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- 1 International Criminal Court
- 2 Trial Chamber I
- 3 Situation: Darfur, Sudan
- 4 In the case of The Prosecutor v. Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman
- 5 ("Ali Kushayb") ICC-02/05-01/20
- 6 Presiding Judge Joanna Korner, Judge Reine Alapini-Gansou and
- 7 Judge Althea Violet Alexis-Windsor
- 8 Trial Hearing Courtroom 3
- 9 Tuesday, 26 April 2022
- 10 (The hearing starts in open session at 9.32 a.m.)
- 11 THE COURT USHER: [9:32:16] All rise.
- 12 The International Criminal Court is now in session.
- 13 Please be seated.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:32:40] Yes, good morning, all.
- 15 Could we call the case, please.
- 16 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:32:45] Good morning, Madam President. Good
- 17 morning, your Honours.
- 18 This is the situation in Darfur, Sudan, in the case of The Prosecutor versus
- 19 Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman, case reference ICC-02/05-01/20.
- 20 And for the record, we are in open session.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:33:04] Yes. Appearances, please, from
- 22 the Prosecution.
- 23 MR NICHOLLS: [9:33:09] Good morning, your Honours. Excuse me. Good
- 24 morning, everyone. I'm Julian Nicholls. I'm with Octavio Sillitti today,
- 25 Claire Sabatini, Alison Whitford and Mohanad Elkholy. Thank you.

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:33:20] Yes, thank you.
- 2 Defence.
- 3 MR LAUCCI: [9:33:26](Interpretation) Good morning, Madam President. Good
- 4 morning, your Honours. This morning, in addition to Mr Ali Muhammad Ali
- 5 Abd-Al-Rahman present in the courtroom for his defence, Madam Paola Pallot, in
- 6 charge of reviewing evidence, Mr Ahmad Issa, our case manager, and
- 7 Mr Iain Edwards, co-counsel, and myself, Mr Cyril Laucci.
- 8 MR NICHOLLS: [9:33:56] Sorry to interrupt, your Honour, I just wonder if
- 9 the witness needs something.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:34:01] Has he got his head up -- hand up?
- 11 MR NICHOLLS: [9:34:05] No, but he doesn't look well at the moment.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:34:22] Witness, would you like to take a break
- 13 right now?
- 14 WITNESS: DAR-OTP-P-0736
- 15 (The witness speaks Arabic)
- 16 THE WITNESS: [9:34:27](Interpretation) No, not at all. I can continue.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:34:30] Thank you very much. I'm just going to
- 18 finish with the introductions and then we'll come straight to you.
- 19 Yes, could we have the Legal Representative of Victims, please.
- 20 MR SHAH: [9:34:39] Good morning, your Honours. Good morning, colleagues.
- 21 The victims are represented today by Mr Nasser Amin Abdalla, appearing by video
- 22 link, Idriss Anbari, and myself, Anand Shah. Thank you.
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:34:49] Thank you very much.
- 24 Yes, can I, just before the witness takes the affirmation, say to all in court, I'm afraid
- 25 the heat is going to be pretty terrible today. The air conditioning has broken down

- 1 completely, and at the moment they don't know how to fix it. So I'm told there's
- 2 a possibility, if it goes on like this, that on Thursday we can sit in one of the other
- 3 courts. But I'm afraid today is not going to be very pleasant.
- 4 Above all, if the witness feels that -- sir, if you need to take a break at any stage
- 5 because of the heat and we understand giving evidence is not going to be easy for
- 6 you then please doesn't hesitate to say so.
- 7 THE WITNESS: [9:35:44](Interpretation) Okay, that is fine.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:35:46] And the same for counsel. If anybody
- 9 feels that this is getting too oppressive, then we'll take an earlier break.
- 10 Yes, thank you very much.
- 11 Sir, the -- you'll be asked to take the affirmation, which I think you may have to repeat,
- is that right, after the court officer?
- 13 Yes, so if the court officer could administer the affirmation.
- 14 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:36:14] Good morning, Mr Witness. On behalf of
- 15 the Chamber, I would like to welcome you to the courtroom.
- 16 You are called to testify to this Chamber in the case of The Prosecutor v. Ali
- 17 Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman.
- 18 Witness, you have first to take the solemn undertaking to tell the truth, so I will read
- 19 it out to you. Please could you follow and repeat what I am saying.
- 20 I solemnly --
- 21 THE WITNESS: [9:36:52](Interpretation) Yes, that is fine.
- 22 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:36:54] Mr Witness, do you hear me?
- 23 THE WITNESS: [9:37:07](Interpretation) Yes, I do.
- 24 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:37:09] Please repeat after me: I solemnly declare.
- 25 THE WITNESS: [9:37:17](Interpretation) I solemnly declare.

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- 1 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:37:19] That I will speak the truth.
- 2 THE WITNESS: [9:37:24](Interpretation) That I will speak the truth.
- 3 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:37:28] The whole truth and nothing but the truth.
- 4 THE WITNESS: [9:37:33](Interpretation) The whole truth and nothing but the truth.
- 5 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:37:39] Thank you, Mr Witness. You are now under
- 6 oath.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:37:42] Yes.
- 8 Sir, I'll just say one more thing to you. Again, just to emphasise, that if you need
- 9 a break say so. It's probably better, from your point of view, if you can continue,
- 10 even if it does become emotional, because that way the giving of evidence will be over
- 11 faster.
- 12 But the second thing I have to tell you is there will be breaks. During the break you
- mustn't discuss the evidence that you're giving with anybody else. That's very
- 14 important. So just so that you know that.
- 15 Yes, so, Mr Nicholls.
- 16 MR NICHOLLS: [9:38:29] Thank you, your Honour.
- 17 Your Honour, if we may, could we go into private session for the -- well --
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:38:37] Well, do we need to? Everything -- other
- 19 than his age, everything else is in the statement.
- 20 MR NICHOLLS: [9:38:43] No, that's fine. I will go through, then, the -- a little bit of
- 21 the Rule 68 procedure. I will then need to go into private session to go through some
- 22 of the clarifications.
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:38:59] Yes.
- 24 MR NICHOLLS: [9:38:59] But I will --
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:39:01] Well, if we could start in public session and

- 1 then if we need to go into private session.
- 2 MR NICHOLLS: [9:39:05] All right. Thank you. I'll start in public then.
- 3 QUESTIONED BY MR NICHOLLS:
- 4 Q. [9:39:11] Good morning, Mr Witness.
- 5 A. [9:39:16] Good morning.
- 6 Q. [9:39:20] Okay. We'll try to take it nice and slow and easy today. And if
- 7 any --
- 8 A. [9:39:32](Overlapping speakers)
- 9 Q. [9:39:32] -- if any of my questions aren't clear to you, just let me know and I'll
- 10 re-ask them.
- 11 A. [9:39:42] Okay.
- 12 Q. [9:39:42] If you need time to think or, as her Honour said, the Presiding Judge, if
- 13 you need a little break just let us know, okay?
- 14 A. [9:39:53] That's fine.
- 15 Q. [9:39:55] Thank you.
- Now, do you remember last week that you met with me for the first time that we've
- met, actually, as well as with Mr Sillitti?
- 18 A. [9:40:10] Yes.
- 19 Q. [9:40:11] And during that meeting you had with an interpreter, your English
- 20 statement that you had given to my office some years ago, that was read back to you
- 21 in its entirety in Arabic, do you remember that?
- 22 A. [9:40:35] Yes.
- 23 Q. [9:40:38] And you made some corrections and you clarified some points when
- 24 that was -- when your statement was read back to you, right?
- 25 A. [9:40:54] Yes.

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- 1 Q. [9:40:56] And you also made some markings, marked some places on some
- 2 aerial imagery of Garsila and Deleig, do you remember that?
- 3 A. [9:41:11] Yes.
- 4 Q. [9:41:12] And we talked about how your testimony would be here in court today
- 5 and you agreed that instead of saying everything again, that your statement could be
- 6 put into evidence, and that statement would be your testimony. You agreed to that,
- 7 do you remember?
- 8 A. [9:41:37] Yes.
- 9 Q. [9:41:42] Okay. What I'd like to do now, sir, is just go through some of those
- 10 corrections that you made and just confirm that those were made and are correct.
- And to do that we'd need to go into private session, your Honour, if I may.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:42:01] Yes, all right.
- 13 MR NICHOLLS: [9:42:11]
- 14 Q. [9:42:11] And before we do that, as we're in private session, you were born
- 15 on -- oh, sorry.
- 16 (Private session at 9.42 a.m.)
- 17 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:42:22] We're in private session, Madam President.
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- 16 (Open session at 9.52 a.m.)
- 17 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:52:51] We're back in open session, Madam President.
- 18 MR NICHOLLS: [9:52:58]
- 19 Q. [9:52:58] Okay, we'll just continue now, Witness, all right?
- 20 A. [9:53:04] Yes.
- 21 Q. [9:53:06] At paragraph 28 you clarified that you saw the Land Cruiser that
- 22 belonged to Ali Kushayb first in Deleig on a Friday and then later saw that same
- 23 vehicle in Garsila?
- 24 A. [9:53:30] Correct.
- 25 Q. [9:53:33] And without going into any further details of the questions I'm going

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- to ask, at paragraph 74 you clarified that your aunt did not know where
- 2 the Kalashnikov was hidden?
- 3 A. [9:53:56] Correct.
- 4 Q. [9:54:03] And at paragraphs 90 and at 91, in both paragraphs where "2010" was
- 5 written, you clarified that that should be "2012"?
- 6 A. [9:54:25] Correct.
- 7 Q. [9:54:33] Now, again talking about paragraph 45, sir, when talking about seeing
- 8 Ali Kushayb in Garsila when Ali Kushayb was at the entrance to his pharmacy, you
- 9 were asked to estimate the distance -- how far away you were, from Ali Kushayb
- when you saw him sitting in front of his pharmacy or in front of his pharmacy when
- 11 you walked by, and what you said was, when we were in the interview room, that it
- was the same distance away as the door to that office room we were in; do you
- 13 remember that?
- 14 A. [9:55:30] Yes, correct.
- 15 Q. [9:55:31] Okay.
- 16 And we did not measure the room, your Honour.
- 17 But, Mr Witness, if you could look at me, please, for a second. Can you tell me,
- compared to how far away I am from you now, when you saw Ali Kushayb, when
- 19 you walked past his pharmacy in Garsila and Ali Kushayb was out front, were you
- 20 closer or farther away from me to him?
- 21 A. [9:56:09] Approximately it is the same distance.
- 22 Q. [9:56:13](Microphone not activated)
- 23 THE INTERPRETER: [9:56:18] Microphone.
- 24 MR NICHOLLS: [9:56:19] Thank you. Just for the transcript, I'm at the right-hand
- 25 side of the first Prosecution bench.

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:56:28] We've actually got the measurements,
- 2 Mr Nicholls, so somebody on your team can have a look at them.
- 3 MR NICHOLLS: [9:56:36] Yes. Yes. Thank you, your Honour.
- 4 Q. [9:56:38] Thank you. Thank you, sir. A couple more questions.
- 5 You were asked if you could give a sort of overall physical description of Ali Kushayb,
- 6 the way he looked back when you knew him, when you saw him, I should say, in
- 7 Garsila in 2003, and you said that Ali Kushayb was tall and thin and had not too long
- 8 hair; is that right?
- 9 A. [9:57:14] Correct.
- 10 Q. [9:57:17] And at paragraph 30 you described how at the end of the month,
- during market days on Thursday or Friday, if it was at the end of the month on those
- days, you saw the Janjaweed at the pharmacy of Ali Kushayb waiting to collect their
- 13 salary, their pay?
- 14 A. [9:57:46] Correct.
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:57:46] Are we -- when you say "the end of
- the month", every month?
- 17 MR NICHOLLS: [9:57:51] No. So what -- I can follow up on that. It's a bit
- 18 complicated. What the witness said is that when a market day coincided with
- 19 the end of the month, so if the end of the month was a Thursday or a market day, that
- 20 those are the days where he would see the Janjaweed gathered at the pharmacy to
- 21 collect their salary.
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [9:58:13] Right. Could you confirm that, sir, that
- 23 that's what you're saying?
- 24 THE WITNESS: [9:58:20](Interpretation) That's correct.
- 25 MR NICHOLLS: [9:58:23]

- 1 Q. [9:58:23] And you stated that you saw this more than once?
- 2 A. [9:58:31] Correct.
- 3 Q. [9:58:32] And you stated that you saw approximately 30 Janjaweed waiting to
- 4 get paid and that when you saw that you felt in danger?
- 5 A. [9:58:47] Correct.
- 6 Q. [9:58:57] And at paragraph 57, where you were discussing Deleig, you clarified
- 7 that the person you saw in Deleig and recognised as Ali Kushayb, was the same
- 8 person that you had seen many times in Garsila?
- 9 A. [9:59:27] Correct.
- 10 Q. [9:59:30] And when you saw Ali Kushayb in Deleig, you stated that he was
- approximately 15-20 -- 15 to 20 metres away from you?
- 12 A. [9:59:46] Correct.
- 13 Q. [9:59:48] And you stated that if you had had to run to the vehicle where
- 14 Ali Kushayb was, it would have taken less than a minute?
- 15 A. [10:00:04] Correct.
- 16 Q. [10:00:07] And you further stated that Ali Kushayb got out of the vehicle and
- 17 stayed with the vehicle when others went to escort Issa Nusara?
- 18 A. [10:00:26] Correct.
- 19 Q. [10:00:34] And finally, you stated that the statement would read more accurately
- 20 that Ali Kushayb remained with his vehicle, not in his vehicle?
- 21 A. [10:00:47] Correct.
- 22 Q. [10:00:56] And at paragraph 4 so I'm sorry, going back to the beginning of
- 23 the statement you clarified that you never applied to be represented as a victim in
- 24 this case?
- 25 A. [10:01:15] That's correct.

- 1 Q. [10:01:20] And we showed you a satellite image, which we will look at soon, and
- 2 that image, you looked at various locations and you noted that to go from Ordo to
- 3 Garsila on a bicycle would take about an hour?
- 4 A. [10:01:48] That is correct.
- 5 Q. [10:01:52] And this is the last one, at paragraph 59. This is also when you're
- 6 talking about Deleig. The witness was asked why he thought a person wearing
- 7 a trousers -- trousers would be suspected to be a rebel, and you clarified that you did
- 8 not know and that your aunt had told you to change clothes?
- 9 A. [10:02:27] That is correct.
- 10 Q. [10:02:28] And it was your aunt who said that if you wore trousers you might be
- 11 suspected of being a rebel?
- 12 A. [10:02:39] That is correct.
- 13 Q. [10:02:41] And finally, you don't know why your aunt thought that?
- 14 A. [10:02:52] That is correct.
- 15 Q. [10:02:57] Okay. Thank you witness.
- 16 I'd like to now just show the Court the aerial images --
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:03:06] Just, sorry, before you move on,
- 18 Mr Nicholls, as a matter of interest what -- what would be the traditional garment
- 19 that he's talking -- sir, you say you were told to change from trousers to a traditional
- 20 garment. What are we talking about?
- 21 THE WITNESS: [10:03:29](Interpretation) It's the *jallabiya*, it's the dress, the man
- 22 dress.
- 23 MR NICHOLLS: [10:03:37] Thank you, your Honour.
- Q. [10:03:40] So now, Witness, what I'll show you are the aerial images that we
- 25 showed you during the session when we met last week, just so that we can show their

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- 1 honours, the judges, what -- what you were shown.
- 2 These should not be broadcast, please.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:04:13] Are these the documents we have marked
- 4 "A", "B" and "C"?
- 5 MR NICHOLLS: [10:04:17] Yes, and the first one should be "A".
- 6 And if we can bring that up on the screen for the witness, that might be easier than
- 7 having him have to look in the binder.
- 8 Q. [10:04:35] All right.
- 9 So for the transcript, this is DAR-OTP-0220-3743.
- 10 Sir, do you remember that we looked at this image together last week?
- 11 A. [10:05:04] That is correct.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:05:05] Before you go on again, Mr Nicholls, are
- these recent Google Earth images, or are they ones from the period?
- 14 MR NICHOLLS: [10:05:16] The date is on it and it's almost indecipherable, but it's
- 15 June 2004.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:05:23] I can just see it. Thank you.
- 17 MR NICHOLLS: [10:05:28]
- 18 Q. [10:05:28] And, sir, you marked four locations on this aerial imagery, correct?
- 19 A. [10:05:40] Yes, that is correct.
- 20 Q. [10:05:42] What happened was you -- you drew a number on each place and
- 21 then circled it?
- 22 A. [10:05:53] That is correct.
- 23 Q. [10:05:54] And then you said what those places were?
- 24 A. [10:06:03] That is correct.
- Q. [10:06:04] And then we wrote the numbers 1 to 4 in -- on the side of the image,

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- and we wrote in English what those places were, and then that was read back to you
- 2 and you confirmed that it was correct; is that right?
- 3 A. [10:06:27] That is correct.
- 4 Q. [10:06:30] And just to move through it quickly -- and we'll look at this image
- 5 later, perhaps, but you marked 1 as the mosque?
- 6 A. [10:06:44] Yes.
- 7 Q. [10:06:46] Two as the court in Garsila?
- 8 A. [10:06:53] That's correct.
- 9 Q. [10:06:53] Three as a school?
- 10 A. [10:06:59] Correct.
- 11 Q. [10:06:59] And four the approximate location of Ali Kushayb's pharmacy?
- 12 A. [10:07:10] Yes.
- 13 Q. [10:07:10] Thank you.
- 14 I'll just do the same thing now, sir, with the image that we showed you of Deleig.
- 15 This is "B", your Honours. I'll read the ERN. DAR-OTP-0220-3745. This is an
- image from October 2006.
- 17 Now I won't go through it again the way we identified and marked -- or the way you
- identified and marked these places, Mr Witness, but we did it the same way as for
- 19 Garsila; correct? The image I just showed you before.
- 20 A. [10:08:08] That is correct.
- 21 Q. [10:08:12] And here -- can you see the image in front of you well?
- 22 A. [10:08:22] Yes.
- 23 Q. [10:08:23] Okay. So here you marked a building with a "1" and circled it and
- 24 said that was the police station?
- 25 A. [10:08:38] Yes.

- 1 Q. [10:08:39] You marked an area with a number "2" and said it was the school?
- 2 A. [10:08:51] Yes.
- 3 Q. [10:08:52] You marked a building with a "4" and said it was a mosque?
- 4 A. [10:09:04] Yes.
- 5 Q. [10:09:06] And you marked with a "5" where you were sitting with a friend I
- 6 won't say his name when you saw Ali Kushayb in Deleig?
- 7 A. [10:09:22] Yes.
- 8 Q. [10:09:23] And you marked with a "6" where Ali Kushayb was when you saw
- 9 him in Deleig?
- 10 A. [10:09:39] Yes.
- 11 Q. [10:09:40] And I -- I think I forgot to say you marked the market as number "3"?
- 12 A. [10:09:49] Yes.
- 13 Q. [10:09:53] And then the last one, "C", this is 0220-3747.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:10:09](Microphone not activated) Sorry, is there
- any reason why this can't be shown for the public? There's no markings that I can
- 16 see.
- 17 MR NICHOLLS: [10:10:16] No, that's true. Sorry, your Honour. He hasn't signed
- 18 this one, correct. So this can be broadcast.
- 19 Q. [10:10:32] Now, simply, sir, we also showed you this aerial image of Deleig area
- 20 in West Darfur and you helped us to understand where some of these places were
- 21 when we looked at this image.
- 22 A. [10:10:57] Correct.
- 23 MR NICHOLLS: [10:11:08] And, your Honours, with that, I would tender this
- 24 statement and the annexes and I have some additional questions.
- 25 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:11:28] Yes.

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- 1 MR NICHOLLS: [10:11:32]
- 2 Q. [10:11:32] All right, sir, to continue?
- 3 A. [10:11:42] Yes.
- 4 Q. [10:11:43] Okay. I'm only going to ask you questions now, not for very long,
- 5 about two topics.
- 6 First I'm going to ask you about how you describe in your statement seeing
- 7 Ali Kushayb in Garsila, and then I'm going to ask you about seeing Ali Kushayb in
- 8 Deleig. And then we'll be done, okay?
- 9 A. [10:12:14] Yes.
- 10 MR NICHOLLS: [10:12:25] Now, your Honour, I will have to request to go into
- 11 private session for some of these questions.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:12:31] Yeah. If you can group the questions, if
- at all possible, into those that must be asked in private and those that can be in public.
- 14 I'm conscious of the fact that we have a very full public gallery today and so I would
- 15 like to limit.
- 16 MR NICHOLLS: [10:12:51] Yeah, I -- I will -- I will do that. I'll try to do the first.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:12:54] Yes.
- 18 MR NICHOLLS: [10:12:54] It may not be -- there may be slight -- some slight
- 19 jumping around when we get to the second part, but I'll try to group them.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:13:01] All right. So you want to start in private
- 21 session?
- 22 MR NICHOLLS: [10:13:03] Yes, please.
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:13:05] Thank you.
- 24 Yes, private session, please.
- 25 (Private session at 10.13 a.m.)

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- 2 THE COURT OFFICER: [10:13:20] We're in private session, Madam President.

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THE COURT OFFICER: [10:27:37] We're back in open session, Madam President.

- 1 MR NICHOLLS: [10:27:43]
- 2 Q. [10:27:43] Now, thank you, Witness. We're in open session now.
- 3 So now the -- the image which is not being broadcast on the screen, where you've
- 4 marked Ali Kushayb's pharmacy in Garsila, as well as locations 1, 2 and 3, which I
- 5 won't name what they are at the moment, how much time did you spend in this
- 6 neighbourhood during those years in 2000 and 2003? And just in the neighbourhood
- 7 we see in this sketch.
- 8 A. [10:28:39] A year. One year.
- 9 Q. [10:28:44] And during that time when you were going to the mosque and going
- 10 to locations 1, 2 and 3 and please let me know if that's not clear to you what I mean
- by 1, 2 and 3, but it's on the image how many times, roughly, if you can estimate, did
- 12 you see Ali Kushayb in front of his pharmacy?
- 13 A. [10:29:23] Almost twenty times.
- 14 Q. [10:29:30] Thank you. All right. I'm now going to move on, sir, to the end.
- 15 And I'm going to ask you some questions about seeing Ali Kushayb in Deleig that
- 16 you describe in your statement.
- 17 And I won't go over everything that's in your statement, just really some new
- information that's clearer on the aerial image. So could I please have the aerial
- 19 0220-3745. And that is the aerial B, your Honours. The aerial image of Deleig in
- 20 October 2006.
- 21 Now can you see that? Is it in front of you on the screen, the picture of Deleig that
- 22 you marked?
- 23 A. [10:30:55] Yes.
- 24 Q. [10:30:57] Okay. Again, I won't go over what's already in your statement and
- 25 what we've clarified today, to save time, but you -- don't say his name, but location 5

- 1 you marked, that's in paragraph 56 to 57 of the statement, that is where you were
- 2 sitting with a friend when you saw Ali Kushayb's vehicle and Ali Kushayb arrive; is
- 3 that right?
- 4 A. [10:31:37] Correct.
- 5 Q. [10:31:39] And number 6 you marked and circled is where you saw Ali Kushayb
- 6 that day in Deleig?
- 7 A. [10:31:53] Correct.
- 8 Q. [10:31:56] What I'd like you to do is just tell their Honours how you were sure
- 9 that this person Ali Kushayb that you saw in Deleig is the Ali Kushayb you saw in
- 10 the pharmacy, in your own words. How long did you see him for? What was he
- 11 doing? And how could you tell it was him?
- 12 A. [10:32:28] I did not understand the question.
- 13 Q. [10:32:31] I'm not surprised. It was not a great question.
- 14 What --
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:32:39] One fact per question, Mr Nicholls.
- 16 MR NICHOLLS: [10:32:42] Yes.
- 17 Q. [10:32:42] What were you and your friend doing I'll just go over -- back up
- a little bit sitting there at the location marked "5"? What were you doing there
- 19 when you were sitting there when you saw the vehicles arrive?
- 20 A. [10:33:06] My friend and I were working and we saw a soldier, so I asked him
- 21 what is happening and he said "Nothing is happening." We walked a bit further and
- 22 we saw the Janjaweed in front of us and then Ali arrived and we went back to
- 23 the shops and we stayed there. We couldn't leave.
- And after a bit, three vehicles, and one of the vehicles belonged to Ali Kushayb,
- 25 passed by while we were at the shop. His people got out of the cars. He got out of

- the car as well. And after a while his people went to Ja'afar Abd-Al-Hakam's house
- 2 and they brought him while we were sitting in the same spot.
- 3 Q. [10:34:38] Okay. Thank you. And I won't go over you said how far away you
- 4 were at this time. But what was Ali Kushayb doing while his people went to get
- 5 the other person and escort him back? What was he doing outside of the car?
- 6 A. [10:35:01] He was waiting for them.
- 7 Q. [10:35:07] And were you -- what were you able to see of Ali Kushayb? In other
- 8 words, that's a strange sounding question, but were you able to see his face, his hands,
- 9 his body, what were you able to see of him?
- 10 A. [10:35:29] I could only see his clothes. He had nothing in his hand.
- 11 Q. [10:35:37] And were you able to see his face, or not able to -- when you
- 12 saw -- when you were in Deleig?
- 13 A. [10:35:43] Yes.
- 14 Q. [10:35:47] Was he talking to anybody while he was there, Ali Kushayb?
- 15 A. [10:35:55] He was talking with his people, but I could not hear them at -- from
- 16 the distance where I was.
- 17 Q. [10:36:05] And how long did this episode last? And by how long did it last, I
- mean from the time the vehicles arrived, the vehicles that Ali Kushayb came and got
- out of, to the time that Ali Kushayb left, approximately?
- 20 A. [10:36:26] Half an hour.
- 21 Q. [10:36:37] Okay.
- 22 Thank you very much, sir. That's basically the end of my questions for now.
- 23 The last question I'd like to ask, if you want to answer it, is how has what you lived
- 24 through, what happened to you, and what you saw that you describe in your
- 25 statement, how has that affected your life?

- 1 A. [10:37:27] Thanks be to God, I am fine.
- 2 MR NICHOLLS: [10:37:31] Thank you.
- 3 I've no further questions at this time.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:37:34] Just before you do move on, while we've
- 5 still got that map up on the screen, "3", which is the left-hand side, it's quite difficult
- 6 to make it out as a "3", but it's on the left-hand side, is said to be the market; is that
- 7 right? What we would like to know is -- is the -- which part of what we can see there
- 8 is the actual market, or was the market? Because it's quite -- it covers quite a number
- 9 of what appear to be houses.
- 10 MR NICHOLLS: [10:38:08] Then I would propose to give him a hard copy and have
- 11 him circle the market. What he calls (Overlapping speakers)
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:38:14] Yes, do that (Overlapping speakers)
- 13 MR NICHOLLS: [10:38:17](Overlapping speakers)
- 14 THE COURT OFFICER: [10:38:19] Your Honour, with apologies, at this point in
- 15 time I will be assigning the number for the document that was marked by the witness
- 16 earlier.
- 17 So the document will bear reference DAR-REG-0001-0002 and will be classified as
- 18 confidential. Thank you.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:38:37] Thank you very much, yes. If we could
- 20 now ask the witness just to look at the map.
- 21 MR NICHOLLS: [10:38:42] If the court officer could help.
- 22 Q. [10:38:58] Thanks very much, sir. So before -- before you start writing, let me
- 23 just ask the question again. You see where the number "3" in the circle you said is
- 24 the market in Deleig?
- 25 A. [10:39:15] Yes.

- 1 Q. [10:39:15] So to the best you can, could you circle just the outline, the perimeter
- 2 of the market. What the market area is, if you can tell that on this photo.
- 3 A. [10:39:32] Yes.
- 4 Q. [10:40:15] All right.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:40:17] Right, so the whole.
- 6 And are those all stalls that we're looking at, or houses?
- 7 MR NICHOLLS: [10:40:30]
- 8 Q. [10:40:30] Witness, can you just describe what's inside that area you've circled.
- 9 Are those market stalls, buildings, houses? If you can describe that area you've just
- 10 drawn around number 3.
- 11 A. [10:40:42] These are the market kiosks.
- 12 Q. [10:40:52] Thank you very much.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:40:59] No, that's fine. Thank you very much.
- 14 MR NICHOLLS: [10:41:01] Thank you.
- 15 Thank you, sir. You'll now be asked some questions by the Defence.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:41:07] Do the victims wish to ask any questions,
- 17 the victims' reps?
- 18 MR SHAH: [10:41:13] With the Chamber's leave, your Honour, we have a few
- 19 questions.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:41:17] Yes. Can we stay off, though, any topics
- 21 that might be controversial, please, Mr Shah.
- 22 MR SHAH: [10:41:27] Absolutely, your Honour. I hope we can do that.
- 23 QUESTIONED BY MR SHAH:
- Q. [10:41:31] Good morning, Mr Witness. You may remember that we met last
- 25 Friday in this courtroom very briefly. I am one of the lawyers representing

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- the victims in these proceedings. Like you, our clients were impacted by the events
- 2 that you have testified about. And I would like to ask you a few questions on behalf
- 3 of our clients, if that's okay?
- 4 A. [10:42:01] Please go ahead.
- 5 Q. [10:42:03] Mr Witness, I'd like to ask you a few questions about your home
- 6 village. We are in public session, so please don't mention the name of your home
- 7 village or the name of any persons. You can just refer to -- you can just say "my
- 8 home Village". Is that fine, Mr Witness?
- 9 A. [10:42:27] Yes.
- 10 Q. [10:42:29] Mr Witness, can you describe to the judges what life was like in your
- 11 home village with your grandmother before the conflict started?
- 12 A. [10:42:56] Would you please repeat the question.
- 13 Q. [10:42:58] Yes, Mr Witness. Can you tell the judges what life was like for you
- in your home village with your grandmother before the conflict started.
- 15 A. [10:43:16] Life was beautiful.
- 16 Q. [10:43:21] Thank you, Mr Witness.
- 17 Are you okay to continue, Mr Witness?
- 18 A. [10:44:16] Yes, you can continue.
- 19 Q. [10:44:17] Thank you. Mr Witness, at paragraph 42 of your statement you
- 20 describe fleeing from your home village into the mountains when it was attacked by
- 21 the Janjaweed.
- Were you able to see what happened to your home village?
- 23 A. [10:44:45] Yes.
- 24 Q. [10:44:49] Can you explain to us what you saw.
- 25 A. [10:45:02] Okay. Before the attack, we were in Hela (phon) and somebody

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- from Arawala came and told us that it was burned down and there was nothing left
- 2 of it. So there was no place for us to go to. So all of us went to the mountain. That
- 3 was the only place for us to hide. We stayed for a week in the mountain.
- 4 After that, after a week, the children and the women stayed in the mountain and we
- 5 the men, the young men, went back to the Hela. We wanted to prepare breakfast.
- 6 And while doing that, (Redacted) came and her husband is from Taringa and she
- 7 found us preparing breakfast, and she said to us, "You have to hurry. Have
- 8 breakfast quickly before these people catch up with you." And she told us that
- 9 Taringa, Taringa was attacked and there was nothing left of it.
- 10 While we were gathering our things to go back to the mountain, before we reached
- 11 the mountain they came to us from the direction of Koska. We went into
- 12 the mountain and they were shooting at us.
- 13 After that, my maternal uncle was not quick. He couldn't run. And because he was
- lagging behind he was shot in the foot or in the leg. And also there was an older
- 15 man who was shot and he died on the spot. And around 8 p.m. we went down
- 16 before Koska. We rested for a bit. Then we went to Deleig.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:47:59] Mr Shah, I really don't think this is
- 18 necessary.
- 19 MR SHAH: [10:48:01] Yes, I agree, your Honour.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:48:02] I think some discretion has to be shown.
- 21 MR SHAH: [10:48:05] Yes, yes.
- 22 Q. [10:48:07] Mr Witness, did you ever return to your home village after this
- 23 attack?
- 24 A. [10:48:17] Never, no. There was nothing left of it.
- 25 Q. [10:48:24] Mr Witness, I would now like to take you to a later time, after

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- 1 the siege in Deleig.
- 2 At paragraph 81 of your statement you say that two weeks after the siege of Deleig
- 3 you moved to an IDP camp outside of Garsila where you stayed until April or May of
- 4 2005. Could you describe to us what the living conditions were like at the IDP camp.
- 5 A. [10:49:07] Yes. After we moved to Garsila --
- 6 THE INTERPRETER: [10:49:20] Note from the interpreter: I couldn't hear exactly
- 7 what the witness said about whom they couldn't take with them.
- 8 THE WITNESS: [10:49:29](Interpretation) People were on the street. We had
- 9 nothing to cover ourselves with.
- 10 After a while there was an engineer, engineer Aradi (phon). I only know his
- brothers, Hassan and Hussein, he saw how these people were staying on the street, so
- 12 he went to the east of Garsila. There were empty shops there and he arranged for
- people to move to these shops to stay there. And then organisations came after that
- 14 and gave us material to cover ourselves with.
- 15 Then the relief came. Every four people got half a sack of seeds and some oil and
- a mix I don't know exactly what it was made of and some lentils. So that is what
- 17 we got every month to live off.
- 18 Q. [10:51:08] Thank you, Mr Witness. I have one last question for you. And
- 19 that's simply to ask whether you would like to return to Darfur one day?
- 20 A. [10:51:22] Certainly.
- 21 Q. [10:51:27] Thank you so much, Mr Witness. On behalf of our clients, we
- 22 appreciate your willingness to -- to come and testify before their Honours. Thank
- 23 you so much.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:51:39] I'm going to take a break now,
- 25 Mr Nicholls.

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- 1 Yes, we'll take the break now until -- sir, we're going to take a break, so it will give
- 2 you a chance to compose yourself. I appreciate this is difficult for you.
- 3 We'll break until -- Mr Edwards, have you any idea how you're going to be, because I
- 4 might just give him 40 minutes, otherwise?
- 5 MR EDWARDS: [10:52:06] Well, in fact, the end time is still about twenty to, if
- 6 your Honour recalls the -- my request of yesterday. So could we break until twenty
- 7 to?
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [10:52:24] Yes. Well, certainly. I mean, in light of
- 9 everything I think it's ...
- 10 All right. We will break in fact, I had forgotten, thank you for reminding,
- 11 Mr Edwards until twenty to 12.
- 12 And, sir, that will give you a chance, as I say, I hope, to compose yourself.
- 13 Yes, thank you.
- 14 THE COURT USHER: [10:52:46] All rise.
- 15 (Recess taken at 10.52 a.m.)
- 16 (Upon resuming in open session at 11.45 a.m.)
- 17 THE COURT USHER: [11:45:09] All rise.
- 18 Please be seated.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [11:45:39] Yes, I hope the break's given you a chance
- 20 to recover. And you're going to be asked questions now by Mr Edwards.
- 21 QUESTIONED BY MR EDWARDS:
- 22 Q. [11:45:54] Good morning, Mr Witness.
- 23 We -- we met last week, briefly. I'm going to remind you of what I said to you last
- 24 week, and indeed to what the Prosecutor said to you earlier this morning, that if I
- ever say anything, if I ever ask you a question that you'd like me to repeat, please

- don't hesitate to ask me to and I'll rephrase. Okay?
- 2 A. [11:46:30] I'm not sure I understood what you said. I can ask you to repeat
- 3 the question or reformulate the question?
- 4 Q. [11:46:37] You certainly can. No problem at all.
- 5 And not only is it not --
- 6 A. [11:46:48] Okay. Perfect.
- 7 Q. [11:46:51] And let me just say, you must not hesitate to ask me to repeat, please,
- 8 because it's important that you understand what I'm asking you, all right?
- 9 A. [11:47:07] Perfect.
- 10 Q. [11:47:11] And I can assure you that the questioning will finish today, all right?
- 11 A. [11:47:25] God willing.
- 12 Q. [11:47:26] Let me start by asking you about the term tora bora. That's a term
- 13 you're familiar with, right?
- 14 A. [11:47:40] Yes.
- 15 Q. [11:47:44] Now, you heard the term for the first time when you were a boy. I
- 16 take that on board.
- 17 A. [11:47:57] That's correct.
- 18 Q. [11:48:00] Did you know at the time where the term derived from?
- 19 A. [11:48:19] No, I don't know.
- 20 Q. [11:48:28] Okay. Let me ask you about a person that you refer to in your
- 21 statement, Ja'afar Abd-Al-Hakam. All right. Just a few questions about him.
- 22 He was the commissioner of Garsila, you say; is that right?
- 23 A. [11:48:50] That's correct.
- 24 Q. [11:48:52] He was undeniably the most senior authority figure in the whole
- 25 region; is that fair?

- 1 A. [11:49:04] That is correct.
- 2 Q. [11:49:07] Now, in your statement you talk about an incident where a number of
- 3 Fur men had deserted from the Popular Defence Forces in Arawala, and this is
- 4 something that Ja'afar Abd-Al-Hakam wanted to sort out. Are you with me?
- 5 A. [11:49:36] Yes.
- 6 Q. [11:49:40] You may not have known at the time, but at the age that you are now,
- 7 are you able to confirm that deserting from the forces in Sudan was -- was a crime?
- 8 A. [11:50:04] That is correct, yes.
- 9 Q. [11:50:09] And are you able to tell us something, just in a couple of -- couple of
- 10 sentences, what the background to this desertion was? If you don't know, just say
- 11 you don't know. But if you do know, can you just explain it in a few sentences.
- 12 A. [11:50:31] I don't know.
- 13 Q. [11:50:34] Fair enough.
- 14 As far as you know, did *Umdah* Issa know the identity of these alleged deserters?
- 15 A. [11:50:55] Yes.
- 16 Q. [11:51:00] Were these deserters then living in -- in Arawala or within
- 17 the jurisdiction of Arawala?
- 18 A. [11:51:18] Yes, in the suburbs of Arawala.
- 19 Q. [11:51:23] Thank you. And you say that -- or your understanding was that
- 20 Ja'afar Abd-Al-Hakam had promised a number of firearms to *Umdah* Issa if he handed
- 21 these deserters over to him, correct?
- 22 A. [11:51:48] This is what I heard of.
- 23 Q. [11:51:51] Do you know why such a powerful commissioner would have
- required the cooperation of the *umdah* of Arawala in order to affect the arrest of
- 25 the deserters?

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- 1 A. [11:52:13] I don't know.
- 2 Q. [11:52:20] And do you know what ultimately happened to these deserters?
- 3 A. [11:52:29] Yes.
- 4 Q. [11:52:32] Please go on.
- 5 A. [11:52:39] When we were in Garsila, I saw one guy, he was called Buk Buk
- 6 (phon) and Nasrallah (phon), Issa Nasrallah, because he was married to the cousin of
- 7 Ja'afar Abd-Al-Hakam. Issa Nasrallah was residing in the household of Ja'afar
- 8 Abd-Al-Hakam and he was a member of the armed forces of Garsila.
- 9 Q. [11:53:13] But this person Nusara, was he a suspected deserter from the PDF,
- 10 from the Popular Defence Forces in Arawala?
- 11 A. [11:53:31] Issa Nasrallah was not member of the PDR -- PDA, but Buka (phon)
- 12 was.
- 13 Q. [11:53:41] Okay. And what happened --
- 14 A. [11:53:43] (Overlapping speakers)
- 15 Q. [11:53:44] All right. And what happened to Buk?
- 16 A. [11:53:49] He joined the PDA in Garsila.
- 17 Q. [11:53:55] All right. Now what you say in your statement is that the *umdah*
- 18 refused to hand over the deserters because he knew that they would be killed. Do
- 19 you know on what -- well, do you know why the umdah thought that they would be
- 20 killed, as opposed to just put on trial and -- and punished for breaking the law?
- 21 A. [11:54:22] I don't know.
- 22 Q. [11:54:24] And the implication is that the firearms weren't handed over to the
- 23 *umdah* because there wasn't the reciprocity, there wasn't the assistance,
- 24 the cooperation of the *umdah*, right?
- 25 A. [11:54:46] That is correct.

- 1 Q. [11:54:51] Yes, thank you. Right, we're going to come back to the issue of
- 2 firearms a bit later.
- 3 Let me ask you about the Janjaweed itself. Members of Arab tribes, right?
- 4 A. [11:55:13] Not all of them are from Arab tribes.
- 5 Q. [11:55:21] Some Janjaweed were Fur or other African -- African groups?
- 6 A. [11:55:31] There were some from the Gamir or the Tam.
- 7 Q. [11:55:41] And your basis for knowing this is what?
- 8 A. [11:55:45] Because I was living with them in Garsila and there are a number of
- 9 these tribes in Garsila.
- 10 Q. [11:56:00] You mention Musa Hilal in your -- in your statement and your
- 11 knowledge of Musa Hilal. He was of the Mahamid clan of the Rizeigat tribe, correct?
- 12 A. [11:56:20] That is correct.
- 13 Q. [11:56:21] And in 2000 -- in 2000 he was essentially the leader of the Janjaweed,
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. [11:56:39] That is correct.
- 16 Q. [11:56:45] And he remained a very powerful leader of the Janjaweed throughout
- 17 the conflict, correct?
- 18 A. [11:56:58] Musa Hilal in Wadi Salih wasn't in charge. It was Ali Kushayb who
- 19 was in charge in our region.
- 20 Q. [11:57:17] What do you know of the hierarchy, if there is a hierarchy, as between
- 21 Musa Hilal and Ali Kushayb?
- 22 A. [11:57:31] Can you clarify the question, please.
- 23 Q. [11:57:33] Do you know whether there was a relationship of
- 24 superior/subordinate between Musa Hilal and Ali Kushayb?
- 25 A. [11:57:51] Honestly, I did not understand the question.

- 1 Q. [11:57:54] Was -- was Musa Hilal in a position to give orders to Ali Kushayb, do
- 2 you know?
- 3 A. [11:58:05] No, not at all.
- 4 Q. [11:58:09] Sorry, that was a clumsy question.
- 5 No, he wasn't able to give orders, or no you don't know if he was able to give orders?
- 6 Just clarify that, please.
- 7 A. [11:58:25] He could -- I don't know if Musa Hilal is subordinate to Ali Kushayb
- 8 or can give him orders. I don't know that.
- 9 Q. [11:58:37] What do you understand was the area of control of Musa Hilal, then?
- 10 A. [11:58:48] Musa Hilal was in charge, from what I heard, is in Darfur.
- 11 Q. [11:59:07] The whole of Darfur?
- 12 A. [11:59:17] Edd El Fursan. Edd El Fursan.
- 13 Q. [11:59:27] And what was the basis of your -- of such a belief?
- 14 A. [11:59:39] Because this is what people were saying and this is what I heard
- 15 people talk about.
- Q. [11:59:44] This is what you as a -- a boy was hearing from what people were
- 17 talking about in the community?
- 18 A. [11:59:58] Yes.
- 19 Q. [11:59:59] Thank you.
- 20 MR EDWARDS: [12:00:02] Your Honour, I'm very sorry. Could -- I wonder if
- 21 the court officer could just move the Elmo out of the way, because it's blocking my
- view of the witness. It's right in front of his face.
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [12:00:14] Yes, unless there's a need, can we move it?
- 24 Isn't it always there, actually?
- 25 MR EDWARDS: [12:00:23] No, I don't remember it being quite there yesterday. I

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- 1 think it's -- anyway ...
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [12:00:29] Well, nobody seems to be doing anything,
- 3 so I imagine it's rather more difficult than you think, Mr Edwards.
- 4 MR EDWARDS: [12:00:35] Right. I'll -- I'll just move then.
- 5 Q. [12:00:48] Sir, just coming back to your last answer, was that also
- 6 the basis -- thank you very much indeed, thank you. I'm grateful.
- 7 That's also the basis of your understanding of Ali Kushayb's authority, what you as
- 8 a boy was hearing from others speaking about in the community, correct?
- 9 A. [12:01:25] A while ago you said that you were not talking about Ali Kushayb.
- 10 Q. [12:01:34] Sorry, I'm now talking about Ali Kushayb, okay. So we've finished
- 11 with Musa Hilal. Is it the case that -- yeah, is it the case that your understanding of
- 12 the authority of Ali Kushayb comes from what you heard as a boy from those talking
- 13 around you in the community?
- 14 A. [12:02:04] No, not at all. I have seen this with my very own eyes.
- 15 Q. [12:02:09] Okay. Well, we'll come on to that very shortly.
- Well, the very first time you see him with your own eyes paragraph 27 of
- 17 the witness statement for the record, it doesn't have to be brought up when
- 18 (Redacted). Does that sound right to you? The first time you saw and heard of
- 19 Ali Kushayb.
- 20 A. [12:02:48] Approximately.
- 21 Q. [12:02:49] Yeah. So I just want to get it clear in my mind what -- how it
- 22 happened. You're in -- you're at the shop of (Redacted)- let's not say
- 23 his name, all right and (Redacted) says to you that a man who's passing or
- 24 has passed was Ali Kushayb. Have I got that right?
- 25 A. [12:03:35] Yes.

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- 1 Q. [12:03:42] The shop of (Redacted), was it actually like a shop, four walls,
- 2 a door, a roof, or was it more in the nature of a stall? Can you help us with that.
- 3 A. [12:04:00] (Redacted)
- 4 (Redacted). That's it.
- 5 MR NICHOLLS: [12:04:27] Excuse me.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [12:04:32] Mr Nicholls.
- 7 MR NICHOLLS: [12:04:33] I'm sorry, could we go into private session for one
- 8 minute.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [12:04:37] Yes.
- 10 (Private session at 12.04 p.m.)
- 11 THE COURT OFFICER: [12:04:46] We're in private session, Madam President.
- 12 (Redacted)
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- 8 (Open session at 12.06 p.m.)
- 9 THE COURT OFFICER: [12:06:06] We're back in open session, Madam President.
- 10 MR EDWARDS: [12:06:10]
- 11 Q. [12:06:14] Sir, why did your brother-in-law point Ali Kushayb out to you?
- 12 A. [12:06:26] Because at this time everybody was talking about Ali Kushayb.
- 13 Q. [12:06:32] This is in about 2000?
- 14 A. [12:06:38] Yes.
- 15 Q. [12:06:40] Three years before the conflict really kicked off?
- 16 A. [12:06:52] 2002. When did the conflict start?
- 17 Q. [12:07:00] Maybe late 2002, early 2003. But nevertheless, this is long before that
- 18 happened. Why did -- why did Ali Kushayb merit -- why did he deserve this
- 19 attention from your brother-in-law?
- 20 A. [12:07:18] Because Ali Kushayb was a well-known person. And my
- 21 brother-in-law did not say to me this is Ali Kushayb, he said that this is *amali* (phon),
- 22 Uncle Ali.
- 23 Q. [12:07:38] I'm just going to read from your statement. This is exactly what you
- said: "One day in 2000, a male passed in front of the [place] and my brother-in-law
- 25 told me that the male was Ali Kushayb." That's exactly what is written in your

- 1 statement of 2018.
- 2 MR NICHOLLS: [12:08:17] What's the question?
- 3 MR EDWARDS: [12:08:22] Well, I'm --
- 4 Q. [12:08:24] Mr Witness, when you -- when you gave your statement in 2018, you
- 5 gave your statement over the course of five days, yes?
- 6 A. [12:08:45] Yes.
- 7 Q. [12:08:47] And you were assisted by an interpreter that spoke a language that
- 8 you understood?
- 9 A. [12:09:00] Yes.
- 10 Q. [12:09:02] You had as much time as you needed to give your account to
- 11 the investigator?
- 12 A. [12:09:19] Yes.
- 13 Q. [12:09:21] You weren't put under any pressure of time to hurry up and finish
- 14 your account?
- 15 A. [12:09:32] I did not understand the question.
- 16 Q. [12:09:35] After your statement was taken it was read back to you in a language
- 17 that you understood?
- 18 A. [12:09:50] Correct.
- 19 Q. [12:09:51] Were you given every opportunity to make changes, amendments to
- 20 anything that was wrong in your statement?
- 21 A. [12:10:06] Yes.
- 22 Q. [12:10:12] At any point did you say, "Oh, no, I need to amend this, I need to
- 23 change that." And the investigator said, "No, it's not a problem. We'll leave it
- 24 the way it is." Did that ever happen?
- 25 A. [12:10:30] No, never.

- 1 Q. [12:10:31] And then -- that was in 2018. And then last week the statement was
- 2 read back to you again by the lawyers from the Prosecution, right?
- 3 A. [12:10:49] Yes, exactly.
- 4 Q. [12:10:50] And you remember the sentence I just read back to you about your
- 5 brother-in-law pointing out Ali Kushayb. That was read back to you last week as
- 6 well?
- 7 A. [12:11:12] Yes.
- 8 Q. [12:11:13] And when the witness -- when your statement was being read back to
- 9 you, you were told that the purpose of doing this was to clarify anything, make any
- 10 further changes, give any further detail, right?
- 11 A. [12:11:36] Correct.
- 12 Q. [12:11:45] And in fact, in respect of this particular paragraph, it was read back to
- 13 you and you said, well, you had a clarification to make. You said, you said this -- or
- 14 the Prosecution writes that you clarified that the first time that you saw Ali Kushayb
- was in the middle of the market in Garsila when Ali Kushayb was coming from
- 16 the west, passing by the front of (Redacted)., who told him --
- 17 A. [12:12:21] Correct.
- 18 Q. [12:12:22] -- that person is Ali Kushayb.
- 19 A. [12:12:32] Correct.
- 20 Q. [12:12:36] You didn't say to the Prosecution last week, "Well, actually, he didn't
- 21 say Ali Kushayb, my brother-in-law said he's called Mr Ali."
- 22 A. [12:13:00] This is something that I remember just now.
- 23 Q. [12:13:09] Just now?
- A. [12:13:10] Not just now, but in the past days when I was present here during my
- 25 stay here in The Hague.

- 1 Q. [12:13:21] Okay. And what -- what set off this sudden recollection four years
- 2 after you first made your statement?
- 3 A. [12:13:38] Because I had an interview here I was thinking about what happened,
- 4 and this helped me recollect some things. There are some things that I did not say in
- 5 the witness statement but I remember them now.
- 6 Q. [12:14:01] The thing that causes you to say that in fact I was told that this
- 7 person's name is Mr Ali is the fact that you know that my client's name is Ali, right?
- 8 A. [12:14:29] No, I know Ali Kushayb.
- 9 MR EDWARDS: [12:14:44] I don't know if my learned friend has an intervention.
- 10 MR NICHOLLS: [12:14:48] My apologies, the mic was on.
- 11 Mr Edwards has probably inadvertently misstated the witness's earlier evidence.
- 12 The witness said and I was looking for this section that the person who pointed out
- 13 Ali Kushayb to him said -- said this is Ali Kushayb and then said the line about Uncle
- 14 Ali. And what was put to him was that you never said that the person who pointed
- 15 him out did -- didn't say that he was Ali Kushayb, suggesting to the witness that he
- has changed what was said to him, which is actually not the case. The witness
- 17 added the mention of Uncle Ali, but did not say that -- that the person who pointed
- Ali Kushayb out to hi, who I'm not naming -- I can find the line, your Honour.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [12:15:43] Mr Nicholls, it was certainly confused, but
- 20 I don't think what Mr Edwards is putting is -- is wrong. He said that the witness
- said, going back to page -- where are we? yes, it's page 48, line 17, and "why did
- 22 Ali Kushayb" -- this was a question about the dates: "Why did Ali Kushayb
- 23 merit -- why did he deserve this attention from your brother-in-law?"
- 24 Answer: "Because Ali Kushayb was a well-known person and my brother-in-law
- 25 did not say to me this is Ali Kushayb, he said that this is ... Uncle Ali."

- 1 And I think what Mr Edwards is now putting to him, that that is a change. Because
- 2 the witness, as I understood it, and the witness presumably can understand what
- 3 we're saying, originally said his brother-in-law told him it was Ali Kushayb. Now
- 4 he's saying, as I understand it, that he didn't say Ali Kushayb, he said Uncle Ali.
- 5 But before you go on, Mr Edwards, let's just confirm.
- 6 Is that right, sir?
- 7 THE WITNESS: [12:17:26](Interpretation) Correct.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [12:17:27] So I don't think, Mr Nicholls, Mr Edwards
- 9 is putting something that's not right.
- 10 MR NICHOLLS: [12:17:32] I apologise.
- 11 MR EDWARDS: [12:17:42]
- 12 Q. [12:17:44] Your brother-in-law didn't use the word "Uncle Ali", did he? I'm
- 13 going to suggest that he didn't. What have you got to say (Overlapping speakers)
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [12:17:56] Mr Edwards, you have to be a bit careful.
- 15 I don't know now you can suggest he didn't, unless you -- you happen to be calling
- the person in question as a witness. All you can suggest is, are you sure? Unless
- 17 you've got strict instructions, how can you put in terms that that wasn't said?
- 18 MR EDWARDS: [12:18:44]
- 19 Q. [12:18:47] Was the person who said Ali Kushayb or Uncle Ali, whatever,
- 20 whatever the version is now, was he in the habit of just naming various passers-by?
- 21 A. [12:19:10] I did not understand the question.
- 22 Q. [12:19:18] Was your relative in the habit of just randomly naming passers-by to
- 23 you in Garsila?
- 24 A. [12:19:35] No, not at all.
- 25 Q. [12:19:37] Because it just -- it just sounds like a curious thing to do. What's

- 1 the point? Why was he doing that? Why did he mention Ali Kushayb or Uncle Ali
- 2 to you?
- 3 A. [12:19:53] Why? Because in that time there were wars. He was the leader of
- 4 the Janjaweed. That's why my relative described him to me or pointed him out to
- 5 me.
- 6 Q. [12:20:11] In 2000? Are you sure about that?
- 7 A. [12:20:20] Just a second. You are referring to the year 2000? What do you
- 8 mean?
- 9 Q. [12:20:28] Yes, I'm referring to the year 2000, sir.
- 10 A. [12:20:35] The year 2000. No, in the year 2000 he said to me that this is Uncle
- 11 Ali. He said this is Ali Kushayb. That's it.
- 12 Q. [12:20:56] Which one is it?
- 13 A. [12:21:05] In my village, you do not call an elderly person with his name. So if
- 14 your name is Ali Kushayb, you are not being called Ali Kushayb, you are being called
- 15 Uncle Ali, out of respect for his age. So for senior people, we do not call them by
- their name, we give them another way of calling them.
- 17 Q. [12:21:32] How old was he then in 2000?
- 18 A. [12:21:40] Whom do you mean?
- 19 Q. [12:21:44] The person that was pointed out to you as Ali Kushayb or Uncle Ali?
- 20 A. [12:21:58] I do not know exactly how old he was, but what I do know is that he
- 21 was an older man.
- 22 Q. [12:22:08] And when you -- when he was passing in front of the -- the place
- 23 where you were with your relative, you got a brief look at him?
- 24 A. [12:22:36] I saw him. I saw him enough.
- 25 Q. [12:22:41] Notice anything in particular about his face or his ears? Let's start

- 1 with his face. Anything in particular about his face?
- 2 A. [12:22:55] No, I do not have any remarks about his face.
- 3 Q. [12:23:01] Okay. What about his ears?
- 4 A. [12:23:08] I did not focus on his ears, but he was wearing a yellow *jallabiya* or
- 5 gown and a head cover.
- 6 Q. [12:23:30] And -- well, you've given evidence today that you saw Ali Kushayb
- 7 many times over the years. In --
- 8 A. [12:23:40] Yes.
- 9 Q. [12:23:42] Over those many times of seeing Ali Kushayb, did you notice
- anything particular about his face?
- 11 A. [12:24:00] No, not at all.
- 12 Q. [12:24:01] Or his ears?
- 13 A. [12:24:05] I did not focus on his ears.
- 14 Q. [12:24:12] So you say that you would -- this is paragraph 45, your Honour: "I
- 15 would often see Ali Kushayb sitting in front of the entrance of his pharmacy, usually
- wearing a grey-coloured lapsa." So this is when you're in Garsila.
- 17 First thing, we're talking about a veterinary pharmacy, aren't we?
- 18 A. [12:24:51] Yes.
- 19 Q. [12:24:53] And is it right that -- sorry, just bear with me for one second.
- 20 (Counsel confer)
- 21 MR EDWARDS: [12:25:17]
- 22 Q. [12:25:18] His -- this pharmacy in Garsila, it was -- it was located under
- 23 the shade of two acacia trees; is that right?
- 24 A. [12:25:42] A neem tree, not acacia.
- 25 Q. [12:25:56] Is it a place where people would regularly come and seek shade from

- 1 the Darfurian sun?
- 2 A. [12:26:15] I did not understand the question.
- 3 Q. [12:26:18] The fact that this was an area under the shade of two trees, that made
- 4 it an agreeable place for people to come and just and sit and escape the heat of the day,
- 5 no?
- 6 A. [12:26:43] No, not at all.
- 7 Q. [12:26:46] Okay. Now talking about -- moving on to vehicles and the vehicle
- 8 that you associate -- associated with Ali Kushayb, the Land Cruiser. Tell us about
- 9 the number plate of this vehicle. What did you notice of it?
- 10 A. [12:27:27] The number plate, I did not focus on the number because
- 11 the government licence plates are black and red. That's it. But I did not focus on
- 12 the numbers.
- 13 Q. [12:27:49] There are yellow number plates, or there were yellow number plates
- in Sudan at the time, weren't there?
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [12:27:59] Are you suggesting the government
- 16 licence plates or just ordinary vehicles?
- 17 MR EDWARDS: [12:28:04] Well, taking it a step at a time, but yes,
- 18 government -- government licence plates.
- 19 THE WITNESS: [12:28:14](Interpretation) I did not understand the question.
- 20 MR EDWARDS: [12:28:17]
- 21 Q. [12:28:18] Government number plates at the time were yellow in colour, weren't
- 22 they?
- 23 A. [12:28:27] No, not at all.
- Q. [12:28:34] Anything else distinctive about the -- the vehicle that you associated
- 25 with Ali Kushayb?

- 1 A. [12:28:48] Yes.
- 2 Q. [12:28:56] Tell us.
- 3 A. [12:28:56] It was a Land Cruiser and it was painted the same colour as the army
- 4 khaki colour, and at the front there were chains that were tied to it.
- 5 THE INTERPRETER: [12:29:22] And a note from the interpreter: The witness
- 6 mentioned something about the top that was cut, but I'm not sure, so maybe he
- 7 should repeat that part.
- 8 MR EDWARDS: [12:29:32] Thank you.
- 9 Q. [12:29:33] You mentioned chains and also something about the top being cut.
- 10 The interpreter didn't quite follow what you said. Can you repeat, please.
- 11 A. [12:29:45] Yes. It was like a jeep, so it was an open car. And there were chains
- 12 at the front.
- 13 THE INTERPRETER: [12:30:03] And again, there was a word that the interpreter did
- 14 not get, *tila* (phon). I'm not sure exactly what that means.
- 15 MR EDWARDS: [12:30:10]
- 16 Q. [12:30:10] Is there another word that you can use other than *tila*, because
- 17 the interpreter doesn't -- doesn't know that word?
- 18 A. [12:30:22] Small. So a small weapon.
- 19 Q. [12:30:27] A small weapon. Okay.
- 20 Let's talk about the chains. Where on the jeep were the chains located? You say
- 21 the front, but can you be more specific?
- 22 A. [12:30:48] No, it was in the form of a chain that was put in the front of the car.
- 23 So there were some bullets that were put in the form of a chain on -- in the front side
- 24 of the car.
- 25 Q. [12:31:07] Do you mean like a chain like a bandolier, like a -- like the sort of

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- the chain of cartridges that would feed, that would feed a machine gun?
- 2 A. [12:31:27] Yes, but it wasn't in any kind of a specific belt, but they were just tied
- 3 together as if in the shape of a belt, the different bullets.
- 4 Q. [12:31:40] So sort of decorative?
- 5 A. [12:31:44] I don't know. They would know better. I don't know.
- 6 Q. [12:31:47] And was this -- was this a feature that was always on the front of
- 7 the vehicle associated with Ali Kushayb? Was it always the same vehicle?
- 8 A. [12:32:09] No, this is the car that I saw on Friday in Deleig. It was in that shape
- 9 or it was that front part of it.
- 10 Q. [12:32:24] All right. Well, what about the vehicle -- forget about the vehicle
- that you saw in Deleig, what about the vehicle that you would see in Garsila. Let's
- 12 focus on that vehicle for a moment. Did that have the decoration or the bullets in
- 13 a chain on the front of the car as well?
- 14 A. [12:32:48] I saw it more in Garsila. There were more than one car in Garsila
- 15 that was decorated that way, not just one car.
- 16 Q. [12:32:57] And were these all cars associated with Ali Kushayb?
- 17 A. [12:33:07] These were government vehicles.
- 18 Q. [12:33:12] Very good. Thank you.
- 19 Okay. You've told us that you never went into the pharmacy, you never spoke with
- 20 Ali Kushayb, you never purchased anything from him. What about your relative?
- 21 A. [12:33:41] I don't know. Who do you mean by my relatives? You mean my
- 22 relatives, Ali Kushayb relatives? I didn't quite understand your question.
- 23 Q. [12:33:50] Your relative that you spent time with at the market in Garsila.
- 24 A. [12:33:58] Yes.
- 25 Q. [12:33:59] Did he ever purchase anything from Ali Kushayb's pharmacy?

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- 1 A. [12:34:10] I don't know.
- 2 Q. [12:34:12] Was Ali Kushayb ever (Redacted)?
- 3 A. [12:34:25] That never happened when I was there. I never saw him (Redacted)
- 4 (Redacted).
- 5 Q. [12:34:32] Did (Redacted)
- 6 (Redacted)?
- 7 A. [12:34:45] No, not at all.
- 8 Q. [12:34:52] Do you have any reason to believe that the basis of your relative's
- 9 knowledge of Ali Kushayb was simply what people discussed amongst themselves
- 10 within the community?
- 11 A. [12:35:17] No, not at all, because Ali Kushayb was resident of Garsila and
- 12 (Redacted), so of course they know each other.
- 13 Q. [12:35:32] All right. Now I'm interested to just explore one thing, where you
- talk about gatherings outside Ali Kushayb's pharmacy.
- 15 In -- paragraph 29, your Honour.
- I want to focus on 2002, 2003, okay. That's what I want to talk about now. Are you
- 17 with me?
- 18 A. [12:36:06] Yes.
- 19 Q. [12:36:09] You hadn't been going to school for many years by 2002, 2003; is
- 20 that -- is that fair to say? I don't mean any disrespect. I just need to clarify that
- 21 point.
- 22 A. [12:36:35] No, that's not correct.
- 23 Q. [12:36:39] Well --
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [12:36:43](Overlapping speakers)
- 25 THE WITNESS: [12:36:44](Interpretation) I did not understand the question.

- 1 MR EDWARDS: [12:36:49] I'll try again, your Honour.
- 2 Q. [12:36:55] Right, let's not talk about any locations, but you attended primary
- 3 school in 1994 and 1995, right?
- 4 A. [12:37:10] Yes.
- 5 Q. [12:37:11] Your family couldn't afford -- or your mother could not afford school
- 6 fees after your second year of primary school, right?
- 7 A. [12:37:28] Correct.
- 8 Q. [12:37:30] The second year of primary school was 1995; is that right?
- 9 A. [12:37:40] That is correct.
- 10 Q. [12:37:45] "I did not attend school further in Darfur due to the conflict and my
- 11 family's financial situation." Is that correct, what you told the investigators?
- 12 A. [12:38:00] That is correct.
- 13 Q. [12:38:01] So in 2002 to 2003 you hadn't been going to school for -- it was a long
- 14 time since you had last been at school?
- 15 A. [12:38:20] Correct.
- 16 Q. [12:38:24] Was it important for you to follow where you were in any given
- 17 month -- in other words, was it important for you to know when you were at the
- beginning of the month, in the middle of the month, at the end of the month? Was
- 19 that a feature of your life at the time?
- 20 A. [12:38:52] What do you mean by that exactly?
- 21 Q. [12:38:59] Did you -- did you follow the passage of the calendar months?
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [12:39:07] I don't think that's any better,
- 23 Mr Edwards.
- 24 MR EDWARDS: [12:39:15]
- 25 Q. [12:39:16] Why -- why was it important for you to know when it was

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- 1 the beginning of the month?
- 2 A. [12:39:32] I still don't understand the question.
- 3 Q. [12:39:35] You say that you saw Ali Kushayb and many Janjaweed gathering at
- 4 his pharmacy towards the end of each month. Right?
- 5 A. [12:40:00] I did say that because the salaries in Sudan are being paid on the 30th
- 6 or the 31st of the month, not in the middle of the month.
- 7 Q. [12:40:21] The -- I'm sorry, we're going to have to go into private session just for
- 8 a second please. My apologies.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [12:40:30] Yes, private session, please.
- 10 (Private session at 12.40 p.m.)
- 11 THE COURT OFFICER: [12:40:38] We're in private session, Madam President.
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- 18 (Open session at 12.46 p.m.)
- 19 THE COURT OFFICER: [12:46:50] We're back in open session, Madam President.
- 20 MR EDWARDS: [12:46:57]
- 21 Q. [12:46:58] That man was an Arab?
- 22 A. [12:47:04] Yes.
- 23 Q. [12:47:07] He knew what village you were from?
- 24 A. [12:47:15] Yes.
- 25 Q. [12:47:17] That village was entirely a Fur village?

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- 1 A. [12:47:27] Yes.
- 2 Q. [12:47:28] He knew you were Fur?
- 3 A. [12:47:34] Yes.
- 4 Q. [12:47:36] Now, in 2004, this was the height of operations against the rebels in
- 5 West Darfur, wasn't it?
- 6 A. [12:47:54] Yes.
- 7 Q. [12:47:56] The conflict between the Janjaweed and the Fur was extremely intense,
- 8 wasn't it, in 2004?
- 9 A. [12:48:16] What do you mean "between the Janjaweed and the Fur"?
- 10 Q. [12:48:23] Well, it's simply a fact that the Janjaweed treated the Fur generally
- 11 with great suspicion.
- 12 A. [12:48:33] Yes, that is correct.
- 13 Q. [12:48:35] Especially young Fur men.
- 14 A. [12:48:41] Yes, that is correct.
- 15 Q. [12:48:43] The general suspicion was that young Fur men were either rebels or
- 16 very much supporting the rebels, correct?
- 17 A. [12:48:57] Correct.
- 18 Q. [12:49:01] And yet, you say that that man spoke to you in Garsila in 2004 and
- 19 said that he and the other Janjaweed were collecting their salaries from Ali Kushayb's
- 20 pharmacy; is that your evidence?
- 21 A. [12:49:24] Yes, correct.
- 22 Q. [12:49:25] Okay. He's telling you that he's receiving a salary through that
- 23 information?
- 24 A. [12:49:37] Correct.
- 25 Q. [12:49:38] He's saying where he's receiving that salary?

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- Q. [12:49:46] He's saying to you from whom he's receiving that salary?
- 3 A. [12:49:54] Correct.
- 4 Q. [12:49:56] And in 2004 you represent -- or you are, as a young Fur male, you
- 5 represent the enemy, don't you, to the Janjaweed?
- 6 A. [12:50:16] Yes, that is correct.

[12:49:44] Correct.

- 7 Q. [12:50:29] Let me ask you now about the attack on Fere village. I should be
- 8 able to finish this section before the break, your Honour.
- 9 Can I please ask you to -- or perhaps you can be assisted, tab 13 of the Prosecution
- 10 bundle.
- 11 Your Honours, this is DAR-OTP-0220-3747, please.
- 12 Can the witness be assisted to pull up that document.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [12:51:33] This is the one that can go on the screen
- 14 for the public, right?
- MR EDWARDS: [12:51:37] Yes, this is -- this is absolutely public, your Honour.
- 16 All right.
- 17 Q. [12:51:43] Now, Mr --
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [12:51:47] I don't think anything is up yet.
- 19 MR EDWARDS: [12:51:49] Oh, I'm seeing something on my screen.
- 20 Q. [12:51:59] Yes. You -- okay, I'm afraid we're going to need the assistance of
- 21 a court -- a court officer, please, just to assist the witness with some reading, please, or
- 22 the identification of some locations.
- 23 Okay. If the court officer can please point out the -- the location of the town of Ordo,
- 24 which is right in the middle of the white square. Tab 13 I think it was, yeah. Just
- 25 point out Ordo, please, in the middle of the white square.

- 1 You don't need to write anything, I just need it.
- 2 And then Fere, the village of Fere to the north, it's about 3 kilometres away, isn't it?
- 3 A. [12:53:04] Yes.
- 4 Q. [12:53:05] Okay. Now, you say that when you were in Ordo village,
- 5 paragraph 36, you could hear shooting from the direction of Fere village.
- 6 A. [12:53:25] Correct.
- 7 Q. [12:53:26] You could hear the sound of gunfire 3 kilometres away, could you?
- 8 A. [12:53:33] Yes.
- 9 Q. [12:53:36] Now given -- at that time, given the recent attacks on Arawala and
- 10 your fears that Ordo would also be attacked, you certainly believed that -- that there
- was an attack going on in Fere or towards Fere; is that fair?
- 12 A. [12:54:02] Yes.
- 13 Q. [12:54:06] Attacked by the Janjaweed?
- 14 A. [12:54:13] Yes.
- 15 Q. [12:54:15] And a member of your family and other men left Ordo and headed
- towards Fere, towards the sound of gunfire; is that right?
- 17 A. [12:54:43] Yes.
- 18 Q. [12:54:45] Did you speak to any of them before they went? Any of these men
- 19 heading off to --
- 20 A. [12:54:56] Yes.
- 21 Q. [12:54:57] And did any of them tell you what they hoped to achieve by making
- 22 their way to Fere?
- 23 A. [12:55:09] I did not understand the question.
- 24 Q. [12:55:12] Why -- did they tell you why they were going to Fere?
- 25 A. [12:55:18] Yes. Because in Fere, their families were there, so when they heard

- 1 the gunshots they said that they want to go and check what was going on.
- 2 Q. [12:55:39] They went to try and defend their families in Fere, is that
- 3 the situation?
- 4 A. [12:55:47] No, not at all.
- 5 Q. [12:55:50] To do what then?
- 6 A. [12:55:55] Just to see what was going on, what was happening. That's all.
- 7 Q. [12:56:05] Are you sure these men weren't armed?
- 8 A. [12:56:12] Yes.
- 9 Q. [12:56:23] There were -- a decision was taken that some young men would stay
- in Ordo while other villagers left Ordo to seek refuge elsewhere, correct?
- 11 A. [12:56:46] I did not understand the question.
- 12 Q. [12:56:49] All right.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [12:56:52]
- 14 Q. [12:56:54] Let's put Fere --
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [12:56:56] Mr Edwards, I think you need to make it
- clear whether you mean at the time of the attack, or after, or what.
- 17 MR EDWARDS: [12:57:03] Okay.
- 18 Q. [12:57:05] Putting to one side Fere village, there was a time when there was
- 19 concern that Ordo would be attacked by the Janjaweed. Many villagers left Ordo,
- 20 but some young men stayed in Ordo; is that accurate?
- 21 A. [12:57:26] No, that's not correct.
- 22 Q. [12:57:42] I'm just trying to find the correct passage.
- Okay, I'll come back to that when I can find it in a moment. Oh, here we are.
- 24 Right, paragraph 35. Paragraph 35. I'm talking about just before the attack on Fere
- 25 village. Just before, okay? There were -- there was fear among the villagers in

- 1 Ordo that Ordo was going to be attacked. Let's take it step by step. That's right,
- 2 isn't it?
- 3 A. [12:58:59] Yes.
- 4 Q. [12:59:00] Okay. You decided not to flee with them to Ordo mountain. You
- 5 decided to stay behind in the village, right?
- 6 A. [12:59:19] Yes and no.
- 7 Q. [12:59:24] Okay. You -- you say in your statement: "I decided to stay because
- 8 I was young and able to flee quickly if an attack happened." Okay. Those are your
- 9 words.
- 10 A. [12:59:40] Yes. We -- I said that we all went to the mountain, that we used to
- go back -- the young men among us used to go back to the village. The elderly and
- 12 the children remained in the mountain, but we used to come back to the village and
- 13 return to the mountain at night. This is what I meant by yes and no.
- 14 Q. [13:00:05] What you say is, "... I remained in the village. I decided to stay
- because I was young and able to flee quickly if an attack happened." Which suggests
- 16 that it was more permanent than that, no?
- 17 A. [13:00:18] No, not at all. Maybe there's a mistake here, maybe the full image
- was not conveyed by the translator or interpreter.
- 19 Q. [13:00:27] Did Ordo just very briefly did Ordo have a village defence militia?
- 20 A. [13:00:39] No, not at all.
- 21 Q. [13:00:42] Did Fere have a village defence militia?
- 22 A. [13:00:49] No, not at all.
- 23 Q. [13:00:52] Is it your evidence, before we break, that generally there were -- well,
- 24 no -- in the villages, did people have firearms?
- 25 A. [13:01:18] Some people had, but it is not something that I saw. I heard of this.

- 1 MR EDWARDS: [13:01:29] That's a convenient point, your Honour.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [13:01:34] Yes. All right.
- 3 Sir, we're going to take the break for lunch now, which lasts until 2.30. But, as
- 4 Mr Edwards said, you will be -- your evidence will be concluded this afternoon.
- 5 And please don't discuss it over lunch.
- 6 Yes, thank you very much. We're adjourned till 2.30.
- 7 THE COURT OFFICER: [13:01:54] All rise.
- 8 (Recess taken at 1.01 p.m.)
- 9 (Upon resuming in open session at 2.35 p.m.)
- 10 THE COURT USHER: [14:35:44] All rise.
- 11 Please be seated.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [14:36:05] Mr Edwards, just before you start, I forgot
- 13 to allow time before lunch for the admission, the formal admission of the -- I think it's
- 14 the second diagram that the witness dealt with.
- 15 THE COURT OFFICER: [14:36:21] Your Honour, the satellite image bearing ERN
- 16 DAR-OTP-0220-3745 and sketched or marked by the witness will be assigned number
- 17 DAR-REG-0001-0003 and will be marked as confidential. Thank you.
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [14:36:45] Yes. Thank you.
- 19 Yes, Mr Edwards.
- 20 MR EDWARDS: [14:36:47] Thank you, your Honour.
- 21 Q. [14:36:54] Good afternoon, Mr Witness, I hope you're feeling a bit refreshed after
- the lunch break.
- Now, we were talking about weapons at the very end of the session just before lunch
- 24 and you said that some people had weapons, it wasn't something that you saw.
- 25 Did -- did that situation ever change? Did there come a time when there were much

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- 1 more weapons in the hands of villagers in your part of Darfur?
- 2 A. [14:37:45] No, no.
- 3 Q. [14:37:55] You say you hadn't seen weapons. Of course paragraph 92,
- 4 your Honour in 2003 it's right, isn't it, that a male came to Ordo village from Sindu
- 5 and said that there were rebels based in Sindu protecting villages there, and he asked
- 6 you collectively to keep that information secret. Do you remember telling
- 7 the Prosecution about that?
- 8 A. [14:38:31] Correct.
- 9 Q. [14:38:33] And you saw that that rebel was carrying a Kalashnikov?
- 10 A. [14:38:41] Correct.
- 11 Q. [14:38:53] There was a time when -- actually, I'm moving to a topic which could
- 12 well identify the witness. I'm terribly sorry, could we move into private session,
- 13 please?
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [14:39:11] Yes.
- 15 Private session, please.
- 16 (Private session at 2.39 p.m.)
- 17 THE COURT OFFICER: [14:39:22] We're in private session, Madam President.
- 18 (Redacted)
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- 1 (Open session at 2.59 p.m.)
- 2 THE COURT OFFICER: [14:59:36] We're back in open session, Madam President.
- 3 MR EDWARDS: [14:59:41] Thank you, Madam Court Officer.
- 4 Q. [14:59:46] Mr Witness, on that Friday did you see anyone at the mosque? Were
- 5 there people praying at the mosque that Friday?
- 6 A. [15:00:08] Yes, there was a group praying.
- 7 Q. [15:00:12] Now, our understanding is that the mosque itself, the mosque
- 8 building was itself inside a walled compound; is that correct?
- 9 A. [15:00:36] What do you mean by "walled"?
- 10 Q. [15:00:39] The mosque itself was in a compound and there was a wall around
- 11 the periphery of the compound; is that true?
- 12 A. [15:00:56] Do you mean surrounded by a wall?
- 13 Q. [15:00:58] Yes.
- 14 A. [15:00:59] Or fenced?
- 15 Q. [15:01:04] Yes.
- 16 A. [15:01:08] Yes, yes.
- 17 Q. [15:01:11] And how high was that wall around the -- the compound?
- 18 A. [15:01:25] At the mosque itself, correct?
- 19 Q. [15:01:29] No, how tall was the wall of the compound?
- 20 A. [15:01:40] 1.5 to 2 metres high, more or less. I cannot tell exactly, but more or
- 21 less it was 1.5 to 2 metres.
- 22 Q. [15:01:53] Okay. Now let's forget about the wall around the compound. Let's
- 23 talk about the mosque building itself. Are you with me?
- 24 A. [15:02:08] Yes.
- 25 Q. [15:02:09] Did the mosque itself have windows?

- 1 A. [15:02:19] Yes.
- 2 Q. [15:02:21] People inside the mosque were able to see out, were they?
- 3 A. [15:02:35] No, because I never prayed. I cannot tell because I never prayed in
- 4 the mosque.
- 5 Q. [15:02:43] Okay, fair enough. Well, I won't ask you any more about
- 6 the mosque if you never prayed there.
- 7 What time of day was it when you saw the vehicle that you say was being used by
- 8 Ali Kushayb on this Friday?
- 9 A. [15:03:04] I did not understand the question. What do you mean by the day?
- 10 Q. [15:03:13] What time, what time of day was it? Was it before noon, after noon?
- 11 Are you able to give us an idea of when you saw Ali Kushayb -- Ali Kushayb's
- 12 vehicle?
- 13 A. [15:03:31] In the morning.
- 14 Q. [15:03:38] Early in the morning or late morning?
- 15 A. [15:03:45] Frankly, I did not have a watch to identify the timing. It was in
- the morning, but I cannot tell about the timing, I did not have a watch.
- 17 Q. [15:03:59] Was the vehicle that you saw that day in Deleig, was it a vehicle that
- had that belt of bullets decoration on the bonnet, on the hood?
- 19 A. [15:04:21] Yes.
- 20 Q. [15:04:24] Now, this whole incident, tell me if you agree, this whole incident
- 21 involves the Janjaweed or the police collecting and arresting a person who you
- 22 believe to be Issa Nusara. Is that a fair summary of the situation?
- 23 A. [15:05:07] I did not understand the question.
- 24 Do you mean that the Janjaweed and the police arrested Issa Nusara? Is that what
- 25 you meant?

- 1 Q. [15:05:20] Sorry, I'll -- I'll try it again.
- 2 After he was arrested or collected, or what -- however you want to describe it, was
- 3 Issa Nusara taken into the police station?
- 4 A. [15:05:41] Yes.
- 5 Q. [15:05:44] Was it your impression that that was the purpose of Ali Kushayb's
- 6 presence there that day?
- 7 A. [15:06:04] I'm sorry, I did not understand the question.
- 8 Q. [15:06:11] When Issa Nusara was taken into the police station, did the person
- 9 that you thought was Ali Kushayb go into the police station also?
- 10 A. [15:06:34] No. His soldiers did so.
- 11 Q. [15:06:38] What did the person that you thought was Ali Kushayb do after
- 12 Nusara was taken into the police station?
- 13 A. [15:06:52] What is the question? I did not understand it.
- 14 Q. [15:06:59] What did --
- 15 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:07:00] Sorry, Mr Edwards, I mean he's already
- said what the person did. Are you asking him to go back over it? Or are you
- 17 putting a case to him almost?
- 18 MR EDWARDS: [15:07:10] Yes, yes, yeah.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:07:11] All right.
- 20 MR EDWARDS: [15:07:11]
- 21 Q. [15:07:12] No, what -- just remind us then, what did the person that you thought
- 22 was Ali Kushayb do after Nusara had been taken into the police station?
- 23 A. [15:07:33] After Issa Nusara was taken into the police station, the vehicles
- 24 moved from there and we left.
- 25 Q. [15:07:59] Now thinking very carefully about it, is it possible that where you

- saw the vehicle used by Ali Kushayb, it was in fact in front of the police station, right
- 2 next to the police station?
- 3 A. [15:08:30] Yes.
- 4 Q. [15:08:33] Now the police station on the map, if you look at it on the screen, you
- 5 see it's there marked with a "1".
- 6 A. [15:08:46] Yes.
- 7 Q. [15:08:51] Sir, the -- the point which is marked with a "6", that in fact should be
- 8 closer and in front of the police station; is that right?
- 9 A. [15:09:15] Please repeat the question.
- 10 Q. [15:09:20] All right. How -- if you were at Ali Kushayb's car -- imagine you
- were at Ali Kushayb's car where he was parked in front of the police station and you
- wanted to walk into the police station, was it just a couple of metres away?
- 13 A. [15:09:48] Do you mean from where I was to Kushayb's vehicle or from my
- place to the police station, what is closer?
- 15 Q. [15:09:54] No, sorry.
- 16 A. [15:09:55] Correct?
- 17 Q. [15:09:59] No, I've -- I'm not being very helpful. If Ali Kushayb's car was just in
- 18 front of the police station, how many metres roughly are we talking between the car
- 19 and the police station?
- 20 A. [15:10:19] There was a field, a football field where we used to play football, so
- 21 that was separating between us.
- 22 Q. [15:10:36] I see. Now you told us earlier that -- you told us that if you were
- 23 to -- from where you were, if you were to run to Ali Kushayb's vehicle, it would take
- less than a minute. Do you remember giving that clarification?
- 25 A. [15:11:12] Correct. That's correct.

- 1 Q. [15:11:15] Okay. Now never mind running. If you were to walk, would it
- 2 take about a minute -- would it take about a minute?
- 3 A. [15:11:29] No, I don't think so.
- 4 Q. [15:11:36] It's just I'm -- I'm -- yeah, I'm just intrigued by how you measured it in
- 5 terms of, if running, it would take less than a minute. I'm just trying to clarify that.
- 6 If you were walking, how long would it take for you to get from where you were to
- 7 Ali Kushayb's car, if you were walking?
- 8 A. [15:12:02] Yes, we have street 40, 30 and 20, they have numbers. I was to
- 9 the west of the street. So if we are in street 40, it would mean, for instance, 30 metres,
- and in another street it would require more metres if we walked there.
- 11 Q. [15:12:33] From where you are sitting now, all right, was the distance to
- 12 Ali Kushayb's car more or less than the distance between you and the judges?
- 13 A. [15:12:58] Close to the wall, the wall behind the judges, approximately.
- 14 Q. [15:13:08] Now, when you gave your statement, you -- you indicated
- the following, paragraph 57: "Ali Kushayb remained in his [car] in the football field."
- 16 Okay. I'm reading out directly from your statement. Are you with me?
- 17 A. [15:13:34] He was not there. He was next to his car, not in his car.
- 18 Q. [15:13:40] All right. Well, then I'm -- I'd like to know why you told
- 19 the investigators that he remained in his vehicle. Why were those the words that
- 20 you used when you gave the statement to the investigators?
- 21 A. [15:14:02] Yes, because in --the Fur interpreter did not understand me well.
- 22 However, the second one got me better, he understood me better than the first
- 23 interpreter.
- Q. [15:14:27] Oh, I see. So it's the interpreter's fault that it says "in his vehicle" and
- 25 not "by his vehicle"?

- 1 A. [15:14:45] Yes.
- 2 Q. [15:15:03] Is it not possible that in fact Ali -- the person that you thought was
- 3 Ali Kushayb did remain in the vehicle, where it was -- where he was in the shade?
- 4 A. [15:15:27] That was an open car. It had no roof, in fact.
- 5 Q. [15:15:34] It had no roof. Now, when did -- did you see -- actually, I don't need
- 6 to ask that question. Bear with me for just a second.
- 7 Yeah. Paragraph 61. You went back to the place where you were staying and you
- 8 were told, weren't you, that there was an order that all of the people in Deleig must
- 9 stay inside their houses so that the Janjaweed could check people inside. My
- 10 question is: How was that order communicated to the population of Deleig?
- 11 A. [15:16:57] There was a curfew, which means that we have to stay home.
- 12 Q. [15:17:04] Was that a sort of a standing order curfew, or was it an order that was
- 13 made on the day?
- 14 A. [15:17:19] It was only on Friday.
- 15 Q. [15:17:21] Okay. So how was that order communicated?
- 16 A. [15:17:32] My aunt communicated this to me, but I don't know if she knew from
- 17 whom.
- 18 Q. [15:17:37] All right. And what time of the day was that order communicated?
- 19 Was it still in the morning?
- 20 A. [15:17:53] Yes, in the morning.
- 21 Q. [15:17:55] Before midday prayers?
- 22 A. [15:18:03] In the morning before midday prayers.
- 23 Q. [15:18:07] So if there was an order that people must stay inside their houses, did
- 24 that mean that people -- men weren't able to go to the mosque for midday prayers?
- 25 A. [15:18:29] Some people, not all of them. We were at home, but some of them

- 1 went. We considered that it was dangerous for us to go out and we preferred to stay
- 2 home.
- 3 Q. [15:18:41] How do you know that people went to the mosque?
- 4 A. [15:18:51] I --
- 5 THE INTERPRETER: [15:18:54] I'm sorry, the interpreter could not hear the witness.
- 6 Q. [15:18:57] Just repeat that answer, please. Can you -- can you move a little bit
- 7 forward so that you're closer to the microphones, please.
- 8 A. [15:19:11] I heard, after the afternoon's prayer, that some people went to
- 9 the mosque.
- 10 Q. [15:19:20] Despite a curfew being ordered by the Janjaweed, have I got that
- 11 right?
- 12 A. [15:19:35] I do not know.
- 13 Q. [15:19:40] Do you know if the people who did go to the mosque were Fur or
- 14 non-Fur, or a mixture?
- 15 A. [15:19:57] In Deleig we have the whole -- the entire population is Fur and
- 16 Zaghawa.
- 17 Q. [15:20:08] Exactly. So the people that you heard had gone to the mosque,
- 18 the midday mosque for Friday prayers, were they Fur or Zaghawa, or both? Or do
- 19 you not know?
- 20 A. [15:20:28] Yes.
- 21 Q. [15:20:31] "Yes" what?
- 22 A. [15:20:38] Both Fur and Zaghawa.
- 23 Q. [15:20:41] Was there a time set for how long this curfew was going to last?
- 24 A. [15:20:57] Until the afternoon's or sunset prayer, just after it.
- Q. [15:21:05] During the house search that you talk about in your statement, is it

- 1 fair to say that the focus of the Janjaweed was to find out principally where Sindu
- 2 villagers could be found?
- 3 A. [15:21:30] Yes.
- 4 Q. [15:21:41] During the house search, when you were being questioned about
- 5 a Kalashnikov and questioned about being from Sindu, you were there with a number
- 6 of other people, correct?
- 7 A. [15:22:03] Yes.
- 8 Q. [15:22:05] And there were at least three females with you, correct?
- 9 A. [15:22:15] That's correct.
- 10 Q. [15:22:18] Was it only three or were there -- were there more than three females?
- 11 A. [15:22:25] No, not more.
- 12 Q. [15:22:31] Now you say that later that day you were worried about your aunt.
- 13 You decided to visit her.
- 14 A. [15:22:42] Yes.
- 15 Q. [15:22:45] Was that before or after sunset?
- 16 A. [15:22:54] I left around sunset.
- 17 Q. [15:23:16] So the -- it was getting darker. The lighting conditions was getting
- 18 darker, right?
- 19 A. [15:23:30] No, it wasn't really sunset, it was the beginning of the sunset.
- 20 Q. [15:23:37] Okay. So does that mean, then, that the curfew was still in place?
- 21 A. [15:23:47] In our neighbour, no. But in other neighbourhoods I cannot tell.
- 22 Q. [15:23:54] Well you said earlier that the curfew was to stay in place until -- till
- 23 sunset, right?
- 24 A. [15:24:08] That's correct. But in our neighbourhood after the sunset prayer,
- 25 there was no curfew. I don't know about other neighbourhoods as I did not go there.

- 1 Q. [15:24:21] Okay. So this is what I want to know. When you decided to go and
- 2 see if your aunt was okay, was this before or after the sunset prayer?
- 3 A. [15:24:37] Before sunset prayer.
- 4 Q. [15:24:40] All right. So the curfew was still in place?
- 5 A. [15:24:51] From where I was I felt secure and I did not check.
- 6 Q. [15:24:58] Why didn't you ask one of the women that you were in the -- in
- 7 the house with to go and check on your aunt on your behalf? Wouldn't that have
- 8 been the more -- the safer way to proceed?
- 9 A. [15:25:24] We were all scared, men and women alike.
- 10 Q. [15:25:30] But the Janjaweed weren't ...
- 11 Are you okay to continue, Mr Witness?
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:25:53] Mr Edwards, I think you really can get to
- 13 the point of this. He's been here all day and leading up to what appears to be a very
- small point could be done much quicker.
- 15 MR EDWARDS:
- 16 Q. [15:26:19] Are you --
- 17 A. [15:26:21] Yes, I can go on.
- 18 Q. [15:26:35] When you went to the market the following day, the Saturday, I want
- 19 to ask about that for a moment, okay? Yeah?
- 20 A. [15:26:53] Yes.
- 21 Q. [15:26:55] What were you doing going to the market that Saturday?
- 22 A. [15:27:05] Because these are the only stores or shops that we have. We don't
- 23 have any other shops to buy from.
- Q. [15:27:19] Was the Janjaweed still stopping people and arresting people that
- 25 Saturday?

- 1 A. [15:27:30] On Saturday there was no curfew.
- 2 Q. [15:27:42] Now you say that at the Deleig mosque you were standing around
- 3 with a group of young people chatting?
- 4 A. [15:28:07] Yes, that's correct.
- 5 Q. [15:28:10] And I want to ask you about what you saw of vehicles travelling past
- 6 with men in the back, okay?
- 7 A. [15:28:32] They were Land Cruisers travelling past with men between Deleig
- 8 and Koska. There were people on board of these Land Cruisers. And maybe
- 9 30 minutes later they were -- they came back empty, with no people on board.
- 10 Q. [15:28:54] You're saying your -- you say that the people in the back of the vehicle
- 11 appeared to be Fur. Can you tell us what you mean by that. What makes them
- 12 appear to be Fur?
- 13 A. [15:29:15] That was clear. Almost all regions were empty of people and these
- vehicles were moving between Deleig and Garsila, so.
- 15 Q. [15:29:40] Yes. And what you say is there were men wearing civilian clothes
- and appeared to be Fur. What made them appear to be Fur?
- 17 A. [15:29:58] Because two of my brothers -- two of my uncles died.
- 18 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:30:17] Mr Edwards, I really --
- 19 MR EDWARDS: [15:30:18] Bear with me for a moment, please.
- 20 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: -- think you can get to the end of your
- 21 cross-examination fairly quickly now.
- 22 MR EDWARDS: [15:30:23] Yeah. I was just saying if he could bear with me, I just
- want to (Overlapping speakers)
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:30:31] All right.
- 25 MR EDWARDS: [15:30:32] Yes, thank you very much. Those are my questions.

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:30:36] Yes.
- 2 Re-examination, Mr Nicholls?
- 3 MR NICHOLLS: [15:30:42] Just very briefly, your Honour.
- 4 Take your time, sir, it's all right. Tell me when you're ready.
- 5 Actually, I'll skip it, your Honour. Thank you.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:31:28] Sir, do you think you could answer just
- 7 a few more questions? If you'd rather finish now, then we'll finish now.
- 8 No, all right.
- 9 THE WITNESS: [15:31:48](Interpretation) I can carry on.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: Are you sure?
- 11 THE WITNESS: [15:31:49](Interpretation) Yes.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:31:54] Mr Nicholls, then.
- 13 QUESTIONED BY MR NICHOLLS:
- 14 Q. [15:32:00] Thank you. I'll try to be brief, sir.
- 15 Maybe if you could look at me a second.
- 16 You were asked a lot of questions about seeing Ali Kushayb in Deleig on that Friday
- 17 just now by the Defence. I want to very -- and I want to make exactly what you saw
- and what you remember clear. Okay? So that's -- that's what I'm going to ask you
- 19 about.
- 20 Now just take me through in your own words that morning when you were walking
- 21 to work and you saw Ali Kushayb's vehicle, and what you saw of him after that.
- 22 Just tell me in your own words, just very briefly, how you saw Ali Kushayb that
- 23 morning.
- 24 A. [15:33:08] We were sat down and about three cars arrived with Janjaweed on
- 25 board of it, and that included Ali Kushayb's -- Ali Kushayb's car. Because it was an

- 1 open cab. I was with my cousin, (Redacted), and we were sat down and we watched
- 2 what happened.
- 3 Q. [15:33:37] And -- and just if you could just tell the judges how sure or not sure
- 4 you were that it was Ali Kushayb you saw that day in Deleig.
- 5 A. [15:34:03] I will add something. Before the attack on Sindu, three days before
- 6 the attack, Ali Kushayb visited Deleig, the police station in Deleig, in the southeast
- 7 area. And we were there. It was like a small café and Ali Kushayb sat there and I
- 8 saw him there. I didn't see him only once or twice. I know him very well. I
- 9 a hundred per cent know him.
- 10 Q. [15:34:44] Thank you.
- 11 I'll stop there.
- 12 JUDGE ALAPINI-GANSOU: [15:34:57](Interpretation) Thank you,
- 13 Madam President.
- 14 I would like to put a question to Mr Witness. With regard to the curfew that he
- mentioned continuously, I understood that there were constantly curfews, namely,
- 16 during the week.
- 17 Are you trying to make a comparison between the time when the Janjaweed came to
- the houses searching for weapons and this curfew?
- 19 THE WITNESS: [15:35:55](Interpretation) Yes, yes.
- 20 JUDGE ALAPINI-GANSOU: [15:36:00](Overlapping speakers)
- 21 (Interpretation) -- the number of times that the Janjaweed went through the houses
- 22 looking for weapons.
- 23 THE INTERPRETER: [15:36:06] The interpreter did not catch the beginning of
- 24 the sentence, the question, because the microphone was engaged elsewhere.
- 25 JUDGE ALAPINI-GANSOU: [15:36:34](Interpretation) Do you have an idea of

- the number of times that the Janjaweed came by looking for weapons in the houses?
- 2 THE WITNESS: [15:36:50](Interpretation) No, because after that Friday incident I
- 3 went back to Garsila. I don't know how many times they came.
- 4 JUDGE ALAPINI-GANSOU: [15:37:01](Interpretation) Okay. Thank you.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:37:07] Yes, so I've just got one question, or one
- 6 topic.
- 7 You were asked a number of questions about the time that your relation identified
- 8 Ali Kushayb to you as "Uncle Ali" I think you said it was.
- 9 Was that before the -- the conflict started, before the Janjaweed were acting in your
- 10 area?
- 11 THE WITNESS: [15:37:55](Interpretation) This is before I left Ordo and went to
- 12 Garsila.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:38:01] So you were working at the shop
- 14 from -- the shop owned by your relative from time to time?
- 15 THE WITNESS: [15:38:12](Interpretation) Yes.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:38:15] Did he explain to you, your relative, why
- 17 he was pointing this man out? You were asked by Mr Edwards what was special
- 18 about him.
- 19 THE WITNESS: [15:38:38](Interpretation) Yes, because during that period
- 20 everybody was talking about him. And that's why -- that's why he pointed him out
- 21 to me, because everybody was talking about him.
- 22 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:38:52] You've said that before, but if this is before
- 23 the conflict, why was everybody talking about him?
- 24 THE WITNESS: [15:39:09](Interpretation) I don't know. I don't know really why
- 25 they were talking about him. It's been a very long time. I can't remember

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- 1 everything. It's been nearly 20 years now, so I can't remember everything.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:39:21] Yes, well, don't worry.
- 3 Yes, all right.
- 4 Sir, can I thank you on behalf of the whole Court for coming to court. We can all see
- 5 it's been a highly emotional experience for you. I'm sorry about that. But can I
- 6 reassure you that your evidence, as with all witnesses, is very important. And so I
- 7 do thank you for coming.
- 8 Yes, so if you would like to go with the court officer now and I wish you a safe return
- 9 home.
- 10 THE WITNESS: [15:40:00](Interpretation) Thank you all.
- 11 (The witness is excused)
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:40:16] While the witness is being -- we're going
- 13 to admit the other documents or they're going to be read out and given a number
- 14 rather than admitting, I suppose.
- 15 THE COURT OFFICER: [15:40:27] Thank you, your Honour.
- 16 The document with ERN DAR-OTP-0220-3745 and marked by the witness will be
- 17 assigned Registry number DAR-REG-0001-0004 and will be marked as confidential.
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:40:45] Yes.
- 20 Mr Edwards, in the end you never really put a case to him, but I'm assuming that it's
- 21 simply that he's -- he's made a mistake in his identification.
- 22 MR EDWARDS: [15:40:57] Yes, I --
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:40:58] I mean, I know it's -- it was difficult, I
- 24 appreciate.
- 25 MR EDWARDS: [15:41:02] Yes, and I -- and I didn't want to prolong matters and I

- think -- I hope my position was reasonably clear (Overlapping speakers)
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:41:15] Well, I mean your position is clear.
- 3 MR EDWARDS: [15:41:17] Yeah, yeah.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:41:21] But as I say, I think it's -- I think, well, I
- 5 mean, in any event, he answered even if it wasn't put strongly through
- 6 re-examination, which is that he's absolutely positive it's him.
- 7 MR EDWARDS: [15:41:34](Overlapping speakers) That's what he said.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:41:36] Yes, all right.
- 9 So tomorrow obviously is off. And are there any problems over Thursday's witness,
- 10 no, anybody knows of?
- MR NICHOLLS: [15:41:47] Not that I'm aware of, Judge, unless I've missed an email.
- 12 I'm in court now.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:41:52] He's the one on video link. However,
- if -- is the -- is the Friday's one on video link as well? No, he's a live one --
- 15 MR NICHOLLS: [15:42:00] Thursday -- sorry. Thursday is video link, Friday is in
- 16 person.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:42:04] Is Thursday's video-link witness going to
- 18 take the whole day? Because if not, we might try and start Friday's witness.
- 19 MR NICHOLLS: [15:42:14] The direct, I hope, will be -- it's not my witness, but
- 20 the information I received was an hour. So I was a little over an hour today, but ...
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:42:25] But not so much, yeah.
- 22 MR NICHOLLS: [15:42:27] No. So I think about an hour is what we're planning on.
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:42:32] Mr Laucci, have you any idea?
- 24 MR LAUCCI: [15:42:35] Thank you for having asked that. In that case, I think our
- colleagues in the Office of the Prosecutor should be ready to have P-0120 come for

- 1 the afternoon session.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:42:45] Right. Well, if we can arrange that,
- 3 because that way at least it will give the Defence more time.
- 4 Is he 68(3) as well, the last witness, the witness for Friday? Yes, he is, isn't he?
- 5 MR NICHOLLS: [15:43:01] Both are, I believe. Yes.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:43:02] All right. Yes.
- 7 Very well, so Friday morning. I'm happy to say that the air conditioning in the court
- 8 appears to have been fixed or at least remedied. So whether --
- 9 MR NICHOLLS: [15:43:16] Does that mean we're in this courtroom still or?
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE KORNER: [15:43:20] I don't know. Are we -- Wilfred, are we?
- 11 Apparently it's being left up to us. Do we want here or courtroom -- here or
- 12 courtroom 2? All right. There's an "I don't care" from here, so I'll say all right we'll
- 13 stay where we are, if everybody's happy with that.
- 14 Yes, well, I wish everybody a happy Queen's Day -- King's Day.
- 15 Thank you.
- 16 THE COURT USHER: [15:43:57] All rise.
- 17 (The hearing ends in open session at 3.43 p.m.)