted, you know, rebels moving around. So
- 4 after sighting the rebels, what did you do as LDUs?
- 5 A. [10:32:48] The rebels did not pass by at daytime. For us, we start guarding the
- 6 camp from 6.30 p.m., but the rebels were sighted between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. and the
- 7 civilians came and gave us a report. For me, I went to Bar-Rio and reported. The
- 8 commander came himself and told people to be on standby.
- 9 About 8 p.m. they killed this child from Atura. One person was shot in the stomach
- and his intestines were outside, but he ran away.
- 11 The fighting intensified. There were three sessions of the fight and then there was
- 12 silence. Then we pushed them again and we came back to the barracks. They came
- again, and that took three times. We ran out of bullets I personally had only three
- bullets to protect myself and we withdrew. They started shooting at us. Then a
- 15 Mamba came from Apac about 11 p.m. when these people had already burnt houses
- in the camp. Some people were being pushed in the fire that was burning; they
- 17 would be shot and pushed in the fire. Others were being shot from the houses,
- others were abducted when -- and they took them alive, but they were killed on the
- 19 way. Others were abducted and taken into the bush and have never returned up to
- 20 now. There are others who were rescued and were taken to Teboke. We followed
- 21 them on foot and then they told us to stop and go back because they had already gone
- 22 past Lalogi.
- 23 Q. [10:35:10] Now, you said you, as an individual, you reported to Bar-Rio. Who
- 24 did you report at Bar-Rio detach and what did they do, anyone? And why not to
- 25 Mugabe, your commanding officer?

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- 1 A. [10:35:35] It was Commander Mugabe who sent me to Bar-Rio and I reported to
- 2 the commander of Bar-Rio. He also got members of his force and brought him and
- 3 put an ambush. Mugabe also got a few members of his forces and put an ambush.
- 4 I was wearing civilian, then I came back and wore my uniform and went to the camp.
- 5 Q. [10:36:02] Now, you mentioned that there was reinforcement and the Mamba
- 6 came. What was the reaction of the Mamba upon its arrival at the camp?
- 7 A. [10:36:19] When the Mamba came, about 11 p.m., it started shooting on some
- 8 trees. It shot twice and then there was silence. We told them we need to withdraw,
- 9 because when a Mamba comes it shoots without caring whether you are a
- 10 government soldier or an LRA. It was indiscriminate shooting. Then it went back.
- 11 The LRA had left already, the camp had burnt; some people and goats had been burnt
- 12 in the fire. Then the Mamba went back. In the morning we started to follow these
- people. Others, we found them, had been hit on the head and have died. We
- realised that they had gone far, as far as Lalogi, and we could not get them anymore.
- 15 Q. [10:37:29] Mr Witness, could you be knowing the LRA commander who
- 16 commanded the attack on Abok IDP camp?
- 17 A. [10:37:50] The group that came, I cannot actually guess who the commander was.
- 18 I did not see any commander. I was also protecting myself and the civilians and
- 19 wondering who was attacking us. We were wondering who was leading them. I
- 20 cannot tell lies there.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:38:14] That's absolutely correct, Mr Witness, that
- 22 you only tell us what you really recall and where you really have own knowledge of.
- 23 You said in your narrative that you retreated to the barracks because you ran out of
- 24 bullets. Was this the same with all the other LDUs?
- 25 THE WITNESS: [10:38:48] (Interpretation) I had three magazines with me. You

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- 1 couldn't even borrow bullets from your colleague. Others also had few bullets, like
- 2 five or six, so I couldn't borrow. The bullets remaining were still helping us. I did
- 3 not go back to the barracks. If I had gone to the barracks I would have been shot by
- 4 those in the barracks.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:39:13] And so where did you retreat to then?
- 6 THE WITNESS: [10:39:21] (Interpretation) We withdrew together. I wasn't alone.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:39:28] And where to? Where did you retreat to
- 8 together with the other -- with your colleagues?
- 9 THE WITNESS: [10:39:34] (Interpretation) We went beside the camp and we move
- 10 towards Bar-Rio. We did not retreat far. We stopped and camped there.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:39:49] Was your commander, Mr Mugabe, with
- 12 you?
- 13 THE WITNESS: [10:39:58] (Interpretation) No. He did not come. For him, he just
- brought the platoon commander. He went back and he did not participate.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:40:10] So exactly, if you recall, what did he do,
- 16 Mr Mugabe, during the attack?
- 17 THE WITNESS: [10:40:19] (Interpretation) He -- when we were in the camp he fled.
- 18 He actually left the barracks and he was found towards Bobi holding a chicken with
- 19 him. He ran alone. He fled the scene. He was captured running towards Bobi. I
- 20 do not know where he was taken.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:40:50] Thank you.
- 22 Mr Kifudde.
- 23 MR KIFUDDE: [10:40:53]
- Q. [10:40:53] Mr Witness, how long did you stay as an LDU after the Abok attack?
- 25 A. [10:41:08] I stayed there and in 2012 I came back.

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- 1 Q. [10:41:20] Mr Witness, did you ever hear of Dominic Ongwen's name in respect
- 2 of the attack on Abok IDP camp?
- 3 A. [10:41:41] The name Dominic Ongwen, I heard that he was arrested for going to
- 4 Abok. I do not know if he went. It's difficult to say.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:41:57] No, I think -- I think we can stop this.
- 6 He has already said he doesn't know who commanded and who was in charge, and
- 7 I think that is sufficient an answer. We should not let the witness guess or
- 8 repeat what he has heard afterwards. I think that does not make sense.
- 9 MR KIFUDDE: [10:42:18] Mr Witness, counsel has a few more questions.
- 10 THE WITNESS: [10:42:24] (Interpretation) For me, I am telling you what I saw and
- personally, what I saw personally. I cannot tell lies. If I am to tell lies, how will I
- 12 remember the lies? It will not be consistent. Because I have to tell you what I saw
- 13 personally.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:42:43] That was a very true remark also from the
- 15 psychological aspect, so to speak.
- 16 Mr Ayena, you have some questions.
- 17 MR AYENA ODONGO: [10:43:02]
- 18 Q. [10:43:04] Mr Witness, good afternoon. I'm being reminded it is still morning.
- 19 A. [10:43:14] Thank you. Good morning.
- 20 Q. [10:43:18] Mr Witness, I am going to ask a few follow-up questions, and in
- 21 particular I'm sure you know I come from those areas and I want us, the two of us, to
- 22 help Court to understand especially the geographical connections in this case.
- Now I want you to help Court to understand the direction from which the rebels
- 24 attacked, the direction from which the rebels launched the attacks?
- 25 A. [10:44:27] The rebels came from direction of Lalogi and they came from Atura

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- side and then they attacked the camp. They crossed the road and we thought they
- 2 had got to Paddy's home in Okic, but they hid somewhere. They came from the
- 3 Acholi side. And they were, they were eating mangos. Then about 8 p.m. they
- 4 attacked the camp.
- 5 MR AYENA ODONGO: [10:45:08] For purposes of correction, I think he said Itobara,
- 6 not Atura, for correction.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:45:21] Perhaps we can --
- 8 THE WITNESS: [10:45:24] (Interpretation) It is not Atura, it is Itobara.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:45:28] Thank you very much. That's helpful.
- 10 MR AYENA ODONGO: [10:45:30]
- 11 Q. [10:45:31] Now, Mr Witness, you have told Court that they attacked the barracks,
- but now you have also said that the distance between the barracks and the camp was
- 13 approximately 50 metres. And at the same time --
- 14 A. [10:45:53] It is 50.
- 15 Q. [10:45:54] Yes. And at the same time there were those who were guarding. I
- imagine there were trenches around the camp in between the barracks and the camp;
- 17 am I right?
- 18 A. [10:46:19] Yes. There were trenches around.
- 19 Q. [10:46:23] Now, was it easy, therefore, given those distances we have talked
- about, was it easy for somebody to, with specificity, tell that the LRA or the rebels
- 21 were actually targeting the camp and not the barracks?
- 22 A. [10:46:55] They came to the camp and not the barracks.
- 23 Q. [10:47:07] And, Mr Witness, apart from the incident of the cassava uprooting,
- 24 the stealing of cassava, were there no other incidents reported of infractions on the
- 25 civilian population by your colleagues, not necessarily you?

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1 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:47:26] I think it is answered, but okay, let us

- 2 pass it.
- 3 So was this the only incident that you know of?
- 4 THE WITNESS: [10:47:41] (Interpretation) That is the only one I know of and that
- 5 was the last of its kind. He was caned and also they used part of his salary to pay
- 6 the civilian.
- 7 MR AYENA ODONGO: [10:47:59]
- 8 Q. [10:48:00] Thank you very much. Now, let's talk about conditions in the camp.
- 9 As a born of that area, because remember that you are not an ordinary LDU, but
- 10 mercifully you were actually deployed in your own, you know, place of origin.
- Now, can you tell Court how the camp, the camp was established, how it became
- 12 necessary for it to be established? Did the civilians voluntarily move to the camp or
- there was an external force compelling them to move to the camp?
- 14 A. [10:49:03] Let me respond to that. It was not the interest of the civilians to go to
- 15 the camp, it was not voluntary. The government ordered that since people were
- already spending their nights in the bush and you would be hunted down using a
- 17 torch from the bush, and when you are captured they would take you to the LRA
- 18 there. The more mature people and some of the girls would also be abducted and
- 19 raped and taken to the bush, but the more older people would be hit on the head. If
- 20 it rains, for example, they would hit you on the head using a club until your head
- 21 sinks to the ground. And that is what used to happen.
- Q. [10:50:10] Now, when people were in the camp were they happy to remain in
- 23 the camp for the duration of time they were in the camp?
- 24 A. [10:50:35] No, they were not happy. When they heard that the LRA had left,
- 25 people started going back to their homesteads and people started scattering from the

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- 1 camp and going to their original villages. There are others who were born of that
- 2 area, they would stay in the camp area because that is where they lived before people
- 3 moved to the camp. But those who came from other places went back.
- 4 Q. [10:51:06] Can you tell Court briefly why they were not happy?
- 5 A. [10:51:42] The reason why people were not happy, according to what I saw, was
- 6 because when you want to go to your farm, you are stopped and you are ordered not
- 7 to leave the camp. The soldiers would stop you and you would stay around the
- 8 camp and leave at 8 a.m. to go to your farm, and some people were not happy about
- 9 it.
- 10 Q. [10:52:11] Let's talk about the hygiene in the camp. Was there sufficient
- provisions for toilets, water and, you know, things that provide health to the
- 12 population, and of course medicine, medical supplies?
- 13 A. [10:52:44] There were no medical supplies and you would find your own way.
- 14 People had dug pit latrines and temporary shelters and temporary areas to dry
- 15 utensils. People had also dug their own rubbish pits. That's what I saw.
- 16 Q. [10:53:10] And the food that was brought to the civilian population, according to
- 17 your observation, were they regular?
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:53:24] I think he has answered that. I have
- 19 asked him already this question, if the food was enough, and he told us he doesn't
- 20 really know because he didn't enter the houses. I think we have to ask this -- I think
- 21 this information is important, but I think we had witnesses and we might have other
- 22 witnesses who are more knowledgeable in that respect.
- 23 MR AYENA ODONGO: [10:53:47] I'm guided, your Honour.
- 24 And with your permission, Mr President and your Honours, I want to canvass a little
- 25 more on the question of those responsible for commanding the attack. I know he has

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answered in general terms because of the manner in which he was asked. And

- 2 I think the purpose of my coming up for follow-up questions is to --
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:54:13] Give it a try, but I would be -- okay. I
- 4 don't want to foreshadow what I think will happen, but please proceed.
- 5 MR AYENA ODONGO: [10:54:23] Yes.
- 6 Q. [10:54:24] Now, Mr Witness, after the attack, did you, as people who
- 7 participated in trying to rebuff the attack to what you call the *fuata nyayo*, as people
- 8 who went to follow them up, when you had finally retreated, did you have occasion
- 9 to discuss some of the things that took place, among yourselves?
- 10 A. [10:55:12] When we came back, we went to the barracks. While at the barracks
- some people -- we left with some people and we started to follow these people. We
- only found dead bodies whose heads have been hit to death. The soldiers in Lalogi
- 13 tried to pursue from that side, so we came back because we realised if we continued
- moving we would meet our own force and fight with each other. When we came
- 15 back, we found some corpses and we tried to help them. In some cases --
- 16 Q. Excuse me.
- 17 A. -- up to four people had been killed in the household.
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:56:01] Now.
- 19 MR AYENA ODONGO: [10:56:05]
- 20 Q. [10:56:06] Mr Witness, I am talking about review, did you review what took
- 21 place, the kind of people who came, the people who were killed, and the deficiencies
- in your own camp, I mean, among the LDUs, and those kind of things, did you
- 23 review, did you sit and review? Or if you did not review, was there a general talk
- 24 about what happened?
- 25 A. [10:56:37] We came back and sat down and we tried to analyse our weaknesses.

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- 1 The problem was with the OC. The weakness was from the OC. He split up people
- 2 and during the battle, before even it reached the barracks, why did he flee with the
- 3 chicken? That's what we were talking about. He wanted us to die alone.
- 4 Q. [10:57:19] Now, did you by any coincidence or did anybody in the group ever
- 5 talk about who could have led the attacks? Were there names of some commanders
- 6 of LRA who may have been mentioned by some of your people, some of your
- 7 colleagues, or even the civilians around?
- 8 A. [10:57:52] In regards to that, I cannot, I cannot answer. It's difficult to answer
- 9 because I may tell lies. How would we know that so and so has led? How would
- 10 we know it was Dominic Ongwen or another commander who had gone to lead the
- 11 attack? Was it Kony who came himself? I couldn't say. I would tell lies. I do not
- 12 know the commander who led the attack.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:58:31] I think we should -- we have to leave it
- 14 now at that and it's exactly, may I say, what I --
- 15 MR AYENA ODONGO: [10:58:38] You anticipated.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:58:39] Yes.
- 17 MR AYENA ODONGO: [10:58:41]
- 18 Q. [10:58:43] Now, Mr Witness, as a parting shot, I want to put on record that I'm
- 19 extremely happy for you coming to tell the story of our people from the horse's
- 20 mouth himself, and I hope you will go back and tell the people that the Court is in full
- 21 control to deliver justice, as you may have seen.
- 22 That is the end. Thank you.
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:59:14] Thank you very much.
- 24 Ms Ndagire, do you already know how long your questioning will last? Or let me
- 25 simply say, I don't assume that it will last a few session -- a full session, not a

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- 1 few -- my God, a few sessions -- a full session.
- 2 MS NDAGIRE: [10:59:36] I agree, your Honour, it won't take a full session.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:59:41] Then we have now the break until 11.30.
- 4 THE COURT USHER: [10:59:44] All rise.
- 5 (Recess taken at 10.59 a.m.)
- 6 (Upon resuming in open session at 11.30 a.m.)
- 7 THE COURT USHER: [11:30:29] All rise.
- 8 Please be seated.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:30:47] Ms Ndagire, you have the floor.
- 10 MS NDAGIRE: [11:30:51] Thank you, your Honour.
- And just for the record, the Prosecution is joined by Ms Adesola Adeboyejo and Beti
- 12 Hohler.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:30:58] Already recognised.
- 14 QUESTIONED BY MS NDAGIRE:
- 15 Q. [11:31:10] Good morning, Mr Witness.
- 16 A. [11:31:11] Good morning.
- 17 Q. [11:31:12] We met a few days ago during the courtesy meeting. I represent the
- 18 Prosecution and I will be asking you a few questions this morning.
- 19 A. [11:31:27] Okay.
- 20 MS NDAGIRE: [11:31:30] Mr President, for the next 5 to 10 minutes I would like to
- 21 ask the witness a few questions concerning a number of names, names of individuals.
- 22 And depending on the answers he gives, he may be identified with those individuals
- and I request that we go into private session for this part.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:31:51] So the risk is that he identifies these other
- 25 people?

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- 1 MS NDAGIRE: [11:31:55] Yes, indeed.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:31:58] And we can't, we can't solve that with
- 3 pseudonyms? No? Too difficult?
- 4 MS NDAGIRE: [11:32:04] No.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:32:06] Okay, then we go -- I don't want to make
- 6 it more complicated than necessary. We go --
- 7 MS NDAGIRE: [11:32:10] It won't be very long.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:32:12] No, no, we go to private session for 5 to
- 9 10 minutes.
- 10 (Private session at 11.32 a.m.)
- 11 THE COURT OFFICER: [11:32:23] We are in private session, Mr President.
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- 21 (Open session at 11.36 a.m.)
- 22 THE COURT OFFICER: [11:36:49] We are back in open session, Mr President.
- 23 MS NDAGIRE: [11:37:01] I have no further questions, your Honour.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:37:04] Thank you very much.
- 25 Any questions by the Legal Representatives of the Victims?

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- 1 MS MASSIDDA: [11:37:10] We don't have any question, your Honour. Thank you
- 2 very much.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:37:14] Thank you.
- 4 MS SEHMI: [11:37:16] No questions from us, your Honour.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:37:18] Thank you very much.
- 6 I don't assume that you have further questions either, Defence? No?
- 7 MR AYENA ODONGO: [11:37:24] No.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:37:26] Thank you very much.
- 9 This concludes your testimony, Mr Ogwang, and on behalf of the Chamber I would
- 10 like to thank you that you have been coming to The Hague, to this courtroom to make
- 11 your testimony and to help us establish the truth.
- 12 We wish you a safe trip back home.
- 13 THE WITNESS: [11:37:49] (Interpretation) Thank you.
- 14 (The witness is excused)
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:37:50] This concludes also the hearing of today.
- We continue tomorrow at 9.30 with Defence Witness 72 I think it is. Yes.
- 17 THE COURT USHER: [11:38:01] All rise.
- 18 (The hearing ends in open session at 11.38 a.m.)