

(C)I **IN THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**
ISSUED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
GAMBIA TO INQUIRE IN TO THE FINANCIAL DEALINGS, ASSETS
ETC. OF EX-PRESIDENT YAHYA JAMMEH, FAMILY MEMBERS AND
CLOSE ASSOCIATES.

DATE: **THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 12:56AM**
SUBJECT MATTER: **GATEWAY ACCOUNT/CONTINUATION OF EVIDENCE**
EXPECTED WITNESS: **NUHA WILLAMS M.S. JAMMEH**

APPEARANCES:

CHAIRMAN TO THE COMMISSION: **HONORABLE SOURAHATA B. S**
JANNEH
COMMISSIONER: **HONORABLE BAI MASS SAINÉ**
COMMISSIONER: **HONORABLE ABIOSSEH GEORGE**
SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION: **ALHAGIE MAMADI KURANG**
COUNSEL TO THE COMMISSION: **MS. AMIE N. BENSOUDA**
TRANSCRIBER: **MAIMUNA TOURAY**

1. THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 12:56AM BEFORE THE COMMISSION OF

2. **INQUIRY**

3. **MS. A. BENSOUA: Mr. Chairman, I call Mr. Nuha Williams Jammeh.**

4. **(WITNESS IS REMINDED THAT HE IS STILL UNDER OATH)**

5. MS. A. BENSOUA: Mr. Jammeh, you were required to be here at 10am today?

6. WITNESS: I apologize for being late Ma, I was caught by the tariff

7. **CONTINUATION OF EVIDENCE OF NUHA WILLIAMS M.S. JAMMEH**

8. **BY LEAD MS A. BENSOUA**

9. Q: Mr. Jammeh, where exactly is the office of **General Sulayman Badji** situated in Banjul?

10. A: At the entrance of the **State House**.

11. Q: At the entrance?

12. A Yes.

13. Q: Before the gate or after the gate?

14. A: After the barrier, I guess you know where the barrier is.

15. Q: Probably not. Where is the barrier?

16. A: Where the security used to stand that is what I mean the barrier.

17. Q: Is there an officer building there?

18. A: Yes, that is where his office is situated?

19. Q: What is that office call?

20. A: It is commonly known as **General Badji Office**.

21. Q: What was his position at the State House?
22. A: He was the **Commander RNG**.
23. Q: What is **RNG**?
24. A: **Republic National Guard**.
25. Q: So when you recollected the monies from **Central Bank**, where did you put them,
26. what do you used to carry the money because sometimes you took D21, 000, 000; where did you
27. put it?
28. A: It was in bags sorts of, bags I repeat.
29. Q: Bags?
30. A: Yes.
31. Q: Who gave you those bags, did you take them with you or you were given those bags by
32. the **Central Bank**?
33. A: There are instances that I get bags from **Central Bank**, and equally there are instances
34. we go with bags in the event they do not have.
35. Q: In the event they don't have, what do you do?
36. A: We go with bags or I go with bags.
37. Q: How would you know they don't have, how would you know that when you get to the
38. **Central Bank** today they would not have bags?
39. A: When I go there sometimes they do complain that we don't return bags, so they would

40. request that they need bags so in that we have to go with bags.
41. Q: Did you act as **General Badji Bodyguard**, were you his **Bodyguard**?
42. A: Not at all.
43. Q: Are you related to him?
44. A: Not at all. I only knew him in the system.
45. Q: Are you related to the **Ex-President**?
46. A: Yep, I am.
47. Q: How are you related?
48. A: We are all natives.
49. Q: What course are you studying by the way?
50. A: I am studying **Public Admin**.
51. Q: So when I say that are you related to **President Jammeh**, we want to know whether you
52. are blood relative or you are relative by marriage, and not whether you are natives. I believe you
53. and I are natives of The Gambia. Now, are you related to **President Jammeh**?
54. A: When I say natives I mean we are from the same village that is what I mean by natives.
55. Q: You are from the same village?
56. A: Yep.
57. Q: And this is **Kanilia**?
58. A: Yep.

59. Q: Are you blood relative?
60. A: Yes, we would be blood relative.
61. Q: How long did you say you work with **General Badji**?
62. A: Since **2014** that is when I was posted to SG.
63. Q: **2014 to 2016**?
64. A: Yep.
65. Q: I am sure you will realize that you alone carry from **Central Bank to General Badji**
66. about **D250, 000, 000**, that is a lot of money. Did you realize that; in Dollars and in Dalasis?
67. A: I did not take an account of the total sums of money.
68. Q: But I am sure you realized you took a lot of money to **General Badji**?
69. A: Very well Ma.
70. Q: Did you after you gave him the money at any time because these are large sums of
71. money, did you at any time thereafter see him take those bags and go to **the Office of the**
72. **President**?
73. A: Repeat text, say again Ma?
74. Q: You say his office is located at the entrance?
75. A: Yep.
76. Q: After the barrier but before the gate?
77. A: Yep.

78. MS. A. BENSOUDA: Could you say yes, if you don't mind. Yes is more polite.
79. WITNESS: Yes Ma, with due respect Ma.
80. Q: Here you took bags of money to **General Badji**, this must be quite heavy **21, 000, 000**
81. I can't even imagine myself. My question is, did you at time see **General Badji** moved those
82. bags, take them with him to go into **State House** to meet **the President**?
83. A: As I stated yesterday, whenever I collect the money I take it to his office and the deal is
84. over as far as my part is concerned.
85. Q: But my question is a simple one, you are the **Commander of Military Police**?
86. A: I am.
87. Q: And I understand your station is at the gate?
88. A: Yep, yes Ma,
89. Q: My question is, did you ever see **General Badji** because you remember you signed
90. documents saying these monies were meant for the **President**?
91. A: Yes Ma.
92. Q: I just want to confirm whether you ever saw **General Badji** take those bags to the
93. **President**, the bags that you gave him; did you recollect seeing him take those bags and going
94. inside the **State House**?
95. Q: Whether I have seen him collect those bags and take them to the **State House**?
96. A: Yes?

97. A: I can recollect but I may not be able to say when it happens.

98. Q: I understand but was there an occasion once, twice when you saw him actually take those

99. bags to the **Office of the President**?

100.A: Yep Ma.

101.Q: Was once, twice; how many times?

102.A: I repeat I cannot recollect the times.

103.Q: You cannot recollect the times?

104.A: Yes.

105.Q: Are you studying at the **University**?

106.A: I am currently Ma.

107.Q: Which year?

108.A: **Second Year** Ma.

109.Q: Did it border you that about **200, 000, 000** even if you didn't count, the amount of monies

110.you took from **Central Bank** is more than the budget of many of the Ministries put together in

111. one year, did it ever occur to you that this might be money that could be used for national

112.development this being a poor country; did it every cross your mind, what is this money for,

113.this so much money being given to one man; did it cross your mind at all Mr. Jammeh?

114.A: To be frank I do not question my mind as to what the money is meant for but to me from

115.my perspective I felt the money is meant for national development. How it goes about doing it,

116. I do not know Ma.

117.MS. A. BENSOUA: That is all for Mr. Jammeh.

118.COMMISSIONER SAINÉ:For national development there are appointed officers, so if you

119.had no doubt that the money was meant for national development; did you ever wonder why it

120.had to go through the State House in bags?

121.A: Would you go through your question again.

122.COMMISSIONER SAINÉ : You just mentioned you believed the money was for national

123.development?

124.A: Yep.

125.COMMISSIONER SAINÉ:But in our structure there are institutions for national

126.development, officers appointed for national development?

127.A: Yes Sir.

128.COMMISSIONER SAINÉ:So the question is, did it ever cross your mind that for national

129.development it really should not be going through the **State House** via top military aid or via

130. the President personally because there is a role that you played bringing the money home?

131.A: Yep.

132.COMMISSIONER SAINÉ:So in that process and it is ok to believe that it is for national

133. development, you don't have to account for that but what we are asking is, for national

134.development and their institutions to execute; did it really have to go through the State House via

135.his top military aid and finally to the *President*?

136.A: I might not be able to give you at this juncture the break down as to how the money is

137. going to be spent on national development.

138.COMMISSIONER SAINÉ:That is not my question. I am asking transporting or escorting

139.money to the top military aid of the **President**, and final delivery of cash to the **President**, is that

140.as way to contribute positively to national development; this is now purely **Economics and**

141.**Public Policy Management** which you are studying?

142.A: As you rightly stated that you are a **Banker**, to me you being a specialist in that area you

143. will be in a better position to guide and counsel me on these **Economics** terms you are using.

144. I for one do not have much knowledge on Economic terms as you rightly stated. So if you come

145.down to my level, maybe I would be on board with you.

146.Q: The answer is yes or no, do you believe or do you not believe that taking money to the

147. State House via the top military aid of the President for final delivery to the President is a way to

148.contribute positively to national development; yes or no?

149.A: I do not have an answer to that.

150.COMMISSIONER GEORGE: Mr. Jammeh, just one question maybe you can enlighten

151.me. I know based on the evidence so far, you did over 21 transactions correct me if I am wrong.

152. You did about 21 transactions from the **Central Bank** and vast amounts **21, 000, 000,**

153.**Thousands of Dollars and Euros** etc. As your role as Head, you said **Commander of Military**

154.of **Police**, you were spending so much time at **Central Bank** collecting money, how were you

155.able to do your main function, security functions?

156.A: **Central Bank** to **State House** is just a stone throw. My task I stated yesterday. Once I

157.received the instruction from **General Badji** that I should go to **Central Bank** and collect the

158.money, equally the **Governor** would call me prior to me going. So once I received the call from

159.**Governor** , I have to respond to the call and then when I gets to his office, he has to do all the

160.monetary transaction and that is it, once the sum of money is given to me that I should escort to

161. the **State House**. My task is to make sure that the money is transported from **Governor Office** or

162.from **Central Bank** to **General Badji** Office safely and that is the deal.

163.COMMISSIONER GEORGE: So you consider this to be part of security matters?

164.A: Escort is one of my functions.

165.COMMISSIONER GEORGE: Thank you.

166.CHAIRMAN: You said you believe the money was meant for national

167.development, do you maintain that?

168.A: I said from my perspective.

169.CHAIRMAN: From your perspective?

170.A: Yes Sir.

171.CHAIRMAN: Well that perspective is based on your heart or on your head?

172.A: I guess the head coordinate.

173.CHAIRMAN: If it is based or it was based on your head then it had to be

174. rational. So what are the reasons for your believe that these huge amount of money given to

175. General Badji on conventionally was meant for national development. I don't think that is

176.difficult English but let us break it down. On what reasons do you based this idea of national

177.development?

178.A: To me I felt that question; the guy who can give an accurate or appreciative answer to it

179.would be General Badji Sir.

180.CHAIRMAN: No, but you said your idea was based on your brain, that is on

181.reasons rather than your heart where you can simply feel. So then it was based on your heart and

182. not on your heart, when you said you believe that the amount was meant for national

183.development, is that not correct, you can have both ways, it is either rational based on the head or

184.irrational based on the heart; so what can you tell us?

185.A: I repeat rational Sir, but I think General Badji has a better stand to answer that question.

186.CHAIRMAN: That will be all.

187.MS. BENSOU DA CONTINUES

188.Q: Can you give us the names of the drivers that escorted you when you went to Central

189.Bank?

190.A: The driver that went with me?

191.Q: Yes?

192.A: He is currently not here.

193.Q: What is his name?

194.A: He is **Sergeant Beyai**.

195.Q: First name?

196.A: I cannot remember.

197.Q: He was the only one who escorted you on all the occasions?

198.A: Yes.

199.Q: Was he your drive in the Military Wing or General Badji driver?

200.A: He is one of his drivers.

201.Q: He is one of General Badji driver?

202.A: Yes.

203.MS. A. BENSOUDA: That is all Mr. Jammeh.

(Proceedings ended at 13:13PM)

I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of the electronic sound recording of the proceedings in the above entitled matter to the best of my knowledge and ability.

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