- 1 International Criminal Court
- 2 Trial Chamber IX
- 3 Situation: Republic of Uganda
- 4 In the case of The Prosecutor v. Dominic Ongwen ICC-02/04-01/15
- 5 Presiding Judge Bertram Schmitt, Judge Péter Kovács and Judge Raul Cano
- 6 Pangalangan
- 7 Trial Hearing Courtroom 3
- 8 Tuesday, 17 September 2019
- 9 (The hearing starts in open session at 9.32 a.m.)
- 10 THE COURT USHER: [9:32:21] All rise.
- 11 The International Criminal Court is now in session. Please be seated.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:32:45] Good morning, everyone.
- 13 Good morning, Mr Witness.
- 14 Could the court officer please call the case.
- 15 WITNESS: UGA-D26-P-0134 (On former oath)
- 16 (The witness speaks Acholi)
- 17 (The witness gives evidence via video link)
- 18 THE WITNESS: (Interpretation) Good morning.
- 19 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:32:54] Thank you, Mr President, your Honours.
- 20 The situation in the Republic of Uganda, in the case of The Prosecutor versus Dominic
- 21 Ongwen, case reference ICC-02/04-01/15.
- 22 And we are in open session.
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:33:04] Thank you.
- I ask for the appearances of the parties; first, Mr Choudhry for the Prosecution.
- 25 MR CHOUDHRY: [9:33:09] Good morning, your Honour. It's Kamran Choudhry,

- 1 here today with Ben Gumpert, Sanyu Ndagire, Colin Black, Shkelzen Zeneli, Pubudu
- 2 Sachithanandan, Grace Goh, Hai Do Duc, and Suhong I have forgotten her surname,
- 3 forgive me Yang. There we go.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:33:28] There we have it.
- 5 For the representatives of the victims, Ms Sehmi first.
- 6 MS SEHMI: [9:33:32] Good morning, Mr President, your Honours. Anushka Sehmi
- 7 and James Mawira.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:33:35] Mr Narantsetseg.
- 9 MR NARANTSETSEG: [9:33:36] Good morning, Mr President, your Honours.
- 10 Orchlon Narantsetseg with Ms Caroline Walter. Thank you.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:33:40] And Mr Obhof.
- 12 MR OBHOF: [9:33:42] Good morning, your Honours. Thank you. Today, we
- 13 have Chief Charles Achaleke Taku, Gordon Kifudde, myself, Thomas Obhof and our
- 14 client, Mr Ongwen, is in court.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:33:50] Thank you.
- And it's now the turn of the examination by the Prosecution.
- 17 I give Mr Choudhry the floor.
- 18 MR CHOUDHRY: [9:33:59] Your Honour, I will commence, I just have a technical
- issue with the computer and using Transcend, so I will just try and fix that.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:34:08] We are not in a hurry, so if you can fix it
- 21 relatively quickly, it would be good.
- 22 QUESTIONED BY MR CHOUDHRY:
- 23 Q. [9:34:33] Good morning, Mr Witness.
- 24 A. [9:34:34] Good morning to you.
- Q. [9:34:37] Mr Witness, we met the other day just to be introduced to each other,

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and on that occasion you suggested that you were nervous to come to court. So I

- 2 just wanted to take a minute to explain to you the type of questions that I will be
- 3 asking you, okay?
- 4 A. [9:35:00] Right.
- 5 Q. [9:35:02] So I'll be asking you questions about a few of the things that you told
- 6 us yesterday, and I'll be explaining to you which area that I want you to talk about,
- 7 okay?
- 8 A. [9:35:18] Right.
- 9 Q. [9:35:19] And you also, in 2004, provided an interview to the Prosecutors; so I
- might be asking you about some of the things you told us when you were
- 11 interviewed back then, okay?
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:35:37] May I shortly? I think I have forgotten
- 13 that we should also have the counsel for the witness, Mr Okulo. I don't -- I hope that
- 14 he is present there, too?
- 15 MR OKULO: [9:35:50] Yes, your Honour, I am present.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:35:52] Yes, so a warm welcome to you also to the
- 17 video-link location.
- 18 I apologise, Mr Choudhry, please continue.
- 19 MR CHOUDHRY: [9:36:01]
- 20 Q. [9:36:02] Mr Witness, you were also, if you remember, debriefed by the UPDF
- 21 when you escaped, and so I may be asking you some questions about some of the
- 22 things you told them, okay?
- 23 A. [9:36:21] I understand.
- Q. [9:36:26] And lastly, I may be asking you some of the things you told the
- 25 Defence team for Mr Ongwen.

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- 1 So if we begin, the first topic that I want to talk to you about is about Joseph Kony.
- 2 Now yesterday, you told us that Joseph Kony claimed to speak to spirits. Yes?
- 3 A. [9:37:00] Yes.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:37:02] Mr Choudhry, when it was yesterday and
- 5 we are -- and there is no doubt what the witness has said, I think you don't have to
- 6 ask him if he has said it yesterday. We can simply assume that this is the testimony
- 7 still today.
- 8 MR CHOUDHRY: [9:37:16]
- 9 Q. [9:37:17] Mr Witness, you told us that Joseph Kony could make predictions, but
- 10 by 2001 people in the LRA thought that the spirits had disappeared from Joseph Kony,
- 11 didn't they?
- 12 A. [9:37:40] That's not what I said.
- 13 Q. [9:37:53] But you believed that in 2001, Joseph Kony didn't have any spirits
- because he stopped making predictions; isn't that correct?
- 15 A. [9:38:07] In my opinion, in my observation, well, I am not sure the spirits had
- left him. At that time, he was still communicating to people.
- 17 Q. [9:38:24] Well, let me remind you what you told the UPDF.
- 18 MR CHOUDRY: [9:38:29] Your Honours, I'll be referring to tab 22, that's
- 19 UGA-OTP-0132-0610, and that's at pages 0616 to 0617.
- 20 MR OBHOF: [9:38:49] Just to help out my counsel, it's actually tab 21.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:38:53] Yes, indeed. Twenty-two we had
- 22 yesterday if I recall it and you put it on the table, so to speak, Mr Obhof; so it must be
- 23 another tab. Tab 21, yes?
- 24 MR CHOUDHRY: [9:39:03] Yes, your Honour.
- 25 Q. [9:39:08] Mr Witness, this is what the UPDF wrote down -- what you told them.

- 1 You said:
- 2 "... Kony used to have some Spirit because in those days he can foretell something and
- 3 it happened the way he has talk.
- 4 But around 2001 this Spirit disappeared from him because he no longer foretell
- 5 anything now days."
- 6 Does that refresh your memory?
- 7 A. [9:39:46] Well, I cannot recollect that.
- 8 Q. [9:39:53] I'll move on to another area, Mr Witness, and that's relating to the
- 9 distribution of women in the LRA.
- 10 Now, you told us it was Joseph Kony who had authority to distribute women, but it
- was the senior commanders who physically did the distributing of the women, wasn't
- 12 it?
- 13 A. [9:40:25] Whenever they received orders from Kony, yes, they would do the
- 14 distribution.
- 15 Q. [9:40:40] It wasn't just them receiving orders; in practice, the senior commanders
- would in fact ask permission from Kony to distribute the women?
- 17 A. [9:40:54] That's correct.
- 18 Q. [9:41:00] And once Joseph Kony gave the senior commanders the green light,
- 19 the senior commander would then distribute those women, correct?
- 20 A. [9:41:13] That's correct.
- 21 Q. [9:41:20] And the senior commanders would distribute those women to fighters
- 22 working under their command, yes?
- 23 A. [9:41:29] That's correct.
- 24 Q. [9:41:37] And these girls would be distributed according to how the senior
- 25 commanders saw fit. So they would choose which officers under their command to

- 1 give the women to, yes?
- 2 A. [9:41:58] That is correct.
- 3 Q. [9:42:04] And the senior commanders would also keep some of the women to
- 4 serve as wives for themselves, didn't they?
- 5 A. [9:42:15] That's correct.
- 6 Q. [9:42:22] And this practice of distributing women was something that happened
- 7 across all of the LRA units, yes?
- 8 A. [9:42:35] That is correct.
- 9 Q. [9:42:41] Now, some of the senior commanders had many wives; in fact,
- 10 Joseph Kony had about 80 wives at some stage, isn't that right?
- 11 A. [9:42:56] That's right.
- 12 Q. [9:43:02] Vincent Otti had at least 20 wives?
- 13 A. [9:43:09] That's right.
- 14 Q. [9:43:14] And these women who were distributed to LRA officers, they had no
- 15 choice in the matter, isn't that correct?
- 16 A. [9:43:27] That's correct.
- 17 Q. [9:43:31] Wives were expected to have sex with their husbands, yes?
- 18 A. [9:43:39] That's right.
- 19 Q. [9:43:48] And you yourself saw with your own eyes women being beaten for not
- 20 performing their duties, didn't you?
- 21 A. [9:44:00] That was a part of punishment to the women; that would happen.
- Q. [9:44:12] Mr Witness, I'm now going to move on to another area that relates to
- 23 IDP camps in Uganda, and then I will come to talk about Pajule, okay?
- Now in relation to IDP camps, Joseph Kony did not like people living in the camps,
- 25 did he?

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- 1 A. [9:44:39] That was it.
- 2 Q. [9:44:43] And this was because he believed that people living in the camps
- 3 supported the Ugandan government?
- 4 A. [9:44:55] That is it.
- 5 Q. [9:45:01] And Joseph Kony issued instructions to kill civilians living in the
- 6 camps, didn't he?
- 7 A. [9:45:12] I didn't get to know that.
- 8 Q. [9:45:22] Well, let me just remind you what you told us, and you can perhaps
- 9 refresh your memory and clarify anything.
- 10 MR CHOUDHRY: Your Honour, that's tab 2 and that's UGA-OTP-0209-0099, and
- 11 that's at page 0123, lines 662 to 669.
- 12 MR OBHOF: [9:46:04] Your Honour, before we go, I would like to make an objection,
- but I would like to do it without the witness hearing the answer -- or hearing the
- 14 objection.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:46:13] Yes, I think that makes sense. So we
- 16 disconnect just for a moment.
- 17 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:46:54] The speakers are on mute now, Mr President.
- 18 You can go ahead.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:46:58] Now, Mr Obhof, please go ahead.
- 20 MR OBHOF: [9:46:59] Your Honour, with respect to my colleague, at tab 3, which is
- 21 the second day of the interviews -- I don't have the exact page numbers and lines
- 22 numbers, but it was discussed for the first few pages during that session that the
- 23 witness was scared the day before, hadn't been -- completely understood the process,
- so he actually admitted that he told untruths during the first tab 1 and in tab 2.
- 25 And then he was finally explained everything properly -- well, I wouldn't say

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1 explained, he finally understood everything properly and then retold his whole story

- 2 during the -- inside of tab 3 during the first --
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:47:34] But I don't have a problem. The witness
- 4 might explain that also today, and you help us with the exact on tab 3, where we
- 5 are and then I can put it to him, or Mr Choudhry picks it up, this might be an
- 6 explanation, if he does not come forward with it spontaneously. Yes? That's okay?
- 7 MR OBHOF: [9:47:55] That's perfectly okay. And I'll find the --
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:47:57] We do it this way.
- 9 MR OBHOF: -- location.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: Yes. So we connect again with the witness, please.
- 11 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:48:24] He is connected again.
- 12 Thank you, Mr President.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:48:28] Mr Witness, there was a small discussion
- 14 here in the courtroom and that was the reason why you could not hear what
- 15 happened in the past couple of minutes.
- Mr Choudhry, please, put this to the witness what he is supposed to have said in
- 17 2004.
- 18 MR CHOUDHRY: [9:48:44]
- 19 Q. [9:48:44] Mr Witness, I'm just going to read something to you and just ask if that
- again refreshes your memory and if you wish to clarify anything.
- 21 You were asked:
- 22 "Did you ever hear Joseph Kony issue instructions to attack or kill civilians?"
- 23 Your answer to that question was:
- 24 "One thing that he remembers that he heard ... uh ... Kony said was that people were
- 25 already taken by the government and ... brought in camps so in the operation that you

are going to do anyone else who you find is not in the camp ... you find just kill him

- 2 or her."
- 3 Does that refresh your memory?
- 4 A. [9:49:34] Well, I think I spoke about that quite a while ago and I cannot recall it
- 5 anymore.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:49:44] Mr Obhof, you can also on re-examination
- 7 try to elaborate, if you have not yet found --
- 8 MR OBHOF: [9:49:53] (Microphone not activated).
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:49:55] Yes, okay.
- 10 MR CHOUDHRY: [9:49:57]
- 11 Q. [9:49:59] Mr Witness, in making that statement, you said that you personally
- 12 heard that over the radio on a radio call, does that refresh your memory?
- 13 A. [9:50:21] Well, I said I must have spoken about that quite some time ago, and
- 14 you know, something you've not written down, you've not recorded somewhere, it's
- 15 hard for you to keep it in your mind, and it has skipped my memory.
- 16 Q. [9:50:42] Was the instruction to kill civilians something that Joseph Kony
- 17 generally did, Mr Witness?
- 18 A. [9:50:57] I know most of the orders came from Kony.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:51:03] I think to shorten this, Mr Obhof, you have
- 20 obviously found what you want and perhaps if you tell me, I will ask the witness.
- 21 Tab 3, where did you find the passage?
- 22 MR OBHOF: [9:51:17] About my explanation is at page 132, lines 129 to 130.
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:51:25] 129 to 130. Okay.
- 24 Mr Witness, at the time in 2004, there were quite a number of interviews, this is a long
- 25 time ago, and I'm reading to you another portion, that is, UGA-OTP-0209-0127, at

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- 1 page 0132, lines 121. This is the -- no, 129. 129 and 130:
- 2 "He says" that is you "He says that ... yesterday ... I didn't know what I was brought
- 3 here ... and ... I was full of fear. And because of that what I said yesterday were not
- 4 very truthful."
- 5 Do you recall that?
- 6 THE WITNESS: [9:52:28](Interpretation) Yes.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:52:34] From this portion, it is not clear what
- 8 information you gave the day before might have been not truthful.
- 9 So from there, Mr Choudhry, perhaps please continue, and I think this is quicker than
- 10 to have this re-examination issue and then we have forgotten in an hour what has
- 11 been said the hour before.
- 12 MR CHOUDHRY: [9:52:57]
- 13 Q. [9:52:58] Mr Witness, when you said in the interview -- or suggested that
- 14 Joseph Kony instructed LRA fighters to kill civilians, was that true or untrue?
- 15 A. [9:53:22] Well, that was not true.
- 16 Q. [9:53:29] Mr Witness, I now want to move on to the attack at Pajule.
- 17 MR CHOUDHRY: Your Honours, I think I can start off in public session.
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:53:41] Yes, we do it like yesterday. I think you
- 19 know what parts of this narration can be discussed in open session and when we
- 20 would have to go to private session.
- 21 MR CHOUDHRY: [9:53:55]
- 22 Q. [9:53:56] Mr Witness, you mentioned an RV before the attack at Pajule. Now,
- 23 the RV was at a place called Wanduku, correct?
- 24 A. [9:54:10] Correct.
- 25 Q. [9:54:13] And there were different LRA units that met up at the RV at Wanduku

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- 1 before the attack, yes?
- 2 A. [9:54:27] Correct.
- 3 Q. [9:54:32] And there were lots of LRA fighters at the RV, yes?
- 4 A. [9:54:40] Yes.
- 5 Q. [9:54:45] About 600, correct?
- 6 A. [9:54:51] Correct.
- 7 Q. [9:54:56] And when the LRA fighters who had been selected to go and attack the
- 8 camp went there, they all had weapons with them, didn't they?
- 9 A. [9:55:11] Correct.
- 10 Q. [9:55:15] The LRA groups also had walkie-talkies with them, yes?
- 11 A. [9:55:24] Yes, they did have.
- 12 MR CHOUDHRY: [9:55:32] Your Honours, and with that, I'd like to move into
- 13 private session.
- 14 Approximately for the members of the gallery for 10 to 15 minutes.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [9:55:41] Private session.
- 16 Thank you for the information.
- 17 (Private session at 9.55 a.m.)
- 18 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:55:45] We are in private session, Mr President.
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- 16 (Open session at 10.04 a.m.)
- 17 THE COURT OFFICER: [10:04:09] We are back in open session, Mr President.
- 18 MR CHOUDHRY: [10:04:19]
- 19 Q. [10:04:21] Mr Witness, I want to move on to a new area and that's your
- 20 knowledge of Mr Dominic Ongwen. Now you knew Dominic Ongwen, but had
- 21 never spoken to him, is that right?
- 22 A. [10:04:47] I knew him.
- 23 Q. [10:04:54] And when you say you knew Dominic Ongwen, what you knew is
- 24 that he led an attack on Lukodi where they killed 40 civilians.
- 25 A. [10:05:15] It was not like that, I knew him while I was still in the bush. We

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- 1 would stay together, we would meet at a prior place, we would meet during meetings
- 2 when such meetings are called and people are gathered together. That is where I
- 3 knew him from.
- 4 Q. [10:05:42] But you learnt that Dominic Ongwen had led an attack on Lukodi
- 5 where they killed 40 civilians, didn't you?
- 6 A. [10:05:54] I only heard that from people. It was hearsay.
- 7 Q. [10:06:08] You also heard that Dominic Ongwen led an attack at * Odek where
- 8 the LRA killed 30 civilians, didn't you?
- 9 A. [10:06:25] I heard that over the radio.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:06:38] What kind of radio do you mean?
- 11 THE WITNESS: [10:06:43](Interpretation) It was a -- an FM radio which at the
- 12 current time is quite widespread in the region.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: Mr Choudhry, excuse me for interfering; you might
- 14 have asked it yourself.
- 15 MR CHOUDHRY: [10:07:04]
- 16 Q. [10:07:05] And it wasn't just the radio that you learnt that fact from, you learned
- it from somebody who had escaped from Dominic Ongwen and had been under his
- 18 command, didn't you?
- 19 A. [10:07:20] That was during the time when we were still at CPU, and when some
- 20 investigators come, they would ask us to tell them and give them information about
- 21 where some of the LRA fighters are so that the government soldiers would be led to
- 22 that place. So I wasn't taking those questions seriously.
- Q. [10:08:00] Mr Witness, you learned about Dominic Ongwen's involvement in
- 24 those attacks from a boy just after you escaped, didn't you?
- 25 A. [10:08:17] I heard that he sent someone, but not that he went personally. The

- 1 person I heard that he sent was called Ochaka.
- 2 Q. [10:08:46] Let me just remind you what you told Prosecution investigators.
- 3 MR CHOUDHRY: Your Honours, there are two tabs that I will be reading from.
- 4 The first is tab 11, and that's UGA-OTP-0209-0337 and that's at 0360, lines 665 to at
- 5 this stage 666.
- 6 MR CHOUDHRY: [10:09:25]
- 7 Q. [10:09:25] Mr Witness, I'm going to read to you some of the words that you said
- 8 about Dominic Ongwen and also then read to you words from who you learnt that
- 9 information from, okay?
- 10 You said this:
- "... I say ... this guy" -- and you were talking about Dominic Ongwen, you said:
- 12 "... Lukodi camp, where ... they killed 40 people. And then the second one was
- another camp, Odak, O-D-A-K, where ... they killed 30."
- And you say -- and your Honours, this is tab 18, UGA-OTP-0221-0255, at 0267 and
- 15 that's line 406.
- 16 Mr Witness, this is where you say you learnt that information from.
- 17 "I already said that that was ... a young boy that escaped from Odomi."
- Now in another interview slightly earlier, you suggested the same thing. I want to
- 19 read to you what you said then.
- 20 Your Honours, that's at tab 11, UGA-OTP-0209-0337 at 361, lines 672 to 682.
- 21 Mr Witness, you said this:
- 22 "This ... I got this information from ... people who escaped from him."
- 23 And you were talking about Dominic Ongwen.
- 24 "Yeah. They ... escaped from ... this brigade."
- 25 "... Oh, they escaped and they came back home."

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Does that refresh your memory?

- 2 A. [10:11:12] Well, in regard to what you've said, I said that when I asked that boy
- 3 and I went and reported to the person who had asked me to ask him, that is exactly
- 4 what I did and that's the information that I got. There's nothing, apart from that.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:11:38] Mr Witness, this was the person you
- 6 mentioned a couple of minutes ago. Have I understood this correctly?
- 7 THE WITNESS: [10:11:51](Interpretation) Could you say the question again?
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:11:58] You mentioned a name, Ochaka, I think,
- 9 but I'm not 100 per cent sure. Was this the person you got this information from?
- 10 THE WITNESS: [10:12:11](Interpretation) No, Ochaka was a person who was in
- 11 the bush and when I came, he had still remained in the bush. I did not get the
- 12 information from Ochaka, but I got the information from one of -- the child who had
- ijust returned, but now I do not recall his name.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:12:30] Thank you for the clarification; that was
- 15 a misunderstanding from my side.
- 16 Mr Choudhry.
- 17 MR CHOUDHRY: [10:12:35]
- 18 Q. [10:12:37] Mr Witness, we spoke about Lukodi and * Odek, but you also learnt
- 19 from this child that Dominic Ongwen led an attack at Abok where they slaughtered
- 20 29 innocent people, that's right as well, isn't it?
- 21 A. [10:13:02] All that relate to the question which I asked that child.
- Q. [10:13:12] And it was because of these attacks and what you learnt from that
- 23 child that you think that Dominic Ongwen is a ruthless person, don't you?
- A. [10:13:35] It was because of that information I got, that is why I made that
- 25 statement.

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- 1 Q. [10:13:49] I'd like to move on to a new subject and that's relating to LRA fighters
- 2 escaping. It's right that LRA fighters who were caught trying to escape risked being
- 3 beaten or killed, yes?
- 4 A. [10:14:16] If you're caught escaping, you would be killed.
- 5 Q. [10:14:30] And it's even worse if you escape with a gun. Do I understand that
- 6 correctly?
- 7 A. [10:14:37] I understand that.
- 8 Q. [10:14:45] There were also suggestions that if you escape, the UPDF may harm
- 9 you, correct?
- 10 A. [10:14:56] Correct.
- 11 Q. [10:15:00] Yet despite all of those factors, LRA fighters tried to escape on a daily
- 12 basis, didn't they?
- 13 A. [10:15:13] People would escape every day.
- 14 MR CHOUDHRY: [10:15:21] Your Honours, with that, that concludes the
- 15 Prosecution questioning.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:15:38] Thank you, Mr Choudhry.
- 17 Any questions by the representatives of the victims, Ms Sehmi?
- 18 MS SEHMI: [10:15:43] I have no questions, your Honour.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:15:45] Mr Narantsetseg?
- 20 MR NARANTSETSEG: [10:15:46] No questions.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:15:47] Any further questions by the Defence?
- 22 MR OBHOF: [10:15:49] Your Honour, if you could give the Defence five or 10
- 23 minutes to discuss this over? I know we're really early, just to see if there is
- 24 anything --
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:15:59] No problem. You tell us when you are

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- 1 ready, so -- but we won't stay here in the room in the meantime.
- 2 MR OBHOF: [10:16:04] Okay, yes, it will be just maybe five or 10 minutes at the
- 3 most.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:16:07] Okay, fine.
- 5 THE COURT USHER: [10:16:14] All rise.
- 6 (Recess taken at 10.16 a.m.)
- 7 (Upon resuming in open session at 10.24 a.m.)
- 8 THE COURT USHER: [10:24:59] All rise. Please be seated.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:25:09] Mr Obhof, you have the floor.
- 10 MR OBHOF: [10:25:12] Thank you, your Honour, it will take less -- I assume less
- 11 than five minutes, it's only about six questions.
- 12 QUESTIONED BY MR OBHOF:
- 13 Q. [10:25:23] Good morning, Mr Witness.
- 14 A. [10:25:25] Good morning.
- 15 Q. [10:25:27] Now, Mr Witness, I just have a few follow-up questions about the
- 16 Prosecution's examination from this morning. Now, what would happen if
- 17 a commander refused an order from Joseph Kony to distribute women to men?
- 18 A. [10:25:59] Could you say the question again.
- 19 Q. [10:26:05] What would happen to a commander if he refused to distribute
- 20 women after being told to distribute them by Joseph Kony?
- 21 A. [10:26:20] Well, that is a hard question for me to answer because in most
- 22 occasions, I would see when Kony issues orders to commanders and those
- commanders would distribute those women to the people whom he has chosen to be
- 24 given to. But if there is a commander who refuse to follow that, then I did not come

25 to know that.

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WITNESS: UGA-D26-P-0134

- 1 Q. [10:27:04] Now, Mr Witness, you mentioned earlier today this is from real
- 2 transcript page 17, lines 19 to 23 that while you were at CPU, you mentioned that
- 3 some investigators would come and would ask you to tell them and give them
- 4 information about where some of the LRA fighters are so that the government
- 5 soldiers would be led to that place.
- 6 Now, who are these or what organisation or body or government are these
- 7 investigators you speak of?
- 8 A. [10:27:47] That was the IO who was in charge of regional intelligence in
- 9 northern and eastern Uganda.
- 10 Q. [10:28:13] And while asking a rather closed question -- or a rather leading one,
- by that you mean the IO from the UPDF, is that correct?
- 12 A. [10:28:30] Yes.
- 13 MR OBHOF: [10:28:34] Now, your Honour, I will have to ask the final two questions
- in private session.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:28:40] I had assumed that already.
- 16 Private session.
- 17 (Private session at 10.28 a.m.)
- 18 THE COURT OFFICER: [10:28:43] We are in private session, your Honours.
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- 12 (Open session at 10.31 a.m.)
- 13 THE COURT OFFICER: [10:31:07] We are back to open session, your Honours.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:31:22] Thank you.
- 15 Mr Witness, this concludes your testimony. On behalf of the Chamber, I would like
- to thank you that you have come to the video-link location and helped us on these
- 17 two days to establish the truth.
- 18 We wish you a safe trip back home.
- 19 THE WITNESS: [10:31:46](Interpretation) Thank you very much.
- 20 (Witness excused)
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SCHMITT: [10:31:47] This concludes also the hearing of today.
- We resume on Thursday, 9.30, hopefully with D-125.
- 23 THE COURT USHER: [10:31:57] All rise.
- 24 (The hearing ends in open session at 10.31 a.m.)