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- 1 International Criminal Court
- 2 Trial Chamber V
- 3 Situation: Central African Republic II
- 4 In the case of The Prosecutor v. Alfred Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard
- 5 Ngaïssona ICC-01/14-01/18
- 6 Presiding Judge Bertram Schmitt, Judge Péter Kovács and Judge Chang-ho Chung
- 7 Trial Hearing Courtroom 1
- 8 Monday, 6 May 2024
- 9 (The hearing starts in open session at 9.34 a.m.)
- 10 THE COURT USHER: [9:34:33] All rise.
- 11 The International Criminal Court is now in session.
- 12 Please be seated.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:34:40] Good morning, everyone.
- 14 Court officer, please call the case.
- 15 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:34:46] Good morning, Mr President, your Honours.
- 16 Situation in the Central African Republic II in the case of the Prosecutor versus Alfred
- 17 Yekatom and Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona, case reference ICC-01/14-01/18.
- 18 And for the record, we are in open session
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:35:01] Thank you very much.
- 20 I ask for the appearances of the parties. We start with the Prosecution, Ms
- 21 Wakchom.
- 22 MS WAKCHOM: [9:35:09] Good morning, your Honour. Good morning to
- 23 everyone in the courtroom.
- 24 Today, the Prosecution is represented by Pierre Belbenoit-Avich, Yassin Mostfa,
- 25 Kweku Vanderpuye and myself, Sylvie Wakchom.

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:35:24] I turn to the representatives of the victims.
- 2 Long time no see, Ms Rabesandratana.
- 3 MS RABESANDRATANA: [9:35:32](Interpretation) Good morning, your Honours.
- 4 Good morning, everybody.
- 5 The representatives of victims today are represented by Mr Lariviere and Ms Ombeni.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:35:51] Mr Suprun next.
- 7 MR SUPRUN: [9:35:52] Good morning, Mr President, your Honours. The former
- 8 child soldiers are represented by myself, Dmytro Suprun. Thank you.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:35:58] Thank you.
- 10 I turn to the Defence. Ms Dimitri for the Defence of Mr Yekatom.
- 11 MS DIMITRI: [9:36:05] Good morning, Mr President. Good morning,
- 12 your Honours. Good morning, everyone.
- 13 Mr Yekatom is present in the courtroom today and he is represented by Ms
- 14 Anne-Sophie Veillette and myself, Mylène Dimitri.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:36:16] Thank you. And, Mr Knoops, finally, for
- 16 the Defence of Mr Ngaïssona.
- 17 MR KNOOPS: [9:36:17] Good morning, Mr President. Your Honours, good
- 18 morning. Good morning, everyone in the courtroom.
- 19 Good morning, Mr Witness.
- 20 The team of Mr Ngaïssona today is represented in the first row of Mr Alexandre
- 21 Desevedavy, Melissa Beaulieu; the second row, my colleague, Ms Marie-Hélène
- 22 Proulx, Mr Mathias Goffe and Kenza Ayadi.
- 23 And Mr Ngaïssona is also, of course, in the courtroom.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:36:42] Thank you very much.
- We will now start with the testimony of Mr Mohi.

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1 Mr Mohi, good morning. Can you hear and understand me well?

- 2 WITNESS: CAR-D30-P-4504
- 3 (The witness speaks Sango)
- 4 (The witness gives evidence via video link)
- 5 THE WITNESS: [9:37:12](Interpretation) Good morning.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:37:14] Well, that signals that he understands me.
- 7 Mr Mohi, on behalf of the Chamber, I would like to welcome you to the courtroom.
- 8 You are here to assist the Chamber in the case of the Prosecutor against Mr Ngaïssona
- 9 and Mr Yekatom.
- 10 Mr Mohi, you first have to make the solemn undertaking, the oath to tell the truth.
- 11 There should be a card on the desk in front of you with the solemn undertaking to tell
- 12 the truth. Could you please be so kind to read out loud the content of this card.
- 13 THE WITNESS: [9:37:55](Interpretation) I solemnly state that I shall speak the truth,
- 14 the whole truth and nothing but the truth.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:38:14] Thank you, Mr Mohi. You are now under
- oath. You have already been informed by the victims and witnesses unit that it
- means that you have to speak the truth, that you have sworn that, and this also means
- that you tell us everything that you know.
- 19 Before we start with your testimony, a practical matter: You are aware that everything
- 20 we say here in the courtroom is written down and interpreted and to allow the
- 21 interpreters to follow, we have to speak at a relatively slow pace. And please,
- 22 Mr Witness, also start only speaking when the person who asks you a question has
- 23 finished and perhaps wait a couple of seconds with your answer so that the
- interpreters can catch up.
- I can give now the floor to Mr Knoops, I assume.

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- 1 Mr Knoops, you are aware that you have to establish the conditions of Rule 68(3).
- 2 Thank you.
- 3 MR KNOOPS: [9:39:25] Thank you, Mr President.
- 4 QUESTIONED BY MR KNOOPS:
- 5 Q. [9:39:26] Very good morning, Mr Mohi.
- 6 My name is Alexander Knoops. I'm one of the lawyers of Mr Patrice Ngaïssona.
- 7 It's a pleasure to see you today in Court.
- 8 First of all, I thank you very much for your availability today. As a professional
- 9 football player and coach, I know from my own domestic law practice, Mr President,
- that football players are quite busy; so I appreciate your availability, Mr Mohi.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:40:02] I don't want to interrupt but I'm interested,
- 12 perhaps you can establish where he plays and -- it's, yes, just -- well, some interest.
- 13 Yes.
- 14 MR KNOOPS: [9:40:14] I understand, Mr President, yes. We will get to his
- professional career in due time, Mr President.
- 16 Q. [9:40:24] Mr Mohi, we are also grateful for your time you spend with us today in
- 17 court and tomorrow, because we are aware that during the events of 2013, 2014, you
- lost your brother-in-law, and in light of your personal circumstances, we appreciate
- 19 your assistance to the Chamber.
- Now, Mr Mohi, in the course of the next few hours, I'm going to ask you several
- 21 questions and I ask you kindly to respect, after my question, every time a few seconds
- 22 before your response. That's due to the interpretation which takes time.
- 23 Is that -- is that clear to you, sir?
- 24 A. [9:41:22] Yes, I've understood you very well. I've understood you well.
- 25 Q. [9:41:33] And I also ask you to please carefully listen to my questions and,

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- although I'm sure you have many things to say, please try to confine your answer to
- 2 my question. And if at any moment in time, my questions are not clear, just raise
- 3 your hand or say, "Please repeat the question."
- 4 A. [9:42:12] I've understood you very well.
- 5 Q. [9:42:15] Mr Mohi, it's clear to you that your testimony will be given in open
- 6 session, in public, but if there are any moments you prefer to go into private session,
- 7 that means that the public cannot hear your answers, you can just indicate your
- 8 preference and the judges will decide on your request if there is a reason to go into
- 9 private session.
- But, in principle, your testimony will be given in public.
- 11 Is that clear to you, sir?
- 12 A. [9:42:52] Yes, I've understood you very well.
- 13 Q. [9:43:12] Lastly, Mr Mohi, if there is any point in time during my examination
- 14 you prefer to have a break or pause, just raise your hand and we will address your
- request, but I'm sure as a professional football player you might endure my
- 16 examination today. I assume you have a good physical condition, but still there
- 17 might be moments that you prefer to have a break. So if so, please indicate to us, sir.
- 18 Right? Thank you, Mr Mohi.
- 19 A. [9:43:58] Yes, I've understood you.
- 20 Q. [9:44:00] Okay.
- 21 So after this introduction, I first will ask your full name, and, can you state to the
- 22 Court your full name, sir.
- 23 A. [9:44:18] My name is Mohi Brice Stanislas.
- Q. [9:44:30] And your date of birth, can you indicate your date of birth?
- 25 A. [9:44:38] I was born on 7 October 1985 in Bangui.

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- 1 Q. [9:44:52] And can you tell us, sir, from which ethnic group you stem from and
- 2 your religion?
- 3 A. [9:45:05] I belong to the Mandja ethnic group and I'm a Protestant Christian by
- 4 religion.
- 5 Q. [9:45:24] And Mr Mohi, can you tell us something about your current profession.
- 6 And in light of the question of the Presiding Judge, can you elaborate a little bit on
- 7 your background as a professional football player.
- 8 A. [9:45:47] I played at the Stade Centrafricain club, and then I played for a club in
- 9 Douala in Cameroon. In Gabon, I played at the Akébé stadium. And at the end of
- my career, I returned to Bangui and I became a sports teacher and I'm a football coach
- 11 for children in a football academy.
- 12 Q. [9:46:42] In which time frame you were, before you came to Douala,
- 13 a professional football player? From which year onwards?
- 14 A. [9:46:52] I started in 2003. I stopped playing football about 10 years ago,
- 15 perhaps 10 or 12 years.
- 16 Q. [9:47:34] Did you play in the primary league of Central African Republic or was
- it another division, football division you played in?
- 18 A. [9:47:50] I played as an amateur football player in the Central African Republic
- and then, when I went abroad, I was a professional player because I was receiving
- a salary every month.
- 21 Q. [9:48:25] Which club you played for in a professional capacity?
- 22 A. [9:48:34] I started with club DFC8 and then I went to Petroca. I continued at
- 23 the Central African *stade*, which was Edouard Patrick Ngaïssona's club.
- Q. [9:49:17] And, Mr Mohi, which -- which year you started to play football in the
- 25 club of Mr Ngaïssona?

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- 1 A. [9:49:27] It was in 2000. It was in 2000 that I started playing for President
- 2 Patrick Ngaïssona's club.
- 3 Q. [9:49:54] How many years you were attached to his club? How many years did
- 4 you play for his club?
- 5 A. [9:50:14] I spent about 10 years in this club. When I went abroad to pursue my
- 6 football career and at the end of my contract I came back to the Central African
- 7 Republic and joined the same club again. So I finished my career there as well, that
- 8 is to say, with the club of Patrice-Edouard Ngaïssona.
- 9 Q. [9:50:47] Did you ever play for the national team, Mr Mohi?
- 10 A. [9:50:53] Yes, I actually played several times for the national team. I was
- 11 actually a permanent member and all the inhabitants of Bangui knew me. I was
- 12 almost a star in the Central African Republic and I was recognised as one of the
- 13 greatest players of the national team.
- 14 Q. [9:51:31] Did Mr Ngaïssona have a say in the selection of the national team?
- 15 A. [9:51:51] What links the president, Ngaïssona, to the national team is the fact
- 16 that he was the president of the Central African Football Federation. He was the
- 17 president of the Central African Football Federation and that's what linked him to
- 18 football in the country.
- 19 Q. [9:52:22] At the time Mr Ngaïssona fulfilled his function, was the national team
- 20 comprised of football players from Christian background and Muslim background?
- 21 A. [9:52:43] During Mr Ngaïssona's time, there were several Muslims. There was
- 22 Limane Moussa, who was playing for the national team. There was no difference
- 23 between the players. Whether you were Christian or Muslim, you could be part of
- 24 the national team.
- 25 MR KNOOPS: [9:53:20] Mr President, there was a small detour on your request. I

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- 1 hope it satisfies the interest in the background.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:53:28] Well, absolutely, I have to say.
- 3 Thank you very much, Mr Knoops.
- 4 MR KNOOPS: [9:53:34] So I will continue with the formalities of 68(3).
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:53:41] Absolutely, Mr Knoops.
- 6 MR KNOOPS: [9:53:44] Thank you, Mr President.
- 7 Q. [9:53:44] Mr Mohi, thank you so much. We'll come back to this last remark on
- 8 the composition of the national team and the relationship between Mr Ngaïssona and
- 9 the Muslim players; that's something which I will address with you separately.
- 10 Going back now to the introductory remarks of the statement. You gave a statement,
- as you can recall, Mr Mohi, on 13 December last year to my -- both colleagues, Ms
- 12 Melissa Beaulieu, on my right side, and Ms Marie-Hélène Proulx.
- 13 Can you recall having signed a statement to the members of our Defence team on 13
- 14 December last year?
- 15 A. [9:54:30] Yes, I did sign a document.
- 16 Q. [9:54:48] Upon your arrival to The Hague, Mr Mohi, you were given
- opportunity to review your statement by the department of victims and witnesses.
- 18 Was this review for you reason to change your statement or you had any
- amendments to make to the statement you gave on 13 December last year?
- 20 A. [9:55:33] Yes, I did review my statement and I made some modifications before
- 21 sending it back to you.
- 22 MR KNOOPS: [9:55:46] We didn't receive, Mr President, any document yet on the
- 23 statement of Mr Mohi, but maybe I can ask him --
- Q. [09:55:56] Were these changes very -- was it on grammar or was there anything
- 25 you did add specifically, on the substance of the statement?

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- 1 A. [9:56:24] In my statement, it is said that Mr Ngaïssona was the sports minister,
- 2 and I corrected to say that he is the president of the football federation and not the
- 3 minister of sport, and this is what I corrected in the witness statement.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:56:47] Well done, Mr Knoops, because it's
- 5 potentially -- potentially an issue that could delay proceedings.
- 6 But I think, Ms Wakchom, Mr Vanderpuye, since we have the witness here in the
- 7 courtroom at least in the extended courtroom and the witness has clarified what
- 8 this change was about, I think it's even better than to have it only in written form.
- 9 Thank you.
- 10 MR KNOOPS: [9:57:16]
- 11 Q. [9:57:16] Thank you, Mr Mohi.
- 12 So apart from this correction as to the function of Mr Ngaïssona, it's fair to say that
- 13 the statement you gave to our team on 13 December last year, reflects -- fairly reflects
- 14 your memory of the events in 2013, 2014?
- 15 A. [9:57:44] That's true.
- 16 Q. [9:57:59] And, Mr Mohi, by giving this statement to our team of lawyers
- 17 representing Mr Ngaïssona, were you in any way influenced by our team when you
- gave the statement or asked to change your statement prior to signing it?
- 19 A. [9:58:33] You asked me about what happened in the country. I could not lie. I
- 20 can't lie here. I stated in the statement what I saw and what I experienced.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:58:59] I think that that's okay.
- 22 And you can just ask if you can use the statement, and then that would be --
- 23 MR KNOOPS: [9:59:00] Yes, that's my final question.
- 24 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:59:01] -- that, at least, from the Bench here, that would be
- 25 enough.

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- 1 MR KNOOPS: [9:59:09]
- 2 Q. [9:59:09] Mr Mohi, a final question on this subject.
- 3 You have any objections, when your statement is being accepted as part of the
- 4 evidence before this Court, so that the judges at the end of the trial can take notice of
- 5 your statement while reviewing the evidence in its totality in this case?
- 6 A. [9:59:31] I perfectly agree with this. In fact, this is why I decided to come and
- 7 testify before this Court. I repeat that my statement be part of the file so that the
- 8 judges can do their work.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:00:00] Well, it could not be clearer, I would say.
- 10 So, for the record, the conditions of Rule 68(3) are fulfilled with regard to the
- statement that Mr Mohi gave to the Defence of Mr Ngaïssona and with a correction
- 12 made today by him orally.
- 13 Please, Mr Knoops, you may continue from there.
- 14 MR KNOOPS: [10:00:28]
- 15 Q. [10:00:28] Mr Mohi, my first question relates to your statement in paragraph 12,
- in which you say that the Muslims started -- I will use the French word, "... à montrer
- 17 du doigt les Chrétiens."
- 18 (Interpretation) "The Central African Muslims rallied the Seleka with the pretext that
- it was about their religious brothers."
- 20 (Speaks English) Could you, Mr Mohi, please clarify what you mean with the
- 21 Muslims "montrer -- ont commencé à montrer du doigt".
- 22 (Interpretation) "... the Muslims had started to show a finger to the Christians -- to
- 23 point a finger at the Christians."
- 24 (Speaks English) And, specifically, how did you notice this? What was your
- 25 experience on this to arrive at this conclusion?

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- 1 A. [10:01:52] What made me speak of this in my statement was the fact that when
- 2 the Seleka entered Bangui, they did a lot of harm. People suffered a lot from the
- 3 exactions of the Seleka.
- 4 Q. [10:02:30] Mr Mohi, I know it's a very sensitive topic, and I'm sorry to ask you
- 5 this question, but you yourself, you lost your brother-in-law during the events in 2013,
- 6 2014. Can I ask you, was this related to any violence of the Seleka? Was that the
- 7 reason why your brother-in-law lost his life?
- 8 A. [10:03:08] Yes. That's it. They shot three bullets into his chest and he died as
- 9 a result thereof.
- 10 Q. [10:03:26] Very sorry to hear this, sir.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:03:33] Mr Ngaïssona, when did that happen?
- 12 When did that happen?
- 13 Mr Knoops, excuse me. Mr Knoops, of course. When did that happen?
- 14 MR KNOOPS: [10:03:50]
- 15 Q. [10:03:50] Mr Mohi, it's okay to continue? You want to have a break?
- 16 A. [10:04:05] Yes, you can ask me questions. I'm here to answer your questions.
- 17 If you ask questions about what there is in my statement I will answer them. I'm
- 18 here for that.
- 19 Q. [10:04:19] Can you recall, Mr Mohi, when exactly, or approximately, you -- your
- 20 brother-in-law lost his life due to the Seleka -- to a Seleka attack? Was it before you
- 21 went to Douala?
- 22 A. [10:04:48] I was in Douala when he was killed. Somebody rang me to tell me
- 23 that my brother-in-law had been killed by the Seleka. I was already in Douala. It
- 24 was around 5 o'clock in the morning that I got the call.
- 25 Q. [10:05:16] Was your brother-in-law at that time in Bangui?

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- 1 A. [10:05:30] Yes, he was in Bangui. He was at his home in Bangui.
- 2 Q. [10:05:47] Were you later told by anyone what the reason was he was killed, he
- 3 was shot into his chest?
- 4 A. [10:06:02] He was watching over the house of a prominent person, and they
- 5 came to pillage the house of that person and he jumped in and they shot three bullets
- 6 into his chest and he died as a result.
- 7 Q. [10:06:47] So he was trying to protect the life of another person?
- 8 A. [10:07:06] He was watching over the house of this famous person. The famous
- 9 person had left the country because of the problems and he knew there were a lot of
- things in that house and that they had come to pillage the house, and that's why he
- intervened and that's why they shot him three times in the chest.
- 12 Q. [10:07:31] Mr Mohi, again, very sorry to hear this.
- 13 In your statement you describe that you yourself were also threatened by a colonel of
- 14 the Seleka. Can you briefly describe that incident, what was the context of this
- 15 colonel calling you and threatening you on your phone?
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:08:00] Ms Wakchom before you answer yes?
- 17 MS WAKCHOM: [10:08:04](Interpretation) It's not an objection, your Honour, just
- to ask if *Maître* Knoops could clarify the names of people, or the name of the famous
- 19 person that the -- whose house the brother-in-law was protecting. We just heard it
- 20 was a famous person, but we didn't have a name. Just to understand this incident.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:08:34] Well, I -- yes, I think -- I think that's not
- 22 inappropriate to ask that. Perhaps if you can do that.
- 23 Yes, indeed, thank you, Ms Wakchom.
- 24 MR KNOOPS: [10:08:44]
- 25 Q. [10:08:44] Mr Mohi, are you at liberty to tell the judges and the Prosecution and

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- 1 Defence which person -- famous person your brother-in-law was protecting at that
- 2 time?
- 3 A. [10:09:13] I've forgotten his name. But he lived opposite President Mandaba, in
- 4 the house opposite President Mandaba.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:09:29] I think that's okay now. We can
- 6 continue from here. Yes.
- 7 MR KNOOPS: [10:09:34]
- 8 Q. [10:09:34] Mr Mohi, going back to the incident you describe in your statement in
- 9 paragraph 13.
- 10 So, at the moment your phone rang and there was a colonel of the Seleka on the
- phone who started to threaten you, can you explain why this Seleka colonel called
- 12 you to threaten you on your private phone?
- 13 A. [10:10:15] There was a young person, a young man, who was a mobile taxi
- driver, and the Seleka killed him. And I was on a bike at the time, and I stopped,
- and we went into a *pousse-pousse* to take him to the community hospital. And there
- were a lot of us on the road and we then passed in front of the house of Mr Kalité, and
- we also went in front of the house of a magistrate who the Seleka had killed. And
- 18 when we got -- when the Seleka passed, certain people in the crowd were throwing
- 19 stones at them. And then they came back to the house, and they got out with
- 20 weapons and they started to fire at the crowd.
- 21 And we passed in front of the crossroads on the 8th arrondissement until we got to
- 22 the community hospital where we placed the body. And once we got back to the
- 23 house, I remember at the time I had a Nokia telephone, and the telephone rang and
- 24 the person who was on the other end of the line said, "You're the person who's
- organising this march for the body of this young mobile taxi driver", and I put it on

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- 1 speaker so that everybody could listen. And I said, "Well, if it was your younger
- 2 brother who went out to carry out such a trade and he was killed in this way, would
- 3 you like that?"
- 4 And then he told me to stop doing it, and I said, "No, but I can't stop, I have to tell
- 5 you the truth". And then I put the telephone on the speaker so that everybody was
- 6 listening to what he was saying and they could also hear the answer that I gave.
- 7 Q. [10:12:12] How did you know, Mr Mohi, that it was a colonel from the Seleka at
- 8 that time? Did he introduce himself or any other reason to believe he was a colonel
- 9 of the Seleka?
- 10 A. [10:12:30] Yes, when I saw the number -- when I showed it to people, they told
- me it was Colonel Saleh that had called me. You know, when they arrived
- 12 everybody knew who the officers' ranks were and he was wearing the markings of
- 13 a colonel,
- 14 Colonel Saleh.
- 15 Q. [10:13:06] Mr Mohi, you say that at that time you had a Nokia telephone. Was
- 16 this connected to a CAR telephone number -- a number from the Central African
- 17 Republic -- one of the service providers of the CAR?
- 18 A. [10:13:28] Yes, it was a Central African number. Telecel was the telephone
- 19 operator.
- 20 Q. [10:13:55] And Mr Mohi, do you have any idea how this Colonel Saleh got
- 21 access to your phone number in the CAR?
- 22 A. [10:14:24] You know, I was known in Bangui. I had a lot of contacts with
- 23 several different people. I was a footballer who everybody knew. It could be the
- case that he had been asked for information to get my number so he could call me.
- 25 Q. [10:14:51] Do you have any other examples of individuals calling you without

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- 1 knowing them, while having their -- your telephone number?
- 2 A. [10:15:38] A lot of people called me. A lot of people have my number.
- 3 Q. [10:15:49] Mr Mohi, the call by Colonel Saleh where he threatened you, was this
- 4 for you a reason to leave the Central African Republic to go to Douala, or was there
- 5 another reason for you to flee the Central African Republic?
- 6 A. [10:16:28] The reason why I left for Douala was to participate in a match
- 7 between South Africa and the Central African Republic.
- 8 Q. [10:16:49] How did you get to Douala? Can you recall how your travel went
- 9 from the Central African Republic to Douala?
- 10 A. [10:17:05] I went by car.
- 11 Q. [10:17:22] You went straight to Douala, you made a stopover somewhere? For
- instance, at the border of Cameroon?
- 13 A. [10:17:34] When I arrived at the border in Garam-Boulaï, I carried out the
- 14 formalities in order to get a laissez-passer, a document which would allow me to
- 15 cross the border and to go into the territory of Cameroon.
- 16 Q. [10:18:16] From our own research, Mr Mohi, it's established that this match
- 17 between the national team of the Central African Republic and the team of
- 18 South Africa took place on 8 June 2013.
- 19 Can you recall that date?
- 20 A. [10:18:53] Yes, I remember. I think it was in 2013 or 2014.
- 21 Q. [10:19:05] Can you recall, Mr Mohi, how much time in terms of days, weeks or
- 22 months you arrived in Douala before this match between the national team of the
- 23 Central African Republic and South Africa which, by the way, took place in Yaoundé?
- 24 A. [10:19:34] Yes, the match took place in Yaoundé.
- 25 Q. [10:19:55] Mr Mohi, you say you went to Douala for watching this match

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- 1 between these two teams. How much time before the match you arrived in
- 2 Cameroon approximately?
- 3 A. [10:20:24] I think I arrived three days before the start of the match.
- 4 Q. [10:20:40] In your statement, you say at paragraph 16 that you stayed in Douala,
- 5 or in Cameroon till after the death of your father in July 2015.
- 6 Now, my question to you: Was July 2015 the month in which your father died, or was
- 7 that before July 2015?
- 8 A. [10:21:23] It was in 2015.
- 9 Q. [10:21:41] Mr Mohi, can you recall exactly when your father died in 2015
- 10 approximately, which month?
- 11 A. [10:22:00] I think it was in the month of July.
- 12 Q. [10:22:22] So it means, in conclusion, that you were in Douala from beginning
- 13 June, so a few days before the match between the national teams of South Africa and
- 14 the Central African Republic, and July 2015. Well, that's almost -- that's more than
- 15 two years; is that a fair conclusion?
- 16 A. [10:22:51] I think that's correct.
- 17 Q. [10:23:09] Mr Mohi, when you were in Douala, where exactly did you stay? In
- 18 which house or apartment? In which area of Douala was your home address at that
- 19 time?
- 20 A. [10:23:28] It was in Bonaloka.
- 21 Q. [10:23:39] Can you recall how --
- 22 A. [10:23:41] (Overlapping speakers)
- 23 Q. [10:23:42] Sorry. How far, Mr Mohi, was the distance approximately in time
- between your house and the house of Mr Ngaïssona in the district Deïdo -- how much
- 25 time it took you to go from your house to his house?

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- 1 A. [10:24:23] I would estimate the duration as between 20 and 30 minutes, if there
- 2 aren't significant traffic jams.
- 3 Q. [10:24:45] On foot, bicycle or car?
- 4 A. [10:24:54] That would be on a motorbike. I could also go in a taxi.
- 5 Q. [10:25:09] And with whom you were living at that time in Douala, Mr Mohi?
- 6 A. [10:25:16] I was alone.
- 7 Q. [10:25:35] You just told us about your Nokia phone number of Telecel. When
- 8 you were those two years in Douala, what telephone number did you use? Did you
- 9 use the same number, the Nokia number you had in the car or you had a different
- 10 one?
- 11 A. [10:26:05] I used a Cameroon number.
- 12 Q. [10:26:21] Do you still have a recollection what the number was, the
- 13 Cameroonian number? If you cannot recall, it's not a problem, sir.
- 14 A. [10:26:39] I don't remember anymore. I don't remember anymore. That was
- 15 a long time ago.
- 16 Q. [10:26:50] We understand.
- 17 While you were in Douala in those two years, from June 2013 to July 2015, was there
- anyone who used your Nokia phone number which you used at that time before you
- 19 left to Cameroon?
- 20 A. [10:27:20] No, nobody used it.
- 21 Q. [10:27:36] Can you tell us, Mr Mohi, what were your earnings, if any, while you
- 22 were these two years in Douala? How did you live?
- 23 A. [10:27:53] I used to sell certain products, certain goods, which I entrusted to
- 24 Central African vendors so that they could resell them in Bangui.
- 25 Q. [10:28:24] In your statement, paragraph 18, you say that the living conditions

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- were at that time very hard, very difficult. Is it correct to say, Mr Mohi, that the
- 2 people who were at that time in Cameroon, under these difficult living conditions,
- 3 were actually quite occupied with survival and not with waging war?
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:29:10] Yes, Ms Wakchom is right. Yes, please
- 5 reformulate your (Overlapping speakers) --
- 6 MS WAKCHOM: [10:29:17](Interpretation) Yes, your Honour. The question from
- 7 Maître Knoops is too leading. He should put more open questions to give the
- 8 witness the possibility to give this information.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:29:32] I agree with Ms Wakchom, with the
- 10 exception that she said questions. This was the first question. You know, the two
- alternatives -- it's enough if you ask him what the people, let's say, in the diaspora of
- 12 Cameroon at that time were mostly preoccupied with or were preoccupied with.
- 13 MR KNOOPS: [10:29:56]
- 14 Q. [10:29:56] Mr Mohi, you heard the reformulation by the Presiding Judge. Can
- 15 you tell the Court and all of us what -- in accordance with your experience and
- information you had at that time, what was the first occupation -- preoccupation of
- the people who fled from the CAR to Cameroon?
- 18 A. [10:30:36] Some people were at the Total service station. They worked
- 19 as -- sometimes on a day-to-day basis on lorries. Most of them were working. They
- were discharging cement, and they were just earning a daily wage.
- 21 Q. [10:31:10] Mr Mohi, after this football match in Cameroon, I understood from
- 22 your statement in paragraph 14, that you were selected by a veterans team in which
- 23 you played and you went to a city called Limbe *et* Bafoussam.
- 24 And my question to you is: Were these the only two cities you went to, except for
- 25 Douala and Yaoundé, during your time in Cameroon?

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- 1 A. [10:32:04] It's only to these two cities where I went to play football; apart from
- 2 these two cities, I went nowhere.
- 3 Q. [10:32:30] So it's fair to say that you never went to Chad to play football or you
- 4 were at any moment in time transferred as a player to Chad to play there?
- 5 A. [10:32:53] No, I never went to Chad.
- 6 Q. [10:33:02] Mr Mohi, when you played for this veterans team, did you receive
- 7 any reimbursement for being part of this team? A salary or any other form of
- 8 reimbursement?
- 9 A. [10:33:24] They did not pay me at the end of the month, but sometimes they
- would just give us something to eat and play football, that's all.
- 11 Q. [10:33:50] And whom -- who would provide you with this form of support?
- 12 A. [10:34:14] It was the president of the veterans club.
- 13 Q. [10:34:28] To be clear, it was not Mr Ngaïssona?
- 14 A. [10:34:44] No, no, it was not Mr Ngaïssona; it was not him. It was the president
- of the Cameroonian veteran club, the club that asked me to play for the veteran club,
- and when I played well and when they were happy, they would actually give me
- 17 something. It was not Mr Ngaïssona.
- 18 Q. [10:35:15] Now, we are to the match of 8 June 2013 between the national team of
- 19 the Central African Republic and the national team of South Africa. Was there any
- 20 other occasion for you, Mr Mohi, to go to Yaoundé where this match was held, after
- 21 the match or before?
- 22 A. [10:35:42] I went to Yaoundé just for that match. After the match, I never went
- 23 back to Yaoundé.
- Q. [10:36:12] And can you recall, Mr Mohi, that you directly left after the match in
- 25 Yaoundé or you stayed for one night or one day on 8 June?

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- 1 A. [10:36:33] I spent the night. I was with the other football players because it was
- 2 my team players with whom I played. We spent the night at the disco and it's the
- 3 following day I returned.
- 4 Q. [10:37:09] I don't believe that the team of the CAR won the match, wasn't it?
- 5 A. [10:37:20] No, we did not win the match.
- 6 Q. [10:37:35] So there was some small comfort in the discotheque that night?
- 7 A. [10:37:43] Right, you see, we just went to have some fun. We weren't there to
- 8 annoy people, we were just there amongst ourselves.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:38:15] Mr Knoops, you know, in victory you
- 10 deserve it, in defeat you need it.
- 11 MR KNOOPS: [10:38:26] Mr President, you could be a football coach.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:38:30] Well, let's not go into that further.
- 13 MR KNOOPS: [10:38:34]
- 14 Q. [10:38:34] Thank you, Mr Mohi. I hope you understand that my questions
- serve a purpose, it's not just out of curiosity, Mr Mohi.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:38:45] No, that's absolutely clear; otherwise, I
- 17 would have also said something as you know, but I understand what you are trying
- 18 to establish.
- 19 MR KNOOPS: [10:38:54]
- Q. [10:38:54] Mr Mohi, going back to the match of 8 June 2013 in Yaoundé, did you
- 21 encounter at that time Mr Ngaïssona either during the match or perhaps later on in
- 22 the discotheque -- I don't know, but did you encounter him that day?
- 23 A. [10:39:25] I met him on the day of the match in the stadium. He came to speak
- 24 to the national team; that's when I met him. But after that I did not see him, I did not

25 meet him.

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- 1 Q. [10:39:47] I think you had explained in your introduction the role of
- 2 Mr Ngaïssona in regard to the national football team of the CAR. He was not the
- 3 head coach of the team. You say he was speaking to the players -- to the football
- 4 players.
- 5 Can you explain to the Court in what way he was important for the national team and
- 6 why his presence in Yaoundé was, at that time, required?
- 7 A. [10:40:45] He was there in the capacity of the president of the football federation.
- 8 He went to motivate the team players.
- 9 Perhaps during -- because of his presence, the players would be more motivated and
- 10 play well.
- 11 Q. [10:41:12] Mr Mohi, was this the only time you saw Mr Ngaïssona or was there
- at that day any other occasion you saw him outside the stadium?
- 13 A. [10:41:44] No, I just met him once during this match.
- 14 Q. [10:41:51] You just explained, Mr Mohi, in the introduction that you know
- 15 Mr Ngaïssona already from the start of your football career in the year 2000.
- 16 Can you tell us approximately how much time you saw him as of that year? Was it
- daily, was it weekly, was it monthly? Can you give us a view on the frequency of
- the contacts between you and Mr Ngaïssona as of that year you started your
- 19 professional football or your football career in 2000?
- 20 A. [10:42:38] If you're talking -- are you talking of Bangui or Cameroon? If it's
- 21 Bangui, after every match. If we won the match, he would come to give us a bonus.
- Q. [10:43:23] And can you tell us how big this bonus was, or what we're speaking
- about, a few thousand CFAs or more?
- 24 A. [10:43:37] It depended on the match we played. If it was against a premier
- 25 league or some leading club, they would say that "I would give you such an amount,

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- 5,000 francs, 10,000 francs." And if you played really well during the match, you
- 2 could get even more and you would -- he would say that "You played very well today
- 3 and I will give you something more than the others".
- 4 Q. [10:44:33] As we speak about the frequency of your contact with Mr Ngaïssona
- 5 in Cameroon, specifically in Douala, what would be your answer to the frequency of
- 6 your contact with him?
- 7 A. [10:44:54] We wouldn't see each other every day. Sometimes it would be once
- 8 a week. But when I would go to his younger brother's house, very often we would
- 9 play with -- Ludo together. With his younger brothers, Faustin and Freddy, it's with
- 10 whom I would actually be in touch and talk a lot, but with Mr Ngaïssona, we
- 11 wouldn't be meeting every day.
- 12 Q. [10:45:39] Perhaps, Mr Mohi, you could explain to the Chamber and the parties
- and participants what the term "Ludo" means? What is it? I understood it's a card
- 14 game?
- 15 A. [10:46:01] Ludo is a game. Ludo is a game that you could play with two, three
- or four people.
- 17 Q. [10:46:18] Well, I'm personally not familiar with the game Ludo, but is it a card
- 18 game or is it a game with other instruments?
- 19 A. [10:46:34] It's a game played with dice, with a die.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:46:46] I think we have an idea of what is meant.
- 21 MR KNOOPS: [10:46:52] Yeah.
- 22 Q. [10:46:52] And would you say that if you would go to Mr Ngaïssona's house or
- 23 his brother's house, that you played with him and his family, and if so, how much
- 24 time such a game would take? Is it an hour, two hours? How much time you spent
- on a daily basis playing such a game, the game of Ludo?

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- 1 A. [10:47:16] No, it wouldn't last long. Sometimes it would just -- I would just
- 2 spend a few moments and then I would go back home.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:47:43] Mr Interpreter, please speak more into the
- 4 microphone so we understand you better. Thank you.
- 5 THE INTERPRETER: [10:47:50] Sorry, your Honour.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: No problem.
- 7 MR KNOOPS: [10:47:54]
- 8 Q. [10:47:55] Mr Mohi, when you arrived in Cameroon a few days before the match
- 9 between the two respective national teams, did you have information that
- 10 Mr Ngaïssona already was in Cameroon, and if so, what information did you have at
- 11 that time about his presence in Cameroon?
- 12 A. [10:48:38] I knew he was a major economic player. He was a compatriot that
- 13 regularly would go to Cameroon for his business. I repeat that he was a great
- economic player, very well known in the Central African Republic.
- 15 Q. [10:49:10] Would you have any information for us how you knew that
- 16 Mr Ngaïssona was already in Cameroon before you arrived? Did he tell you this or
- did you hear it from other people saying, like, Mr Ngaïssona is already living for
- 18 a few days or weeks in Cameroon?
- 19 A. [10:49:40] Mr Ngaïssona was already in Cameroon when I arrived. You see,
- 20 what the Seleka did in the Central African Republic was really hard to bear and this
- 21 is -- this is for this very precise reason that he left for Cameroon.
- 22 Q. [10:50:17] In your statement, Mr Mohi, paragraph 15, you describe that his
- 23 house -- or he was living with his family in the district Deïdo. We just asked you
- 24 about the distance between your residence in Douala and his house.
- 25 Could you give a short description on his house? Was it a -- was it an apartment,

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- 1 was it a house? How would you describe it?
- 2 A. [10:50:49] The house he lived in in Deïdo had two or three rooms. He lived
- 3 there with his family. And there was a tar road that went past his house.
- 4 Q. [10:51:30] Mr Mohi, we presented you in your statement, when you gave your
- 5 statement, a photograph.
- 6 And we can show it again. It's tab 4 in the Defence binder, CAR-D30-0005-0020.
- 7 And you will see on the screen, Mr Mohi, that -- this photograph, and I simply ask
- 8 you to confirm whether this was as far as you know the front gate of the house of
- 9 Mr Ngaïssona in Deïdo?
- 10 A. [10:52:25] Yes, that's the house.
- 11 Q. [10:52:31] Thank you.
- We can remove the tab 4. Thank you.
- 13 Did you ever hear or learn that Mr Ngaïssona lived in a place Cité du Golf in Yaoundé?
- 14 A. [10:53:13] No, I never heard of that. I can't lie to you here.
- 15 Q. [10:53:23] In this house we just showed you the front gate of Deïdo. You
- visited regularly, who was -- who was living there exactly? And I know you
- answered this already in your statement, but let me rephrase the question. Did you
- ever see in his house in Douala, in Deïdo, any other individuals except for his family?
- 19 A. [10:54:08] He was there only with his family. I'm repeating: He was living only
- 20 with his family. There were no outsiders living there.
- 21 Q. [10:54:24] Yet, you were the person who regularly visited his house and his
- 22 family. What was the reason that you were allowed or permitted or felt free to visit
- 23 Ngaïssona -- Mr Ngaïssona? What was the reason that you so frequently visited him
- 24 despite that you never saw other people there?
- 25 A. [10:54:53] It wasn't often. Sometimes I would go there the Saturday or the

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- 1 Sunday if I had nothing else to do at home. You see, when you are abroad, you have
- 2 this feeling of brotherhood, he was a fellow countryman and it was absolutely normal
- 3 that I would actually go to his family to talk to his younger brother or other members
- 4 of his family.
- 5 Q. [10:55:41] Were there any other football players we just mentioned in the
- 6 national team, or from other teams who visited Mr Ngaïssona in Douala in Deïdo,
- 7 the district Deïdo, as far as you know?
- 8 A. [10:56:05] Yes, the example, Chogbo, he was also a national football player. He
- 9 used to go there to see Mr Ngaïssona.
- 10 Q. [10:56:28] Were you close to Mr Chogbo? Was he a friend of you?
- 11 A. [10:56:39] He was a fellow team member. His name is Samolah; that's his
- 12 family name, Samolah.
- 13 MR KNOOPS: [10:57:11] Mr President, I think it's -- I'm going to -- into a different
- 14 topic --
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:57:16] Yes.
- 16 MR KNOOPS: [10:57:17] -- related to this one, but we can maybe take the --
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:57:23] Yes, I understand. Actually I thought so.
- 18 Let's have the break now until 11.30.
- 19 THE COURT USHER: [10:57:28] All rise.
- 20 (Recess taken at 10.57 a.m.)
- 21 (Upon resuming in open session at 11.31 a.m.)
- 22 THE COURT USHER: [11:31:40] All rise.
- 23 Please be seated.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:32:04] Mr Knoops, you still have the floor.
- 25 MR KNOOPS: [11:32:06] Thank you, Mr President.

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- 1 Q. [11:32:09] Mr Mohi --
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:32:11] We can also, if we want, if you -- just for
- 3 the sake of having everything complete, we have now, I think, the correction by
- 4 the witness, and there is also, really a small matter, on paragraph 31, page 5, you can
- 5 address it, but I think it's -- I think nobody will -- will make a problem if we don't
- 6 address it specifically.
- 7 MR KNOOPS: [11:32:39] Mr President, I didn't see at -- the amendment, so if
- 8 the Court is --
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:32:42] Then I can do it.
- 10 Mr Mohi, we have now the written corrections that you made and we talked about
- them an hour or so ago, and you correctly said that one was -- one correction was that
- 12 Mr Ngaïssona was the president of the football federation.
- 13 And another one that is here, for the parties, on paragraph 31, page 5, there was
- 14 something with Mr Ngaïssona has lost a brother. Could you please explain what
- 15 this correction was about in your words, if you recall it?
- 16 Well, I -- actually, I wonder why the Defence does not have the written corrections yet.
- 17 We got them shortly before the break, actually.
- 18 MR KNOOPS: [11:34:07] We just have them, Mr President, I'm reading it now.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:34:10] Yeah.
- 20 Perhaps, simply, Mr Knoops, read it out to the witness and let the witness confirm it
- and then we're fine with it.
- 22 MR KNOOPS: [11:34:26] Yes.
- 23 Q. [11:34:26] Mr Mohi, in your statement you -- or in your amendment you
- corrected the -- the time of the return of the -- the body of the brother of Mr Ngaïssona.
- 25 In the statement you mentioned one month, in the correction you say one year. So,

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- do we have to understand that the body of the brother of Mr Ngaïssona stayed for
- 2 one year in Cameroon before it was transported to Bangui?
- 3 A. [11:35:19] Yes, that's true, his body stayed for a year.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:35:22] Thank you very much. I think we have
- 5 clarified that and you can continue from there.
- 6 MR KNOOPS: [11:35:27] Does the Court appreciate that I read the ERN number into
- 7 the record, of the amendment?
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:35:32] You're right, yes. Indeed.
- 9 MR KNOOPS: [11:35:34] It's -- the ERN number is CAR-D30-0023-0011.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:35:49] Thank you.
- 11 MR KNOOPS: [11:35:50] Thank you.
- 12 Q. [11:35:54] Mr Mohi, this is exactly also one of my next subjects, the -- the passing
- away of the brother and sister of Mr Ngaïssona and you say in your statement in
- paragraph 14 and 31 that you arrived in Cameroon before his brother, Mr Ngaïssona's
- 15 brother died in July 2013.
- 16 And in line with this you describe in paragraph 18 that the condition of
- 17 Mr Ngaïssona -- I'll cite in French, because it's maybe a better reflection of
- 18 the terminology. You say in paragraph 18, in French: (Interpretation)
- 19 "Mr Ngaïssona had lost weight and he was mentally weakened."
- 20 (Speaks English) My question to you, Mr Mohi, how did you notice that he was
- 21 mentally weakened? Can you give an example?
- 22 A. [11:37:28] Yes. When I said that -- that he was like a skeleton, that was with
- 23 regards to his property that was destroyed in the country. When the Seleka arrived,
- 24 they destroyed his goods.
- 25 And his family also, members of his family had -- were dispersed, and this meant that

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- 1 he didn't have a good morale.
- 2 Q. [11:38:02] Did Mr Ngaïssona tell you during your encounters with him in
- 3 Douala how the death of his brother and sister and his mental and physical
- 4 well-being, as you just described, affected his daily life?
- 5 A. [11:38:44] No, I didn't have conversations with him on that subject. But I knew
- 6 that he had lost members of his family. I knew that when somebody loses members
- 7 of their family when they're abroad, this can -- this can hurt them or cause them
- 8 suffering. And that's what happened.
- 9 Q. [11:39:15] Mr Mohi, do you have information for us how -- what the primary
- 10 occupation, preoccupation of Mr Ngaïssona was in those days? With what he was
- 11 involved?
- 12 A. [11:39:57] At that time he wasn't doing anything in Cameroon. But in Bangui
- 13 he had different occupations, definitely. He was working for his business, he was an
- 14 economic operator. And in addition to that, he was the president of the national
- 15 football federation. And that was known by everyone. Unfortunately, when he
- 16 was in Cameroon, he had no occupation.
- 17 Q. [11:40:34] Mr Mohi, can you recall that you ever spoke with Mr Ngaïssona face
- to face the political situation in the Central African Republic when you were in
- 19 Douala during your visits to his house?
- 20 A. [11:41:03] No, we didn't speak about what had happened in the country. We
- 21 would have conversations about football matches. We spoke a lot more about
- 22 football. What happened sometimes was that we would watch matches together.
- 23 Where it concerns the events that occurred in the country, we didn't speak about
- 24 them.
- 25 Q. [11:41:36] Did Mr Ngaïssona ever mention to you, Mr Mohi, that he

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- 1 endeavoured to have the people from Cameroon who fled the CAR going back to the
- 2 Central African Republic to go back to their homes and that they had to rise in revolt?
- 3 A. [11:42:20] No, never. Never. I never had a conversation with him about that.
- 4 Q. [11:42:31] And during -- during these visits to his house, and your
- 5 encounters with Mr Ngaïssona, did he ever say that he was involved in a movement
- 6 called the Anti-Balaka?
- 7 A. [11:42:58] No. He wasn't a member of the Anti-Balaka. If you speak to me
- 8 about football, very well, he was very interested, he was much more interested in
- 9 football.
- 10 Q. [11:43:13] But you knew at that time that there was a movement with the name
- 11 Anti-Balaka? Were you aware of such a movement?
- 12 A. [11:43:30] Yes. But all Central Africans were aware. We heard about
- 13 the Anti-Balaka movement. But I never saw him participate in that movement. I
- 14 knew him as president of the federation, the football federation.
- 15 Q. [11:43:59] Mr Mohi, did Mr Ngaïssona during your encounters with him in 2013
- 16 ever expressed himself such that he said that he supported, financially supported
- certain groups at the border of Cameroon to destitute the Seleka?
- 18 A. [11:44:35] I never heard that. I never heard that from Mr Ngaïssona, that he
- 19 supported those who wanted to go back to the country and fight, no. As I said, he
- was interested a lot more in football.
- 21 Q. [11:44:54] Did you ever hear from him or learn otherwise, Mr Mohi, that
- 22 Mr Ngaïssona in 2013, while in Cameroon, had meetings with people like
- 23 Mr François Bozize, with FACA military officers or members of the presidential
- 24 guard?
- 25 A. [11:45:33] No, I never heard that, Counsel. If you speak to me about football,

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- 1 football teams, yes. He invested himself in Central African football. But he wasn't
- 2 a soldier. How could he be interested in that subject? If you speak about football,
- 3 yes, then I can confirm that.
- 4 Q. [11:46:04] Did you ever, Mr Mohi, heard him saying, Mr Ngaïssona, that he
- 5 endeavoured that François Bozizé would have to return to power or that
- 6 Mr François Bozizé should be reinstated as president?
- 7 A. [11:46:42] I never heard him say that. Perhaps people spoke about it, but
- 8 saying that he was involved in President Bozizé's return to power, no. At least
- 9 not -- I didn't hear that from Mr Ngaïssona.
- 10 Q. [11:47:08] Was there ever a moment, Mr Mohi, when you went to his house in
- 11 Douala in the district Deido and you entered the house and his family said to you,
- 12 "Look, Mr Mohi, Mr Ngaïssona is not here, he went to the border to Bertoua *ou*
- 13 Garam-Boulaï"?
- 14 You ever heard the family saying this when you visited the house?
- 15 A. [11:47:57] I went to his house, but I never heard that said. Perhaps he was
- asleep and so I returned home.
- 17 THE INTERPRETER: [11:48:12] If the interpreter understood well.
- 18 MR KNOOPS: [11:48:19]
- 19 Q. [11:48:19] Mr Mohi, and I have some -- some questions to you, sir, about
- 20 the financial situation at that time in Douala, in particular as regards Mr Ngaïssona,
- 21 as far as you know, of course.
- 22 My first question would be, did Mr Ngaïssona, when you were in Douala, ever send
- 23 you money? If so, when and how much money is involved?
- 24 A. [11:49:06] He never sent me money.
- 25 Q. [11:49:14] We're speaking about Douala, your time in Cameroon; that's right,

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- 1 isn't it?
- 2 A. [11:49:30] That's right.
- 3 Q. [11:49:34] Do you know, Mr Mohi, how Mr Ngaïssona at that time sustained his
- 4 family financially? Any idea, any information how he was able to financially
- 5 survive that time? Because you said in Bangui he was a well-respected economic
- 6 trader, but in Cameroon he had no, no work?
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:50:04] Ms Wakchom.
- 8 MS WAKCHOM: [11:50:11] Mr President, I object to this line of questioning. It's
- 9 speculative and the witness is not in position to now how Ngaïssona's family was
- 10 living, the means.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:50:25] Well, actually, I disagree. The witness
- 12 has testified before the break that he at least several times has been together, at least I
- think -- I think with the *petit frére*, with the -- at least with the younger people of
- 14 the family.
- 15 So perhaps, Mr Knoops, word it in a way is if that -- if he has any knowledge
- the people, part of the family of Mr Ngaïssona, talked with him about these matters
- and what they -- what they told them.
- 18 So I partly disagree, I partly agree.
- 19 MR KNOOPS: [11:51:07] This is, by the way, also addressed by the witness in his
- 20 statement.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:51:11] Absolutely, yeah.
- 22 MR KNOOPS: [11:51:12]
- 23 Q. [11:51:12] So, Mr Witness, you have any information, either from Mr Ngaïssona
- or his family members, obtained during your visits to his house in Douala, how he or
- 25 his family were able to pay their living costs?

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- 1 A. [11:51:51] I know nothing about that. When he was in Cameroon, his wife was
- 2 in France. Whether she helped him, I don't know. He was abroad. If his wife had
- 3 the means, perhaps she could come to his help in order to make it possible for him to
- 4 take control of things in Cameroon. But I can't say that.
- 5 Q. [11:52:57] Now, Mr Mohi, I would like now to address another topic.
- 6 These relate to your encounters in 2013 in Douala at the Total station. You
- 7 mentioned already the name in the first session very briefly. Now, in the paragraphs
- 8 19 till -- 19 and 25 of your statement, you speak about meetings at the station Total in
- 9 Douala in 2013 and that at that place you discussed football with your fellow citizens
- 10 from the CAR or football players who fled Cameroon.
- 11 You say in paragraph 19 that you, at these reunions, these meetings at the station
- 12 Total never heard anyone saying that one had to return to the CAR in order to fight.
- 13 My first question to you is, can you tell us a little bit more about this group of people
- 14 who regularly assembled, apparently, at this station Total. Who were they? Can
- 15 you give us some more information on that, that group of people.
- 16 A. [11:54:51] They were compatriots, Central African compatriots, including some
- 17 Cameroonians with whom we would exclusively discuss football. For example, if it
- 18 was the day before, we would discuss in the morning the match that there had been
- 19 the night before, and then everybody could go on with their activities afterwards.
- 20 Q. [11:55:23] How can we visualise this, Mr Mohi? Was this somewhere outside
- 21 the station Total, was it inside the building where this gathering was?
- 22 A. [11:55:51] No, it was in public. It was alongside the road, you'd see the cars go
- 23 past. And we were sat alongside the road next to the building. It wasn't in
- 24 a meeting room or anything like that.
- 25 Q. [11:56:11] And approximately how big a group did this involve? Was it every

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time the same people, were there different people, or was it a core group who came

- 2 together at the station Total?
- 3 A. [11:56:47] No, it was a core group, compatriots, Central African compatriots,
- 4 the same ones who would come pretty much to discuss in Sango and mainly about
- 5 football.
- 6 Q. [11:57:08] Can you give an estimation how big this group was, this core group?
- 7 A. [11:57:29] Four, five, six people. It wasn't more than that. We all knew each
- 8 other. It was a core of five, six people. We would sit by the building next to
- 9 the road and on the tiles you would see the vehicles go past and we would have
- 10 conversations with each other.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [11:57:51] I think, Mr Knoops, you can move on.
- 12 It's clear that this group of people that the witness describes has not talked about
- politics and we have -- we have it also in the statement, so I think you can move on.
- 14 MR KNOOPS: [11:58:07]
- 15 Q. [11:58:08] Can you recall, Mr Mohi, that the name of Mr Ngaïssona was ever
- mentioned during these group meetings at the station Total?
- 17 A. [11:58:39] No, his name wasn't mentioned. We had our subjects of
- 18 conversation. We spoke about football, or other subjects, but not in a specific way
- 19 about Mr Ngaïssona.
- 20 Q. [11:58:55] Was Mr Chogbo, you mentioned before the break, part of this group?
- 21 A. [11:59:14] Yes, he was part of this group.
- Q. [11:59:23] Did he ever say to you during these meetings that he was asked to go
- 23 with other people to the -- the border of Garam-Boulaï or Bertoua to get in touch there
- 24 with former FACA members or members of the presidential guard?
- 25 A. [11:59:58] No, no. I never heard him say that. He never said such a thing.

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:00:05] Mr Knoops, this was already clear,
- 2 actually, from -- so you really can move on.
- 3 MR KNOOPS: [12:00:54]
- 4 Q. [12:00:55] In paragraph 20 of your statement, Mr Mohi, you said that these
- 5 people at the Total station didn't know Mr Ngaïssona personal and they didn't even
- 6 know that he was in Douala. My question to you, did you ever receive a request
- 7 from those people in the group you just mentioned to be in touch, to be brought in
- 8 touch with Mr Ngaïssona? Did everyone ask you, "I would like to meet
- 9 Mr Ngaïssona, can you please give me his telephone number?"
- 10 A. [12:01:45] No, never. No one asked me for his phone number.
- 11 Q. [12:01:57] Did you ever hear from that group of people just mentioned that any
- one of them wanted to go to Yaoundé for a specific reason, to meet other people there,
- to be part of a group of people to go to the border?
- 14 A. [12:02:34] No, never. I never heard anyone talk about that.
- 15 Q. [12:02:41] Did you hear that the individuals you mentioned which were part of
- 16 the group you just mentioned were ever approached by anyone to be part of
- 17 the movement called Anti-Balaka, at that time in Douala?
- 18 A. [12:03:12] No, I never heard of that. We were always together. We would
- 19 joke. And I never heard them talk about this. I never heard them say that they
- wanted to go to the border to engage in combat, no.
- 21 Q. [12:03:32] In your statement, paragraph 46, you say that you were sure that
- 22 the compatriots of this group in Douala were not involved in any armed attacks.
- 23 Can you explain to the Court how do you know, how are you so sure that these
- 24 people were not involved in any armed activities?
- 25 A. [12:04:21] They never fought. They don't -- they're not used to it. When we

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1 would meet, it would be to play football and talk about the various matches on TV. I

- 2 have never heard of that.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:04:42] Ms Wakchom.
- 4 MS WAKCHOM: [12:04:47] I'm sorry to interrupt, Mr President. It's just for
- 5 a clarification. We are talking about people, but we don't know exactly who
- 6 the witness is talking about. If we can have the names of these people so that
- 7 we -- we know where we are going.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:05:02] Well, we can give it a try, but the witness
- 9 has said these were five, six, seven people that regularly met at this place he
- 10 mentioned. Well, I would be surprised if he still knows the names, but if he can
- provide us with the names, of course this would be a more detailed answer then by
- 12 the witness.
- 13 Perhaps you can give it a try, Mr Knoops.
- 14 MR KNOOPS: [12:05:26] Of course, Mr President.
- 15 Q. [12:05:28] Mr Mohi, the group of people you just referred --
- 16 A. [12:05:44] There was Dola (phon), elder to me. There was Sogo (phon). There
- 17 was Yves. And transporter vehicles.
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:06:02] Well, at least we have some, some idea.
- 19 Yeah, please continue, Mr Knoops.
- 20 MR KNOOPS: [12:06:12]
- 21 Q. [12:06:12] I believe you also mentioned the name, Mr Mohi, of Mr Chogbo,
- 22 right?
- 23 A. [12:06:32] Yes.
- Q. [12:06:33] Speaking about Mr Chogbo, did he, as far as you know, stayed in
- 25 Douala during the two years you were in Douala, or did he stay in Cameroon in that

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- 1 time frame?
- 2 A. [12:06:58] He stayed in Douala.
- 3 Q. [12:07:09] Do you know, Mr Mohi, when he, Chogbo, returned to the Central
- 4 African Republic?
- 5 A. [12:07:26] No, I do not know. I do not know when he returned to the Central
- 6 African Republic. I do not have the date.
- 7 Q. [12:07:40] Can you recall he was still with you in Douala during the national day
- 8 in 2013?
- 9 A. [12:08:04] Yes, he was there.
- 10 Q. [12:08:09] And can you recall if Mr Chogbo was still with you in Douala during
- the 5 December attacks in 2013 on Bangui and Bossangoa?
- 12 A. [12:08:31] Yes, I was there with him when this happened. We were following
- this event -- these events on the channel France 24.
- 14 Q. [12:08:49] And just for our confirmation, Mr Mohi, is it correct that Mr Chogbo
- was part of the Douala team and the SCAF team between 2013, 2014?
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:09:48] Mr Witness, would it assist you if counsel
- 17 repeats the question?
- 18 THE WITNESS: [12:10:15](Interpretation) Yes, I'm listening to you.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:10:19] Mr Knoops, please repeat the question.
- 20 MR KNOOPS: [12:10:21]
- 21 Q. [12:10:21] Mr Mohi, can you, as far as you know, confirm that Mr Chogbo Prince
- 22 Samolah, as you mentioned him before the break, was part of the Douala football
- 23 team and also the SCAF between 2013, 2014, and therefore, for that reason, was in
- 24 Cameroon?
- 25 A. [12:11:07] No, he did not play in Cameroon in a club. He played in Bangui in

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- 1 the SCAF club, to be more specific.
- 2 Q. [12:11:27] Can you remember that in 2014 he played for a club US Douala?
- 3 A. [12:11:55] Yes, that was my club, the *Union Sportive Douala*, I was actually
- 4 playing for this club before I returned to Bangui.
- 5 Q. [12:12:10] So you were -- sorry, you were with him in this team, right?
- 6 A. [12:12:29] No, I was the only one in this club, *Union Sportive de Douala*, because I
- 7 signed a contract.
- 8 Q. [12:12:43] And what about Mr Chogbo, where did he play in 2014, as far as you
- 9 know?
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:13:40] Was the question translated to
- 11 the witness?
- 12 THE WITNESS: [12:13:51](Interpretation) I'm listening to you.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:13:54] Mr Witness, the question was, if you
- 14 know, for which club Mr Chogbo played in 2014. Only if you know.
- 15 THE WITNESS: [12:14:15](Interpretation) In 2014, he was not playing for a club. It
- was in Bangui, he was playing for the club SCAF.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:14:33] Yeah, I think we can leave this issue now.
- 18 MR KNOOPS: [12:14:36]
- 19 Q. [12:14:37] Mr Mohi, in 2013, on what regular basis on a regular basis you saw
- 20 Mr Chogbo? Was it daily? Was it every two days?
- 21 A. [12:15:05] We would see each other on a regular basis.
- 22 Q. [12:15:13] Did Mr Chogbo, during these meetings in Douala, ever say to you that
- 23 he received money from Mr Ngaïssona?
- 24 A. [12:15:40] Never. He never told me that.
- 25 Q. [12:15:49] Did Mr Chogbo during these encounters ever express his desire to go

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- back to the CAR to defend his country to fight against the Seleka?
- 2 A. [12:16:17] No. He never told me that, Chogbo, no, never. What happened
- 3 was we were in Douala and we were just following and catching up on the news.
- 4 Q. [12:16:42] Now, Mr Mohi, I take you now back to the meetings at the Total
- 5 station, or station Total.
- 6 I have -- I have formulated some questions which arose from what a Prosecution
- 7 witness did assert before this Chamber who claimed to be present at the meetings of
- 8 the Total station.
- 9 Now, first of all, that individual told the Court, and that person was quite close to
- 10 Mr Machin Machin we will speak about this gentleman later asserted that at the
- time of those meetings at the station Total, instructions were given to the group of
- 12 people there, which instructions came from a so-called general staff that was set up in
- 13 Douala? Have you ever heard about this before?
- 14 And I can give the reference to the Court. It's --
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:18:12] I would have asked you to do so. Thank
- 16 you.
- 17 MR KNOOPS: [12:18:13] -- P-1719, that was the Prosecution witness. The transcript
- 18 is T-143. Time code 10:43:25. The transcript of 13 July 2022.
- 19 Q. [12:18:36] So, did you ever hear, Mr Mohi, about instructions given by general
- 20 staff to the group of people there at the Total station?
- 21 A. [12:19:05] No, I have never heard of something to this effect.
- Q. [12:19:17] That that same person who claimed to be present during these visits
- 23 at the Total station -- before I ask you this, Mr Mohi, what was the frequency of those
- 24 meetings at Total station? Was it once a week, twice a week, more times a week?
- 25 A. [12:19:59] These were daily meetings. We would meet every day and we

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- 1 would talk, just to spend time.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:20:10] If I may say so and I'm just interpreting
- 3 here it's not -- I think, not meetings in the classical sense that we would understand
- 4 it, it was simply encounters of people driven from their country and they, as
- 5 the witness said, and they talked about, mainly about football, if I understood it. So
- 6 it was not a meeting where everybody said, "Yeah, now tomorrow, or in one week's
- 7 time at 5 o'clock we are going to meet at the station", something. People knew, if I go
- 8 there, I meet compatriots. That that is my understanding of the testimony.
- 9 I see the witness nodding, which could mean that my interpretation could be right.
- 10 MR KNOOPS: [12:21:07]
- 11 Q. [12:21:08] That's a yes, Mr Witness? That's a yes?
- 12 Right. Okay.
- 13 Did you hear, Mr Mohi, at that time during those encounters at the station Total with
- 14 this group of people you described, did you hear that a military headquarters was set
- up in Douala and that through this so-called headquarters orders were given by
- a general staff to the youth of the CAR who were in Cameroon, the group of people
- 17 you were involved in, et cetera?
- That's, for the Court's reference, transcript T-41 of 26 June 2022, page 52, of P-1719.
- 19 Should I repeat my question, Mr Mohi?
- 20 A. [12:23:05] I can hear you.
- 21 Q. [12:23:09] My question to you was, Mr Mohi, a Prosecution witness came before
- 22 this Court in 2022 saying that that person was part of this group you just mentioned,
- 23 and that the people in the group and the youth of the CAR receive from a military
- 24 headquarters instructions issued by so-called general staff. And my question to you
- 25 is, does this ring a bell? Is this something you heard?

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1 A. [12:24:09] You think you would leave your country to set up a general staff in

- 2 another country, you really think that that's possible?
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:24:24] Mr Witness, do we understand
- 4 your -- your answer that you simply say, no, you never heard of something like that?
- 5 Is that correct, this understanding?
- 6 THE WITNESS: [12:24:46](Interpretation) That's right. I have never heard anything
- 7 like this in a foreign country. You're in a foreign country and you're going to set up
- 8 a headquarters or a general staff, that's -- it's just not done. That would actually
- 9 create a condition of insecurity in that country. It's not done anywhere in the world.
- 10 MR KNOOPS: [12:25:19]
- 11 Q. [12:25:20] Mr Mohi, did anyone in that group told you or one of your fellow
- 12 compatriots at that time during these encounters, tell you that at the border of
- 13 Cameroon the people who wanted to return to the CAR would receive fresh supplies
- and weapons if they were willing to go back to the CAR?
- And that's, for the Court's reference, P-1719, transcript 2622, it's T-141, page 52.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:26:25] So, Mr Witness, did you ever hear
- something to that effect what Mr Knoops just asked you, ever hear something like
- 18 that?
- 19 THE WITNESS: [12:26:45](Interpretation) I have never heard anything to this effect.
- 20 MR KNOOPS: [12:26:52]
- 21 Q. [12:26:52] Now, Mr Mohi, I am going to introduce some documents to you, but
- 22 before we doing this, I am -- ask you first, in your statement you spoke about a person
- 23 with the name Machin Machin, and you identified this gentleman in -- on a photo and
- 24 we just want to confirm your identification.
- 25 It's tab 5 of the Defence binder, CAR-D30-0020-0001.

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- 1 My colleague Mr Desevedavy will upload this photograph for you, Mr Mohi, and
- 2 could you be so kind to have a look at this gentleman again.
- 3 It's -- Mr Mohi, can you confirm that this is the gentleman you have referred to as
- 4 Machin Machin?
- 5 A. [12:28:32] I confirm. It's him. He's a transporter. He is used to driving
- 6 vehicles from Douala to Bangui.
- 7 Q. [12:28:48] Was this gentleman part of your group -- of the group who met
- 8 regularly at the station Total?
- 9 A. [12:29:09] Yes, he would come to the group gatherings.
- 10 Q. [12:29:24] And would you say that he, like you, frequently came to those
- gatherings, or were there times that he wasn't there, or he was always there or he was
- 12 mostly there? Do you have an indication for us?
- 13 A. [12:29:51] No, he didn't come regularly. He would come when he came to
- Douala to get a vehicle, but he didn't come regularly.
- 15 Q. [12:30:15] Now, but to be clear also for the judges, if you speak about a group of
- 16 five or six people you just mentioned, the group of people who regularly had these
- encounters at the station Total, would you include in that group Mr Machin Machin,
- 18 such as the others?
- 19 A. [12:30:57] No, I wouldn't include him.
- 20 Q. [12:31:06] How many times, if you would give us an estimation, if possible at all,
- 21 you saw him at the station Total in those -- well, let's speak about 2013. Was it five,
- 22 10, 15, 20?
- 23 A. [12:31:45] I didn't see him more than three or four times.
- Q. [12:31:52] Okay. Let me show you, Mr Mohi, a document -- no, let me first ask
- 25 you before I show you the document, that's more fair.

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- 1 Can you recall, Mr Mohi, that the people of the group you were in on a regular basis
- 2 at the station Total, did you -- did you consider yourself, or even mention each other,
- 3 as combatants? *Combattant*, French word, *combattant*?
- 4 A. [12:33:12] Combatants for football, yes. But when we would gather together
- 5 we would discuss football, not to plan anything or to fight, no, I don't think so.
- 6 Q. [12:33:18] Have you ever heard this term "combatant" in the sense of
- 7 a combatant in arms used by any of your fellow compatriots at that time?
- 8 A. [12:33:51] Never. Speak to me about football, then I can answer you. Where it
- 9 concerns weapons of war, I can't say any more, please.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:34:05] I think the witness has made this clear
- and in different contexts, so to speak, context.
- MR KNOOPS: [12:34:13] For the Court reference, it's transcript 143 of P-1719,
- 13 July 2022, time code 12:14:25.
- 14 Q. [12:34:30] Now, Mr Mohi, I'm sorry, I'm sorry that I have to ask you these
- 15 questions about arms. I'm not suggesting anything that you were involved with and
- 16 I'm -- I know that you're interested in football, like many of us, but please forgive me,
- I have to ask you those questions because, what I put to you now is -- are allegations
- 18 which are made by a witness who was close to Machin Machin and who told this in
- 19 this court.
- 20 So I'm not asking you this because I -- I make any implication towards you, but I hope
- 21 you understand, and I understand your irritation, that I have to ask you this, because
- 22 we have to find out who's telling the truth or not. So my task is to confront you with
- certain allegations made by a Prosecution witness who mentioned your name and
- 24 Chogbo. Is this clear to you, sir?
- 25 A. [12:35:56] It's very clear. I'm there to tell you what I saw. I can't tell you what

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- 1 I didn't see. I'm not here before the Court to tell a lie.
- 2 Q. [12:36:07] Thank you, Mr Mohi.
- Now, that brings me, unfortunately again on the same topic, to a document which is
- 4 in our Defence binder, tab 5 -- sorry, tab 6. It's a Facebook conversation between
- 5 Mr Machin Machin and another individual, where Mr Machin Machin refers to you
- 6 and your teammate Chogbo as combatants.
- 7 That's CAR-OTP-2101-6428 at 6445.
- 8 Now, Mr Mohi, please be so kind to look at the fourth entry or column from above.
- 9 You see Mahamat Hissene Zokoue, 25 November 2013.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:37:47] And, Mr Witness, I think you can read it
- and you will see that your name appears here and you can tell us what you think of it,
- 12 please.
- 13 So what would you say? You know, it's mentioned here you and Chogbo, or
- 14 Chegbo, can you make sense of it or is it correct or is it not correct, or whatever?
- 15 THE WITNESS: [12:39:12](Interpretation) You know, I never fought, I never took up
- 16 arms. If I had done so, the population of Bangui would have known, in particular
- 17 the population of Bangui. If I had taken up weapons, the population of Bangui
- 18 would have known. If you speak to me about football, very well. But to say to me
- 19 that I took up arms, no, I don't think so. That's a lie.
- 20 MR KNOOPS: [12:39:47]
- 21 Q. [12:39:47] Mr Mohi, did you ever hear from Mr Machin Machin or Chogbo
- 22 that we're speaking about November 2013 then Seleka, who apparently infiltrated
- 23 in Douala, was about to be arrested and for this purpose Machin Machin and/or
- 24 Chogbo contacted the commander of the BIR that very evening to have this
- 25 gentleman arrested, this Seleka person? You ever heard about such an incident from

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- 1 Machin Machin or Chogbo?
- 2 A. [12:40:50] No, nobody told me that. Nobody spoke to me about that.
- 3 MR KNOOPS: [12:40:56] Mr President, my colleague Ms Beaulieu has a very
- 4 important remark. We don't know if the French is -- is Mr Mohi mastering
- 5 the French well enough to read? We're not sure about this. We could ask him.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:41:14] Okay. Yeah, yeah, that's actually a point,
- 7 yeah.
- 8 Let me give it a try: Mr Witness, this is -- this Facebook entry is in French, obviously.
- 9 Are you able to read this and understand this fully in French, what is written here?
- 10 THE WITNESS: [12:41:49](Interpretation) Yes, I read it.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:41:53] So I think we can take it that -- also from
- the answer, I think, of the witness, we can take it that he understood it.
- 13 Mr Knoops, please go on.
- 14 MR KNOOPS: [12:42:06]
- 15 Q. [12:42:06] Mr Mohi, in the same context, a Prosecution witness who came before
- this Court it's, for the Court, reference P-1719, transcript of 12 July, that's transcript
- 17 142, page 19 asserted that Machin Machin during one of the meetings at the Total
- station referred to Mr Ngaïssona as "the authority".
- 19 Have you ever heard this before, that Machin Machin said "Mr Ngaïssona is
- 20 the authority here"?
- 21 A. [12:43:19] I never heard that from him.
- 22 Q. [12:43:23] And the same question, Mr Mohi, that very witness came here to
- 23 allege that he heard from Mr Machin Machin that Mr Ngaïssona and Mr Bernard
- 24 Mokom were the leading personalities of the resistance and the captains of the ship.
- 25 You ever heard this from Machin Machin or from Chogbo or anyone else of this

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- 1 group?
- 2 A. [12:44:08] Never. I never heard that.
- 3 Q. [12:44:40] Mr Mohi, during the times you met Mr Machin Machin at this station
- 4 Total, did he ever intimate to you or Chogbo, anyone in the group, while you were
- 5 present that he wanted to go back to his country to defend the country and to take up
- 6 arms?
- 7 A. [12:45:27] Never. I never heard that in the Total station. There, we were just
- 8 busy with football. We would converse about football. We never spoke about
- 9 taking up weapons to defend the country.
- 10 Q. [12:45:49] But, Mr Mohi, Mr Machin Machin was not a football player, so when
- 11 he was present in this group, what topic did he address, what did he say?
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:46:03] Mr Knoops, you know, there are a lot of
- 13 non-football players who talk about football. So this is not necessary. I think
- 14 the witness has made it clear enough that the topic of these encounters, as I would
- word them, was about sports, about football. I think you really can continue.
- 16 MR KNOOPS: [12:46:22] Yeah, thank you.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:46:26] And the witness is again nodding.
- 18 MR KNOOPS: [12:46:29] Okay, thank you.
- 19 Q. [12:46:32] Mr Mohi, a Prosecution witness, he -- which came -- who came before
- 20 this Court, who was close to Mr Machin Machin, told us in 2022 it's, for the Court,
- 21 transcript T-143, page 32, lines 1 till 5 speaking about the encounters also at the Total
- station, that "when we were in Cameroon", referring to the group, "we rallied, and
- 23 only if you had mobilised in front of the embassy it would have attracted
- 24 international attention what was happening in the Central African Republic and this
- 25 was our idea in start."

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- 1 So this was said by a Prosecution witness about a topic which apparently arose
- 2 during one of the meetings at the Total station said by Machin Machin. My question
- 3 to you is, did you ever hear Mr Machin Machin saying that he organised or was
- 4 intending to organise marches of or peaceful demonstrations?
- 5 A. [12:48:22] No. We just spoke about football. Machin Machin was
- 6 a transporter. He didn't come to the group regularly. He would come into
- 7 the group when he would come to Douala to get vehicles. And when he came to the
- 8 group, we just spoke about football.
- 9 MR KNOOPS: [12:48:43] Mr President, I refer the Chamber also to the reference
- where this witness speaks about these peaceful demonstrations. It's transcript
- page 141 of 26 June 2022, page 68 and transcript 143, 13 July 2022, time code 11:52:45
- 12 and time code 12:10:07.
- Q. [12:49:23] I know your answer, Mr Witness, but I still have to put it to you and
- on the record, did you ever hear or see that this gentleman, Machin Machin, was
- trying to mobilise the youth at the station Total to defend your country?
- 16 A. [12:50:09] Never. Never. The youth were never grouped together to organise
- demonstrations. I never heard that. Never heard anyone speak about that.
- 18 Q. [12:50:22] Yeah. I would like to show you in this regard another document.
- 19 It's also tab 6 of our Defence binder. It's the same CAR number.
- 20 CAR-OTP-2101-6439. Sorry, that's the -- that's the page. Tab 6, 6439, ending. If
- 21 my colleague would be so kind to pull up the document and show it to the witness.
- 22 Mr Mohi, if you would be so kind to look at the monitor and look at the Facebook
- 23 conversation between Mr Zokoue and Mr Levy Yakete, in which he says on
- 24 17 November -- well, you can read it if you would be so kind, starting:
- 25 (Interpretation) "I have young people who are ready to defend the country. Tell me

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- 1 what I should do."
- 2 (Speaks English) And two entries below:
- 3 (Interpretation) "What we expect with regards to the young people in Douala and
- 4 Yaoundé and in Bertoua, I can mobilise them. I have contacts with them."
- 5 (Speaks English) What is your --
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:52:26] Can we -- can we make it -- make it short,
- 7 Mr -- Mr Mohi, you have read that. Has ever anybody tried to mobilise you in that
- 8 sense that is mentioned here during your time in Douala?
- 9 THE WITNESS: [12:53:05](Interpretation) Never. At the time when I was there, I
- 10 never saw such a thing. Otherwise I would have said so.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:53:23] I think, Mr Knoops, that answers it
- 12 sufficiently.
- 13 MR KNOOPS: [12:53:27] Yeah, yeah.
- 14 Q. [12:53:28] Mr Mohi, did Mr Machin Machin ever say to you or your fellow
- 15 group members during one of the meetings in or encounters at the Total station that
- 16 he had received money from Mr Ngaïssona or Bernard Mokom in Yaoundé or Douala
- in November 2013? Have you ever heard him saying that?
- 18 A. [12:54:03] I never heard that said. I have said what I saw, I can say what I saw,
- 19 but I can't testify about what I have not heard or have not seen.
- 20 Q. [12:54:19] Did Mr Machin Machin ever say to you that he knew Mr Ngaïssona
- 21 personally?
- 22 Did you hear my question, Mr Mohi? Have you ever heard Mr Machin Machin
- 23 saying that he knew Mr Ngaïssona personally?
- 24 A. [12:55:33] No, never. We never discussed the subject of Mr Ngaïssona. If that
- 25 was the case, it would have been about football, but not about that subject.

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- 1 Q. [12:55:51] So I take it he didn't speak about Mr Ngaïssona as a person who
- 2 started the Anti-Balaka movement?
- 3 A. [12:56:16] No, I never heard that said. It's a lie. It would be a lie to say that
- 4 Ngaïssona created the Anti-Balaka movement. I would say no. I would deny it
- 5 categorically. If you say that he was president and that he invested in football, I
- 6 would agree with you.
- 7 MR KNOOPS: [12:56:44] It's, for the Court reference, the transcript T-141 of 26
- 8 June -- or, sorry, 29 June 2022, page 42 on -- of P-1719.
- 9 Q. [12:57:00] I have just two questions before the break, Mr Mohi.
- 10 Did Mr Machin Machin ever tell you or anyone of the group that he was asked by
- anyone to go to the border of Cameroon in 2013 to fight?
- 12 A. [12:57:35] No, no, no. I never heard that. If it was the opposite, I would just
- 13 be able to confirm it. But I never heard that said. I never saw that done, so I can't
- 14 say the contrary.
- 15 Q. [12:58:00] My last question before the break, Mr Mohi, is the following: Did
- 16 you ever hear Mr Machin Machin saying to you or anyone else in that specific
- 17 environment at the station Total that Bernard Mokom was at that time the so-called
- brains of the movement, referring to the Anti-Balaka movement?
- 19 A. [12:58:39] I never heard that said. I can assure you that I am available to
- 20 answer your questions if I know the answers, but I cannot say anything else than
- 21 what I know.
- 22 MR KNOOPS: [12:59:02] Mr President, it's, for the Court reference, transcript T-141
- 23 of, again, the session 26 June 2022, page 41, of P-1719.
- 24 And with this I suggest we have the break.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:59:23] Yeah, it's time.

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- 1 I'm quite sure that you will finish in the last session.
- 2 MR KNOOPS: [12:59:29] Yes, Mr President, I can finish in the last session. Yes
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:59:31] And I think you won't need the whole last
- 4 session.
- 5 MR KNOOPS: [12:59:34] I will do my best.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:59:35] That's just an assumption.
- 7 MR KNOOPS: [12:59:37] Yeah.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [12:59:38] So let's have a break until 2.30.
- 9 THE COURT USHER: [12:59:41] All rise.
- 10 (Recess taken at 12.59 p.m.)
- 11 (Upon resuming in open session at 2.32 p.m.)
- 12 THE COURT USHER: [14:32:08] All rise.
- 13 Please be seated.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [14:32:32] Good afternoon.
- 15 Mr Knoops, you have still the floor.
- 16 MR KNOOPS: [14:32:37] Thank you, Mr President.
- 17 Q. Good afternoon, Mr Mohi. I have two topics left in my examination. Before
- I address these two topics, a question to clarify the level of contacts you had with
- 19 Mr Machin Machin.
- 20 Quite recently you said that those contacts with him were on an average basis once or
- 21 twice a week. Could that be right?
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [14:34:01] Mr Witness. Mr Witness. Mr Witness,
- 23 the Presiding Judge speaking.
- 24 Mr Knoops, the counsel, was addressing the question how often you met
- 25 Mr Machin Machin in 2013 in Douala, and this is, of course, after 10 years extremely

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- 1 difficult to be in any way exact, and nobody expects that.
- 2 Actually, from your testimony this morning, I understood that you -- that you only
- 3 met him when he had dealings in Douala, if I have understood you correctly.
- 4 Do you have any idea how often this was? And if you say it's too long, it's too
- 5 difficult for you, it's also fine and would be absolutely understandable.
- 6 THE WITNESS: [14:35:09](Interpretation) Sometimes we would just see each other
- 7 once a month or maybe twice a month. He would come more often then and we
- 8 would see the vehicles, but we didn't meet one another every day.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [14:35:30] I think, Mr Knoops, we can leave it at that
- because we have already also addressed this issue before the break and, really, it's
- 11 more than understandable.
- 12 MR KNOOPS: [14:35:40] Yes.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [14:35:40] Let me put it this way: It would be even
- suspicious if the witness after 10 years would say, "Well, this was on a Monday and
- this was the next Thursday", so I think it's understandable.
- 16 MR KNOOPS: [14:35:54] Yes. Just to avoid any problems, the testimony
- 17 could -- could give and for my rebuttal in advance.
- 18 Q. Mr Mohi, to clarify, in your interview with the Prosecution on 25 April you
- 19 were also asked this question. You said, "It could be once or twice a week that I saw
- 20 Machin Machin".
- 21 Can I understand your evidence that you say, "There were times that I saw him once
- or twice a week and there were times I didn't see him for months", for example?
- 23 A. [14:36:47] Yes, that's right.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [14:36:49] Well, thank you for the clarification.
- 25 Indeed, I also have understood it, but it's now on the record.

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- 1 MR KNOOPS: [14:36:54] Yes, thank you.
- 2 Q. [14:36:56] Mr Mohi, the next topic I would like to address you with some
- 3 questions is about a specific event which allegedly took place in Yaoundé in which
- 4 event you are implicated by a Prosecution witness who was quite close to
- 5 Machin Machin. It's an event I have broken down in several parts, so each time
- 6 I will put to you the allegation of that witness and I ask you for a brief comment.
- 7 To start with that event -- the starting point is the allegation, the implication of your
- 8 person, in you being responsible for giving information to Machin Machin about
- 9 meetings which were held in either Douala or Yaoundé. That's the starting point.
- 10 Now, that individual who came before this Court to testify and to implicate you did
- say that at a certain morning in Douala, it was around -- between 8 and 9 in the
- 12 morning, I will quote:
- 13 "We had a meeting at the headquarters in Douala. The phone of Machin Machin
- rang and it was" you "Mr Mohi".
- 15 You then said to Machin Machin, quote:
- 16 "Machin Machin, where are you?"
- 17 And Machin Machin responded:
- 18 "I'm at a meeting at the HCR headquarters".
- 19 That's, for the Court, the transcript 141, page 44, lines 1 till 8.
- 20 Now, my first question: Can you recall that you, yourself, in a certain -- at a certain
- 21 morning contacted Mr Machin Machin and asked where he was?
- 22 A. [14:39:50] No. I don't remember. What's more, how could I call him?
- 23 I didn't have his number. We would see one another from a distance. Sometimes
- 24 we would see each other at the Total service station and we would chat about football.
- 25 That was a time when he was going back and forth to Bangui, but I wasn't in a

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1 position to call him and ask him where he was or anything like that, or for him to tell

- 2 me where I was.
- 3 Q. [14:40:29] The same event, we are speaking about the same event, subsequently,
- 4 according to this Prosecution witness, you and Machin Machin would have met and
- 5 Machin Machin would have say:
- 6 "We were with nine people. We were the nine of us and some of us were soldiers."
- 7 That is page 44 of the T-4 -- 141, lines 6 to 7.
- 8 Your response would have been, according to this witness, to Machin Machin, that
- 9 Mr Ngaïssona was calling upon all the people of the CAR who were in Cameroon to
- 10 go back home because they had to rise up and revolt.
- 11 That's, for the Court reference, page 44, lines 8 till 11 of the transcript 141.
- 12 I ask for your comment what this witness did say before this Court about your
- implication in this conversation?
- 14 A. [14:42:04] I think that is false testimony. You know, god does not encourage
- 15 such testimony. I never took part in any meeting with Mr Machin Machin. We
- only saw one another at the Total station and we would talk about football. Other
- 17 than that, we didn't meet again. Yes, I might have been with Mr Ngaïssona to chat,
- but for Mr Machin Machin, I think that is actually perjury.
- 19 Q. [14:42:43] The narrative of this witness goes further, saying that Machin Machin
- 20 would have asked you during this same event -- this incident -- would have asked
- 21 you the phone number of Mr Ngaïssona, and Machin Machin would have say:
- "Give me the number of the authority" -- "Give me the number of the authority".
- 23 That's, for the Court's reference, page 44, lines 18 till 20 of the transcript T-141.
- 24 Subsequently, this Prosecution witness asserts that you would have indeed given the
- 25 phone number of Mr Ngaïssona to Mr Machin Machin, and Machin Machin would

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- 1 directly have called Mr Ngaïssona, using his own phone number.
- 2 That's page 44, lines 19 till 20 of T-141.
- 3 Did this happen in this way, Mr Mohi?
- 4 A. [14:44:03] No, that's not so. That's not true. There was no particular link
- 5 between he and I. How could I give him Mr Ngaïssona's number? It's not true.
- 6 Q. [14:44:20] The narrative of this witness goes further as follows: That
- 7 Machin Machin would during the same incident, the same event, would have said
- 8 that there were some transportation problems between Douala and Yaoundé and
- 9 there was a fellow citizen of the CAR who had bought a vehicle in Douala and his
- 10 plan was to take it to Bangui.
- 11 It's line 25, for the Court, on page 44.
- 12 According to this witness, Machin Machin would have say:
- "We have to force him to give the vehicle to us".
- 14 Lines 1 till 3 of page 45 of T-141.
- 15 Can you recall an incident where you and your group, with Machin Machin, took a
- 16 vehicle from fellow CAR citizens to move to somewhere else when were you in
- 17 Douala?
- 18 A. [14:45:47] No. I don't remember. I don't even remember everything that
- 19 you've read out here. Machin Machin didn't have my number and I didn't have his
- 20 number. I couldn't give him Mr Ngaïssona's number. I would chat with him, but
- 21 Machin Machin never called me on the telephone.
- 22 Q. [14:46:22] The incident continues. Afterwards, Machin Machin would have
- called Mr Ngaïssona for a second time in your presence, and would have said to
- 24 Mr Ngaïssona: "Authority, we are on our way."
- 25 Mr Ngaïssona would have responded on the phone to Machin Machin that you all

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1 had to go to Yaoundé very early because he was intending to travel, speaking about

- 2 Ngaïssona.
- 3 It's page 45, lines 4 till 8 of transcript T-141.
- 4 Next, all of you left Douala and you were with 17 people, according to this witness.
- 5 And you all drove with a vehicle, a big bus, to the City of Golf in Yaoundé where
- 6 Mr Ngaïssona would have lived, according to this witness. And that's page 50,
- 7 lines 20 to 21 of the transcript T-141.
- 8 And you would have arrived there around 9 in the evening, according to the same
- 9 witness.
- 10 So this is the way you are implicated in this incident.
- 11 What is your response to this, Mr Mohi?
- 12 A. [14:48:00] That is just a lie. I went to Yaoundé a single time as part of the match
- against South Africa. I didn't go two or three times. So this is a great big lie. He's
- telling lies. I am here to tell the truth on behalf of god.
- 15 Q. [14:48:30] Mr Mohi, according to this same narrative, once having arrived in
- 16 Yaoundé at the villa of Mr Bernard Mokom, Mr Ngaïssona would have come out on
- the balcony and would have greeted all of you by waving to you from a
- 18 second-storey house. Bernard Mokom went subsequently into the house and a bit
- later returned with money in his hands. That's page 45 of T-141, lines 12 till 19 and
- 20 21.
- 21 And Mokom, Bernard would have said to all of you:
- "My children, each one of you is to get 15,000 francs, 15,000 CFA [...] just to pay for the
- 23 transportation from Yaoundé to Garam-Boulai."
- 24 Lines 21 till 23 of page 45, transcript 141.
- 25 And Mr Chogbo would have been there as well -- Chogbo.

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1 Do you ever recall an incident where money was offered in this way to your group?

- 2 A. [14:50:04] I repeat, that's a lie.
- 3 Q. [14:50:12] Next, Bernard Mokom would have given a briefing to all of you and
- 4 would have said to all of you that there was war materiel already at the border for the
- 5 people who accepted the money, and, some of them refused the money, according to
- 6 this witness. It's page 45, lines 24 till 25 of T-141.
- 7 And after this briefing, this so-called briefing of Mr Mokom to all of you, Bernard
- 8 Mokom would have given the phone number of a Mr Sabe, who was a gendarme and
- 9 the commander of the Kounde brigade at that time.
- 10 Mokom also gave all of you the number of a scout with the name of Azou Mandji,
- 11 nicknamed "Azou".
- 12 Can you recall having received any of these instructions at any time or heard about
- these persons, Sabe or Azou?
- 14 THE INTERPRETER: [14:51:57] Message from the booth: Could -- we had some
- 15 overlapping. Our apologies.
- 16 THE WITNESS: [14:52:04](Interpretation) You're talking about Mokom, Mokom?
- 17 Who's Mokom? That's a person I've never met. If you're talking to me about
- 18 Machin Machin, I can answer. But you've talked about Mokom several times.
- 19 I don't even know him.
- 20 MR KNOOPS: [14:52:22]
- 21 Q. [14:52:22] Did you ever hear the name of Mr -- a Mr Sabe, a gendarme,
- 22 commander of Kounde brigade? Ever heard about this name?
- A. [14:52:45] Sabe? You seem to be giving many names here that I've -- of people
- 24 I've never heard of. Who is this guy? The only one I know is Ngaïssona.
- 25 If ever I had known him, I would have told you.

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [14:52:59] Mr Witness, again, and Mr Knoops has
- 2 explained it to you before the break, this is not that anybody reproaches you of
- 3 anything. It is simply that another witness has testified here and implicated you in a
- 4 certain way and it's the duty of Mr Knoops as counsel of Mr Ngaïssona to put this to
- 5 you. It's simply to clarify, and when you don't know the name, as you here have
- 6 done, then simply say, "No, that's not true. I do not know the person."
- 7 So please, don't be upset. There's no reason for that.
- 8 MR KNOOPS: [14:53:52]
- 9 Q. [14:53:53] Thank you, Mr Mohi. Thank you.
- 10 Can you recall a situation where you or members of your group were given the phone
- 11 number of the person with the name Azou Mandji, nicknamed "Azou", mentioned by
- this witness as an -- so-called "advance man"?
- 13 It's for the Court to be found in page 46, lines 2 till 8 of the transcript 141.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [14:54:54] So I-- we take it that you do not recall
- 15 such a situation, Mr Witness?
- 16 THE WITNESS: [14:55:09](Interpretation) No, I don't remember. No. It's true you
- 17 mentioned a particular situation, but I don't remember.
- 18 MR KNOOPS: [14:55:26]
- 19 Q. [14:55:26] Mr Witness, there is a difference between "I don't remember" and "it
- 20 didn't happen". When you listen to this narrative which was given by a Prosecution
- 21 witness before this Court who was very close to Machin Machin, is your final
- 22 conclusion, "I don't remember all of this", or is your conclusion, "It's simply not true"?
- 23 A. [14:56:03] It's not true. He just lied.
- Q. [14:56:10] Mr Mohi, this seems to us -- and it's again as the Presiding Judge said,
- 25 it's not a reproach to you -- it seems a very detailed narrative of a Prosecution witness

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- of an event which allegedly happened in Yaoundé with your group.
- 2 Now, if you say this is a lie of this witness who was close to Machin Machin, would
- 3 you have any idea why this witness would have said these things about you? Why
- 4 would he have implicated you in this event?
- 5 A. [14:57:02] Myself, I don't understand. What's more, I don't know this witness.
- 6 I'm here to tell you what I saw and what I experienced. If you talk to me about an
- 7 incident and I know about it, I will tell you so. I'm here to tell you what I saw and
- 8 experienced.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [14:57:24] Well, I know -- I know, Ms Wakchom,
- 10 you wanted to say that the witness cannot speculate why somebody would say that,
- but since he was implicated I let the question pass and the witness has answered.
- 12 Please, Mr Knoops, continue.
- 13 MR KNOOPS: [14:57:48]
- 14 Q. [14:57:51] Mr Mohi, I'm not asking you to speculate, but did you have
- any -- when you came back to Bangui in around July 2015, you had any unpleasant
- 16 encounters with people there who were asking you what you thought about
- 17 Mr Ngaïssona?
- Were people, for instance, blaming you that you were in touch with him? Because
- 19 for many people, he was at that time a war criminal, right? And they knew that you
- were one of his football pupils, and did they blame you for being loyal to him in a
- 21 way?
- 22 A. [14:59:24] It is true, he was the president of my club and I was the star of the
- club, I was the best player, and he was somewhat fond of me. I was thought of as his
- 24 son. Other than that, I have nothing to add. I'm a person who's open to everyone.
- 25 I'm interested in everyone who's interested in football.

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1 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:00:02] Thank you, Mr Witness. I think we can

- 2 leave this issue.
- 3 MR KNOOPS: [15:00:06] Yes.
- 4 Q. [15:00:06] Mr Mohi, my final round of questions pertain to the relationship
- 5 between Mr Ngaïssona in his role as president of the CAFF and the Muslim
- 6 community, in specific, the players in the national team of the CAR, Muslim players.
- 7 I asked you at the beginning, this morning, of the evidence you gave today whether
- 8 there were indeed Muslim players in the national team, right.
- 9 Can you mention any names? Can you recall any names who were selected in the
- 10 national team and who were also there in 2013 in the team?
- 11 A. [15:01:07] Geoffrey Lembet, Limane Moussa, Salif Keïta -- we played together
- 12 and we -- they were my teammates in the national team.
- 13 Q. [15:01:45] What about Lembet Geoffrey, was he a Muslim?
- 14 A. [15:02:10] His name is Geoffrey Lembet, but he is Muslim. After training he
- would actually go to the room to pray and that's how I got to know that he is Muslim.
- 16 Q. [15:02:26] Habib Habibou?
- 17 A. [15:02:36] I was wounded when Habib was selected. He also was a Muslim
- and he played in the front.
- 19 Q. [15:03:09] Mr Mohi, you know in your role as football player Mr Ngaïssona
- 20 since at least 2000 when you entered into this sport. Have you ever encountered any
- 21 discriminatory behaviour of Mr Ngaïssona versus --
- 22 A. [15:03:18] (No interpretation)
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:03:28] He just confirmed from 2000 on, I think.
- 24 So please continue with your question.
- 25 MR KNOOPS: [15:03:34]

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- 1 Q. [15:03:35] Mr Mohi, in all those years you have experienced the person of
- 2 Mr Ngaïssona, did you ever encounter any form of discriminatory behaviour on his
- 3 part versus --
- 4 A. [15:04:09] You can ask anyone in the country, in the field of football, they will
- 5 say that Ngaïssona has never hurt anyone, he's never showed discriminatory
- 6 behaviour toward anyone. He would basically take the football to the field and -- so
- 7 that people could play. He was really liked by the youth. When he was the
- 8 president, national football developed a lot. It's thanks to Ngaïssona that football
- 9 really developed in the Central African Republic and he was liked by one and all.
- 10 We like him because he contributed to the development of the country and this is
- 11 why we are testifying the good acts that he's done.
- 12 Q. [15:05:12] Mr Mohi, is it correct that Mr Ngaïssona under his reign as president
- of the CAFF ensured in a very short of time, I believe it was two years, to have the
- 14 national team of the Central African Republic upgraded in the world ranking from,
- 15 before he started, I think the ranking was placed 202 out of the 209 countries, and in
- 16 two years' time he was able to have the national team upgraded on the world ranking
- 17 list to place 49. Can you confirm this, Mr Mohi?
- 18 A. [15:06:06] Yes. The team made progress in leaps and bounds.
- 19 Q. [15:06:19] And I believe the national team under his supervision won on 13
- 20 December 2009 the CEMAC cup against Guinea, right?
- 21 A. [15:06:41] Yes, that's right.
- Q. [15:06:45] So is it fair to say, Mr Mohi, that due to all these achievements -- is it
- 23 fair to say, Mr Mohi -- it's my final question to you; two questions left. Is it fair to
- say, Mr Mohi, that due to these achievements in sports with the national team
- 25 winning the CEMAC cup in 2009, et cetera, that Mr Ngaïssona has such popularity in

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- 1 the Central African Republic?
- 2 A. [15:07:41] He's known by many people. Even in Central Africa he was known
- 3 as the president of the Central African Football Federation because he really worked
- 4 very well. He really was dedicated to the cause of football.
- 5 Q. [15:08:03] Mr Mohi, at the end of my examination I ask you the following: Do
- 6 you know or can you confirm, knowing Mr Ngaïssona for so many years, that for him
- 7 sport, in specific football, was a vehicle to achieve peace in his country?
- 8 I see the witness nodding.
- 9 A. [15:08:53] Yes, that's exactly it. You see, there were many problems. People
- 10 had suffered terrible things, but once we won the subregion cup we forgot our
- problems, and this cup did wonders to the population. Ever since he left the
- 12 federation, we did not win any cups. We couldn't even qualify for home matches.
- 13 If -- without his presence, we couldn't have made it. So I will definitely testify on
- 14 what he's done for the good of the country.
- 15 Q. [15:09:43] And was this, Mr Mohi, according to your experience, also the reason
- 16 why Mr Ngaïssona, while in exile in Cameroon, remained so dedicated to his goal in
- life, playing football and bringing people together?
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:10:04] I think, Mr Knoops, the witness has
- 19 answered.
- 20 MR KNOOPS: [15:10:05] Okay.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:10:07] I think -- I know what Ms Wakchom is
- 22 going to say and I think I will agree with her. So... the witness has clearly stated
- 23 what he knows about these activities and has clearly stated his opinion and also the
- 24 answer to your last question was also absolutely clear. I think we can leave it at that.
- 25 MR KNOOPS: [15:10:29] Thank you, Mr President. That concludes our

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- 1 examination.
- 2 Q. [15:10:35] Thank you, Mr Mohi, for your time today.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:10:39] Thank you. We know that nothing has
- 4 arisen with regard to Mr Yekatom.
- 5 MS DIMITRI: [15:10:44] No, Mr President.
- 6 THE WITNESS: [15:10:53](Interpretation) Thank you so much.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:10:55] So it would be the time now for
- 8 Ms Wakchom. We have 45 minutes. I could also suggest to you that you review,
- 9 perhaps, have a little bit more time and start tomorrow morning, if this would be
- 10 okay with you.
- 11 MS WAKCHOM: [15:11:10](Interpretation) This will be perfectly fine, Mr President.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [15:11:14] Then we do it this way.
- 13 Thank you for today, Mr Witness, for answering all these questions. But tomorrow
- 14 we continue, so please be there tomorrow, like all of us, at -- for us 9:30. Thank you
- 15 very much.
- 16 THE COURT USHER: [15:11:29] All rise.
- 17 (The hearing ends in open session at 3.11 p.m.)