

Witness Statement of ODONG Johnson

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
DEFENCE FOR DOMINIC ONGWEN

WITNESS STATEMENT PROVIDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRIAL IN THE

CASE OF

THE PROSECUTOR v DOMINIC ONGWEN

Last Name(s): ODONG	Gender: Male
First Name(s): Johnson	Father's Name: Okot Otunu
Other Names Used: Odonga	Mother's Name: Anna Angeyo
Place of Birth: Coorom	Marital Status: Married
Date of birth/Age: 1952	Spouse: Madeline Akot
Nationality: Ugandan	Place of Residence: [REDACTED]
Children: Eight	

Ethnic Origin/Tribe: Pagak Pacunge
Religion: Catholic
Language(s) spoken: Acholi
Language(s) written (if different from spoken):
Language(s) used in interview: Acholi and English
Language of statement: English
Proposed language of testimony: Acholi

Current occupation: Farmer

Former occupation:

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Place of Interview: [REDACTED] Uganda

Date(s) of interview: 11 August 2015

Start of Interview: 10h17 EAT

End of Interview: 11h22 EAT

Name and signature of individual(s) conducting the interview:

1. Thomas Obhof, Assistant to Counsel 

2. [REDACTED] Case Manager [REDACTED]

Names of all persons present during interview: (witness, counsel, investigator, interpreter, legal assistant etc):

1. Thomas Obhof, Assistant to Counsel

2. [REDACTED] Case Manager

3. Odong Johnson, Witness

4. [REDACTED] Interpreter


Place of Interview: Amuru, Uganda

Date(s) of interview: 24 December 2015

Start of Interview: 12h37 EAT

End of Interview: 13h00 EAT

Name and signature of individual(s) conducting the interview:

1. Thomas Obhof, Assistant to Counsel 

2. [REDACTED] Case Manager [REDACTED]

Names of all persons present during interview: (witness, counsel, investigator, interpreter, legal assistant etc):

1. Thomas Obhof, Assistant to Counsel

2. [REDACTED] Case Manager

3. Odong Johnson, Witness

WITNESS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This statement consisting of six pages is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have given this statement voluntarily and I have not been influenced by any coercion, duress or threat.

I am aware that this statement may be used in legal proceedings before the International Criminal Court (the "ICC"), I understand that if I have knowingly provided false information, I may be liable to prosecution for false testimony under solemn declaration.

I have been informed by the interviewers about the procedures available to the ICC of ensuring the protection of confidential information provided to the Court. I have also been briefed about the procedures that may be available to ensure my own protection and security.

I have been informed that I may be called to testify in public before the ICC. I have also been informed that the ICC may exceptionally order protective measures on my behalf, provided such protection is required. Those interviewing me have also explained that even with protective measures, my identity will be disclosed to the Court and the parties. With knowledge of the above, I agree to testify and appear before the ICC if called to do so.

Print name: Odong Johnson

Signed:

ODONG Johnson

Date: 24 December 2015

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1 two miles (2-3 km) away. At that time, a walking path existed at that time
2 directly to the school. The path was about 1 metre wide.

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4 6. Dominic left the compound for school shortly before 10h00. I heard he was
5 abducted around 13h00. I heard this from others that were close to him on
6 the path and saw him arrested. I do not know who specifically abducted
7 Dominic, but we blame it on Kony. Dominic was abducted with two other
8 people. One person died in the bush and I cannot remember his name. The
9 other one is called Kakanyero Joe, also known as Odong Audi. He has since
10 returned to Coorom.

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12 7. After hearing of this, Dominic's parent immediately began to search for
13 him. Unfortunately, both his parents were arrested that day. Dominic's
14 mother was allegedly shot by the rebels. Dominic's father was killed by the
15 NRA because they thought he was a rebel.

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17 8. I do not know whether Dominic witnessed this. We were told though by
18 returnees that he did not learn for a few months that his parents were
19 murdered.

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21 Contact with Dominic since his Abduction

22 9. Like I said before, I have not seen Dominic since his abduction. To the best
23 of my knowledge, no one in the immediate family has seen Dominic. Also,
24 Dominic has never written to anyone either.

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26 10. In 2006, some Americans came to talk about the ICC indictment and our
27 opinion on it. They came a few times, and promised to come back, but they
28 never did.

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1 11. Later in June or July 2007 whilst we were in Olwal IDP Camp where
2 someone tried to get a message to us from Dominic. There were two white
3 Americans that came to us in the IDP Camp, the same from 2006. One was
4 named Katy. They came to tell us that Dominic was still alive,
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6 12. They also brought a message that Dominic wanted a way to return home.
7 They came three more times after that. I do not know if they were lying or
8 telling the truth. They said they saw him in Sudan twice during the Juba
9 Peace Talks.
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11 13. The first three times they came to see us were within a short period. The last
12 time they talked to us, it took them a month to get back. They kept saying
13 that they wanted to help Dominic to come back home.
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15 14. They only talked to my wife, Onen Nicodemis and myself. Onen was killed
16 during the war after this encountered. Onen was my nephew on my
17 mother's side.
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19 DNA Swabs

20 15. After Dominic was reported dead, and the government allegedly found his
21 body, Dominic's grandmother was taken to Gulu to have her DNA taken.
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23 Name: Odong Johnson
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25 Signature: 
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27 Date: 24 December 2015
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