

# Special Court for Sierra Leone

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# CHILD SOLDIERS



# The AFRC Case



“At all times relevant to this Indictment, throughout the Republic of Sierra Leone, AFRC/RUF routinely conscripted, enlisted and/or used boys and girls under the age of 15 to participate in active hostilities. Many of these children were first abducted, then trained in AFRC/RUF camps in various locations throughout the country, and thereafter used as fighters.” AFRC Indictment, para. 65.

# The RUF Case



“For **Count 12**: Conscripting or enlisting children under the age of **15** years into armed forces or groups, or using them to participate actively in hostilities, an Other Serious Violation of International Humanitarian Law, punishable under Article 4(c) of the Statute, a **TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF :**



**ISSA SESAY : 50 YEARS**  
**MORRIS KALLON : 35 YEARS**  
**AUGUSTINE GBAO : ACQUITTED**




# Charles Taylor



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“Between about 30 November 1996 and about 18 January 2002, throughout the Republic of Sierra Leone, members of the RUF, AFRC, AFRC/RUF Junta or alliance, and/or Liberian fighters, assisted and encouraged by, acting in concert with, under the direction and/or control of, and/or subordinate to the ACCUSED, routinely conscripted, enlisted and/or used boys and girls under the age of 15 to participate in active hostilities. [...]”



“...Children were of great importance to the RUF organisation. As the RUF had no formal means of recruitment, it relied heavily on abducted children to increase the number of fighters within the RUF. Young boys were of particular value to the RUF due to their loyalty to the movement and their ability to effectively conduct espionage activities, as their small size and agility made them particularly suitable for hazardous assignments. The younger children were particularly aggressive when armed and were known to kill human beings as if they were nothing more than “chickens.”

**Children  
and  
The Truth and Reconciliation Commission  
for  
Sierra Leone**



**Recommendations for policies and procedures  
for addressing and involving children in the  
Truth and Reconciliation Commission**

UNICEF  
National Forum for Human Rights  
TUNAMSHI: Human Rights

# Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM)





# UNITAD



# UNITAD : VIDEO