EXHIBIT 19

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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2	FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
	ESTHER KIOBEL, individually and on behalf: CIVIL
3	of her late husband, DR BARINEM KIOBEL, : ACTION
	BISHOP AUGUSTINE NUMENE : NO. 02CV
4	JOHN-MILLER, DORNUBARI ANSLEM : 7618
	JOHN-MILLER, CHARLES BARIDORN WIWA, :
5	ISRAEL PYAKENE NWIDOR, :
	KENDRICKS DORLE NWIKPO, ANTHONY B, :
	KOTE-WITAH, VICTOR B WIFA, DUMLE J. :
	KUNENU, BENSON MAGNUS IKARI, :
	LEGBARA TONY IDIGMA, PIUS NWINEE, :
	SIMEON DEDDOA, KPOBARI TUSIMA individually:
R	and on behalf of his late father :
Ů	CLEMENT TUSIMA, and individually on behalf:
Q	Of all others similarly situated: :
1	Plaintiffs :
10	Vs. :
ΙV	ROYAL DUTCH PETROLEUM COMPANY; :
11	SHELL TRANSPORT AND TRADING :
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10	COMPANY, p.l.c. : Defendants :
12	Defendants :
12	KEN WIWA, individually and as : 96 Civ.
13	Executor of the Estate of his : 8386 (KMW)
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14	deceased father KEN SARO-WIWA, and :
1.5	OWENS WIWA, and BLESSING KPUINEN :
10	Individually and as the Administratix :
	Of the Estate of her husband, :
16	JOHN KPUINEN, and JANE DOE :
	Plaintiffs :
17	;
	vs.
18	ROYAL DUTCH PETROLEUM COMPANY and :
	SHELL TRANSPORT AND TRADING COMPANY :
19	P.l.c. :
	Defendants :
20	KEN WIWA, individually and as Executor : 01 Civ.
	Of the Estate of his deceased father : 1909 (KMW)
21	KEN SARO-WIWA, AND OWENS WIWA :
	And BLESSING KPUINEN, individually :
22	2 And as the Administratix of the :
	Estate of her husband, JOHN KPUINEN, :
23	3 and JANE DOE, :
	vs. :
24	BRIAN ANDERSON, :
	Defendant :
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3	DEPOSITION OF BLESSING ISRAEL
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6	friday, 28th May 2004 AT: 8.09 am
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- 1 A. I have to go the same process I tell you to
- 2 Cameroon.
- 3 O. What did you do when you got back to
- 4 Cameroon?
- 5 A. I start fishing.
- 6 Q. Did you go back to Nigeria any time after
- 7 December 1993?
- 8 A. After December 1993 I come back to the
- 9 2nd June 1994. On 2nd June 1994 I arrive on Oron
- 10 beach.
- 11 Q. How did you get from Cameroon to Nigeria on
- 12 June 22nd 1994?
- 13 A. I enter boat from Mokangi to that Oron beach.
- 14 Q. This was the same place that you had arrived
- 15 in December?
- MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the
- 17 question.
- 18 A. Yes, I arrive in December, the same beach.
- 19 MR WHINSTON: Can you tell me what happened
- 20 when you landed in June 22nd 1994?
- 21 A. As soon as --
- 22 MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the
- 23 question.
- 24 A. I should go?
- MR WHINSTON: Yes.

- 1 A. As soon as I arrive I and my friend, as soon
- 2 as we arrive in that beach we are coming out from the
- 3 boat climbing down and saw 11 police, 11 Shell police.
- 4 Q. Let me stop you right there. Who is the
- 5 friend that you are referring to?
- 6 A. My friend is Mr Cabala Bassey.
- 7 Q. You said you saw 11 Shell police?
- 8 A. 11 Shell police.
- 9 Q. How did you know they were Shell police?
- 10 A. Shell I know them by their vehicle and their
- 11 uniform.
- 12 Q. Describe their uniform?
- 13 A. They used to look neat.
- Q. What do you mean by neat?
- 15 A. Keeping yourself presented is neat, keeping
- 16 their uniform neat.
- 17 Q. Describe the vehicle?
- 18 A. The vehicle is black bus.
- 19 Q. Where was the black bus the first time you
- 20 saw it?
- 21 A. The black bus was at the upland.
- 22 Q. Upland?
- 23 A. Up behind the house there. So where they
- 24 came to that jetty when we climb up they asked.
- 25 Q. Just a second, you said behind the house,

- 1 what house?
- 2 A. One house there, I don't know the owner of
- 3 the house, but the house is there I can take the --
- Q. Can you repeat what you just said?
- 5 A. The house is there. I can take this panel
- 6 to that place.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. The bus was parked behind the house.
- 9 Q. What happened next?
- 10 A. When we are coming they asked is that an
- 11 Ogoni man there, they ask is that Ogoni people there.
- 12 Yes, we have to answer, yes, Ogoni we thought maybe
- 13 there is message to be for Ogoni people.
- 14 (The question was read back by the Court Reporter).
- MR WHINSTON: Were you aware at the time you
- 16 arrived on Oron beach that there had been an incident
- 17 in Ogoni earlier that involved the murder of four
- 18 elders.
- 19 MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the
- 20 question.
- 21 A. When anything like that happened I was not in
- 22 Nigeria by then, that is my way of returning Cameroon
- 23 and I was arrested on that Oron beach which was another
- 24 different state from River State.
- 25 MR WHINSTON: Who asked you are there any

- 1 Ogoni here?
- 2 MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the
- 3 question.
- 4 MR WHINSTON: Who said are there any Ogoni
- 5 here?
- 6 MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the
- 7 question.
- 8 A. The Shell police ask is that Ogoni there
- 9 because they are hunting for the Ogoni people.
- 10 Q. What did you say?
- 11 A. We answered yes we are Ogoni we thought there
- 12 was message for Ogoni people. As soon as we accepted
- 13 that we are Ogoni the batoned me.
- Q. Tell me what happened next?
- 15 A. They batoned me.
- 16 Q. What do you mean by that?
- 17 A. They use hand baton to hit my head and
- 18 I faint.
- 19 Q. Do you have a scar on your head from that
- 20 blow?
- 21 A. This is what I have.
- Q. Could we have a shot of that, please.
- 23 A. Is what I have from Shell police as soon as I
- 24 said I am an Ogoni man.
- Q. What happened to you after you were hit?

- 1 A. They took us into that bus to their station.
- Q. Where was what you describe as their station?
- 3 A. When we get down there my friend Mr Cabala
- 4 Bassey, he is a learned somebody, he can read.
- 5 Q. Can you read?
- 6 A. Myself I cannot read, Bassey can read and the
- 7 name is up there, Shell Police Post.
- 8 Q. So that is what Mr Bassey told you?
- 9 A. Yes, when we arrived there they chain my leg
- 10 together put us both inside the cell.
- 11 (The question was read back by the Court Reporter).
- 12 MR WHINSTON: How long did it take to get
- 13 from when you got on the bus to when you arrived at
- 14 what you describe as the Shell police station?
- 15 A. From the beach to the station they give us 10
- 16 minutes time.
- Q. Had you ever been at that building before?
- 18 A. Huh?
- 19 Q. Had you ever been in what you described as
- 20 the Shell Police Station before that day?
- 21 MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the
- 22 question.
- 23 A. As soon as we arrived there the --
- 24 MR WHINSTON: Listen to my question: had
- 25 you ever been to the building you described as a police

- 1 station before June 22nd before?
- 2 A. I have not been described but it is that time
- 3 I describe that day.
- 4 Q. So that was the first time you had ever been
- 5 there?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the
- 8 question.
- 9 A. I had been in that same police custody.
- 10 MR MILLSON: Can you read back that answer?
- 11 (The question was read back by the Court Reporter).
- 12 MR WHINSTON: What do you mean by that?
- 13 A. The first time I am entering that police,
- $14\,$ that is the first time I am entering that police post.
- 15 MR WHINSTON: Can you describe to me what
- 16 happened at the Shell police post?
- 17 MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the
- 18 question.
- 19 A. That police, the Shell police post there is
- 20 upstairs.
- 21 MR WHINSTON: Sorry?
- 22 A. It is upstairs, why it is down, the following
- 23 day being on the 23rd they brought us from that cell.
- 24 They took from us that cell to the interrogation room,
- 25 to make a --

- 1 MR MILLSON: Can you read that back please,
- 2 and the question.
- 3 (The question and answer was read back by the Court
- 4 Reporter).
- 5 MR WHINSTON: To make a what?
- 6 A. To make a statement.
- 7 Q. Describe the building, what you called a
- 8 Shell police post, I want you to describe the building
- 9 to me as best you can?
- 10 A. That Shell police post they build it.
- 11 Q. Sorry?
- 12 A. They build it round, like this, from a --
- 13 Q. It is round?
- 14 A. It is round. There is this entrance to that
- 15 police. As soon as you come in this is the cell, way
- 16 up is upstairs.
- 17 Q. What is upstairs?
- 18 A. Huh?
- 19 Q. How many floors does the building have?
- 20 A. I have not climb all the steps. They just
- 21 brought us into that cell and bring us to the
- 22 interrogation room the following day.
- 23 Q. Okay. I thought you said something about
- 24 upstairs in one of your earlier answers?
- 25 A. The building is upstairs, what we mean by

- 1 upstairs one room is down and one room is up.
- Q. Okay. But what part of the building were
- 3 you held in?
- 4 A. Colour? I thought maybe he said colour.
- 5 Q. What part of the building was the cell that
- 6 you were put in, where was the cell that you were put
- 7 in?
- 8 A. I don't understand.
- 9 Q. Was it on the ground floor or first floor?
- 10 A. They took us to the downstairs and obtained a
- 11 statement.
- 12 Q. They put you first in the cell, right?
- 13 A. The first time we came from the beach
- 14 straight to the cell.
- 15 Q. Where was the cell from when you entered that
- 16 building?
- 17 A. As you are coming into that yard the cell is
- 18 opposite and then they bring us by the left side to the
- 19 interrogation room.
- Q. What happened in the interrogation room?
- 21 A. In that interrogation room I sit down and one
- 22 policeman who obtained my statement, he ask why the
- 23 blood is coming out of the injury I have. They asked
- 24 me why we Ogoni do not allow Shell to operate in
- 25 Ogoniland. I am asking is that why I am arrested.

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- 1 Q. What did he say to you?
- 2 A. He said I should not joke with him, if I play
- 3 with other Nigerian police I should not play with
- 4 him. He is a Shell police, I said is that why we were
- 5 arrested. I ask him why we are arrested.
- 6 Q. What did he say?
- 7 A. He said, yes, he cannot deny it. He said I
- 8 should not joke with him. This is not ordinary
- 9 Nigerian police, it is the Shell police.
- 10 Q. What other questions did he ask you and what
- 11 other answers did you provide?
- 12 A. He asked me do I know Ken Saro Wiwa.
- 13 Q. Do you know Ken Saro Wiwa?
- 14 A. I say yes. He said did I know NYCOP and I
- 15 said ah, I know NYCOP. He said me do I know anything
- 16 about vigilante. I said, yes, all those organisation
- 17 is still in Ogoniland. He said, okay, but can we
- 18 allow Shell to operate in Ogoniland. I said the
- 19 matter is above me.
- Q. What happened next?
- 21 A. What happened, he get me 50 strokes of
- 22 koboke.
- 23 Q. What is a koboke?
- A. Koboke, cable.
- Q. A cable?

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- 1 A. Yes, to flog me 50 times.
- Q. Where did he flog you, what part of your
- 3 body?
- 4 A. He flogged me to accept that Shell should
- 5 operate in Ogoniland.
- 6 Q. What part of your body did he hit with the
- 7 koboke?
- 8 A. All my body.
- 9 Q. Do you have any injuries from that beating?
- 10 A. Of that koboke.
- 11 Q. Yes?
- 12 A. At that Shell police?
- 13 Q. Yes?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Had you ever met Ken Saro Wiwa?
- 16 A. Meet him?
- 17 Q. Yes.
- 18 A. I no meet Ken Saro Wiwa but when I was in
- 19 Cameroon I heard things is happening in Ogoniland.
- 20 MR MILLSON: Can I hear that answer read
- 21 back.
- 22 (The question was read back by the Court Reporter).
- MR WHINSTON: What was NYCOP the police
- 24 officers asked you about?
- 25 MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the

- 1 question.
- 2 A. NYCOP is the organisation in Ogoni and that
- 3 is I know NYCOP, I don't know their jobs because I am
- 4 not a member of NYCOP.
- 5 Q. The police officers asked you about
- 6 vigilantes, what are vigilantes?
- 7 MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the
- 8 question.
- 9 A. To alert, the jobs of the vigilante in
- 10 Ogoniland is to alert people when Shell will come and
- 11 military come so people can run away, to alert them.
- MR WHINSTON: Were you a member of any
- 13 vigilante group?
- 14 A. I am not a member.
- 15 Q. Were you ever a member?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Were you asked -- strike that. How long were
- 18 you held at the building that you described as a Shell
- 19 police post?
- 20 MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the
- 21 question.
- 22 A. Say how long?
- 23 MR WHINSTON: How long were you there?
- A. I stayed there one week.
- Q. Did you receive any other beatings other than

- 1 that time that you have already described?
- 2 A. Yes, we did. They wanted to transfer us to
- 3 River State and give us 30, 30 times of the koboke and
- 4 they put us into that bus.
- 5 Q. When you say us who do you mean?
- 6 A. Me and my friend.
- 7 Q. And your friend is Mr?
- 8 A. It was Bassey.
- 9 Q. Were you asked to sign anything while you
- 10 were at the Shell police station?
- 11 A. When, after they obtained the statement,
- 12 I asked the man to read to my own understanding, and he
- 13 read to my own understanding and I complete.
- 14 Q. You thumb printed it?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. What do you remember the man reading?
- MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the
- 18 question?
- 19 A. The same statement as I say here, it is what
- 20 I read. It is what I complete. That matter is above
- 21 me. What I am saying is that the matter is above me,
- 22 when they read that I say that the matter is above me
- 23 for a kid as I am, to allow Shell to come to Ogoniland
- 24 the matter is above me. I have to thumb print.
- Q. Where were you taken from that police

- 1 station?
- 2 A. They take us from that police station to Kpor
- 3 in River State.
- 4 Q. How did you get from the police station that
- 5 you have just described to Kpor?
- 6 A. When they take us from that Oron to Kpor,
- 7 they put us into that bus and they did not allow us,
- 8 allow me to see outside. We were just inside.
- 9 Q. Why couldn't you see outside?
- 10 A. Why I couldn't see outside is because they
- 11 don't want us to raise our heads. We were just down
- 12 kneel into that bus.
- 13 Q. So you were not sitting on seat?
- 14 A. I cannot see outside. Where I could see
- 15 outside was Kpor. Kpor, Kpor.
- 16 Q. I said she is Irish be patient with her.
- 17 How did you know where you were when you got off the
- 18 bus?
- 19 A. Excuse me?
- Q. You said the bus took you to Kpor?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. How did you know that?
- 23 A. When we get to Kpor they bring us, they took
- 24 us from inside the bus, then we have to see the bus and
- 25 the bus reverse the bus. One of police, one of the

- 1 police have to hand us over to Okuntimo.
- 2 Q. How did you know where you were?
- 3 A. At Kpor?
- 4 Q. Yes?
- 5 A. That is my land, I know Kpor.
- 6 Q. Where in Kpor did the bus leave you?
- 7 A. Leave me right there in Kpor.
- 8 Q. Where in Kpor?
- 9 A. That is where Okuntimo is, at that police
- 10 post. That police station in Kpor is where the
- 11 military camp.
- 12 Q. So it was a police station?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Who was there to meet you when you got off
- 15 the bus?
- 16 A. When I got off the bus me and my friend they
- 17 hand over the two of us to Okuntimo.
- 18 Q. How do you know the person that they handed
- 19 you over to was Okuntimo?
- 20 A. Okuntimo was sitting down.
- 21 Q. Sorry?
- 22 A. He was sitting down and he has one eagle, one
- 23 eagle there.
- Q. Pointing to your shoulders?
- 25 A. I show him? He said we should lie down.

- 1 Q. Wait a second. I want to make sure that the
- 2 written record reflects that when you said he had one
- 3 eagle here and one eagle here were you pointing to your
- 4 shoulders?
- 5 A. He was sitting down as you are and they bring
- 6 us and hand over to him. We stand like this and say
- 7 this is the people.
- 8 Q. Did he tell you what his name was?
- 9 A. Pardon?
- 10 O. Yes.
- 11 A. He did not but my long time staying there,
- 12 within that one week staying there I knew it was
- 13 Okuntimo.
- 14 Q. What happened next?
- 15 A. What happened, he ordered Habila.
- 16 Q. Who is Habila?
- 17 A. Is OC Mobile River State. He order him to
- 18 give us 150 strokes of koboke.
- 19 Q. Did he have any conversation, did Okuntimo
- 20 have any discussion with you before he made that order?
- 21 A. Before he made that point?
- 22 Q. Yes?
- 23 A. He said, are you listening, before I make
- 24 that point he saw my passport and couchon that
- 25 permitted me to stay in Cameroon.

- 1 Q. What is a couchon?
- 2 A. Couchon is form of tax we pay in Nigeria.
- 3 O. C-O-U-C-H-O-N?
- 4 A. They would give you that paper and your
- 5 passport would be on top. Without that paper you
- 6 cannot stay in Cameroon. So he saw that passport and
- 7 couchon with 150,000 Francs which is Cameroon currency
- 8 with my Seiko Five.
- 9 Q. What is a Seiko five?
- 10 A. This watch. He said the evidence before me
- 11 gathered before me, investigation he find out now that
- 12 really I am coming back from Cameroon, that why did we
- 13 Ogoni not allow Shell to operate in Ogoniland.
- 14 Q. This is Okuntimo talking?
- 15 A. That is Okuntimo and that man is supposed to
- 16 be here.
- 17 O. What man?
- 18 A. What I mean is Okuntimo supposed to be here,
- 19 so that when I am giving this evidence about him he
- 20 cannot deny it.
- 21 MR WHINSTON: We will work on that.
- 22 MR MILLSON: No, you won't.
- 23 MR WHINSTON: What happened next?
- A. With the evidence he find out from me really
- 25 that I and my brother, that is my friend that we really

- 1 come back from Cameroon, but why we Ogoni do not allow
- 2 Shell to operate in Ogoniland. And I was standing --
- 3 can I demonstrate, I was standing, with permission.
- 4 Q. Sure.
- 5 A. I was standing like this with my friend
- 6 Cabala and I have to maintain that that matter of Shell
- 7 is above me.
- 8 Q. And you said he gave an order to Habila?
- 9 A. Yes, it is from there he gave that order to
- 10 Habila to deal with us, to give us 150 stroke of
- 11 koboke.
- 12 Q. What happened?
- 13 A. He worked on us quickly and lie us down
- 14 flogging us. He did not even care where he would
- 15 flog. He started beating all our body, it is from
- 16 that time -- have I permission?
- 17 Q. Granted.
- 18 A. It is from that time that I have this
- 19 injury.
- Q. You are pointing to a scar on your left side?
- 21 A. From that time I have this injury from the
- 22 koboke after they flog my body.
- 23 Q. Thank you for showing that. What happened
- 24 to you after, what happened to you that day after the
- 25 beating?

- 1 A. After the beating they put tear gas, the tear
- 2 gas in our eyes and our privates and add water.
- 3 Q. How did they put tear gas on your eyes and
- 4 your privates?
- 5 A. I was lying down and they opened the eyes and
- 6 put tear gas.
- 7 Q. Were there peoples holding you at the time?
- 8 A. We are lying down, we are tired, we don't
- 9 have, we cannot control ourselves we are lying down.
- 10 So they opened our eyes and put tear gas and water our
- 11 eyes.
- 12 Q. After that what happened next?
- 13 A. They took us to the cell.
- Q. Where was the cell in the building?
- 15 A. As soon as you get to Kpor by the left.
- 16 Q. No -- okay.
- 17 A. By the left side it is where the cell is.
- 18 The cell is there now, the building. It is there
- 19 now. Behind that cell they have the magistrates
- 20 court.
- Q. Did you ever appear in that court?
- 22 A. That magistrates court.
- 23 Q. Yes?
- 24 A. No, never.
- Q. What happened the next day?

- 1 A. The next day as soon as they come back, as
- 2 soon as he come back from Bori Camp they order that
- 3 they should bring those people.
- 4 Q. You mentioned something as soon as who came
- 5 back?
- 6 A. As soon as Okuntimo come back from Bori Camp,
- 7 because every day after when closed work he went back
- 8 to Bori Camp.
- 9 Q. He went back to Bori Camp?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. How do you know that?
- 12 A. I know he no longer is there, if he is there
- 13 you will hear his voice. He used to shout into far,
- 14 shout 24 hours, to command.
- 15 Q. Next day tell me what happened?
- 16 A. The next day they should bring us after they
- 17 say we should bring us and we appear before him
- 18 again. He said can we allow Shell to operate in
- 19 Ogoniland. I said this matter is above me, and
- 20 I cried. He said, okay, they should give us 50
- 21 times. It is then they give us 50 times.
- Q. What is 50 times?
- 23 A. 50 times of that koboke and they give us and
- 24 put us into the cell again and I was in that cell.
- 25 I spend one week at Kpor before they brought us out

- 1 straight to SIB.
- Q. Did you receive any food while you were at
- 3 Kpor?
- 4 A. When our people heard the message that they
- 5 arrest us personally, that your people have to come and
- 6 your wife. So they come and feed us, our people will
- 7 come and at times they allowed in and times they were
- 8 not allowed in.
- 9 Q. How long were you held in Kpor?
- 10 A. How long? One week I spend in Kpor.
- 11 Q. From Kpor were you taken somewhere else?
- 12 A. From Kpor I was transferred, they transfer us
- 13 to SIB.
- 14 Q. What is SIIB?
- 15 A. That is Intelligence Bureau of investigation
- 16 at Port Harcourt, SIIB.
- 17 Q. How did you get there?
- 18 A. Early in the morning they call us out,
- 19 because they will give order to the boys and they will
- 20 bring you, if he need you.
- Q. Who is the he?
- 22 A. Okuntimo will give order to the boys that
- 23 they should bring you. If they need you they probably
- 24 just come to the cell and call your name and you come
- 25 out. So when they came they call my name and my

- 1 friend Cabala Bassey and put us into that motor.
- 2 Q. Into what?
- 3 A. That motor.
- 4 Q. Motor?
- 5 A. Yes. So we are lying down. Can I
- 6 demonstrate lying down?
- 7 Q. Can you try to describe it?
- 8 A. With your permission?
- 9 Q. Go ahead. Watch the microphone?
- 10 A. Inside you will be lying down.
- 11 Q. The camera cannot see you there. If I can
- 12 try to help you describe it. You were lying flat on
- 13 your stomach?
- 14 MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the
- 15 question.
- 16 A. We lied down flat and face inside the motor
- 17 like this and the military man using boot on my head.
- 18 That is how we stay from Kpor to SIIB.
- 19 MR WHINSTON: How long a trip was that?
- 20 A. Huh?
- 21 Q. How long was that drive?
- 22 A. From Kpor to SIIB I did not make anything
- 23 because I am unconscious.
- Q. What happened when you got to SIIB?
- 25 MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the

- 1 question.
- 2 A. When I get to SIIB in, they put us into that
- 3 cell. As they opened the cell they pushed me and
- 4 Cabala Bassey in, I saw other Ogonis inside the cell.
- 5 MR WHINSTON: Did you recognise any of the
- 6 other people that were held with you in that cell?
- 7 A. To identify?
- 8 Q. Yes?
- 9 A. When I reached that cell Paul Levoula was
- 10 there inside that SIIB cell. Daniel Gbook was there.
- 11 Saturday Doobee was there. Felix Nuate was there and
- 12 Nodo Eawo was there.
- 13 Q. Do you remember anyone else?
- MR MILLSON: Can you read back the names that
- 15 you have?
- 16 (The names were read back by the Court Reporter)
- 17 A. Nodo Eawo was there.
- 18 MR MILLSON: Is the spelling correct?
- 19 A. I can't say the spelling what is there.
- 20 MR WHINSTON: The last person you mentioned
- 21 was Nodo Eawo.
- 22 MR WHINSTON: Had you known any of those
- 23 people before?
- 24 A. I not knowing them before but as soon as
- 25 I got down there I saw them but then after one hour

- 1 they came closer to us, from their post, come to where
- 2 they keep us. Because before you get assessed to enter
- 3 that mat. The round mat in the corner like this,
- 4 before you come from that middle of the house to get
- 5 down to any of the mat you will pay, you pay money to
- 6 those who were there before.
- 7 Q. To the prisoners who were there before?
- 8 A. Yes, 300 money Naira before you get to that
- 9 mat.
- 10 Q. What happened to you at SIIB?
- 11 A. After that day, the following day.
- 12 MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the
- 13 question.
- 14 A. The following day they call us out. I was
- 15 the first person they called outside. One is
- 16 Inspector Obuye.
- 17 MR WHINSTON: Inspector Obuye?
- 18 A. Inspector Obuye called us out.
- 19 Q. Where did he call you out to?
- 20 A. He called me from that cell to the
- 21 interrogation room.
- Q. What happened in the interrogation room?
- 23 A. What happened in the interrogation room,
- 24 he sit opposite me and he dropped a sheet of paper.
- 25 He said what is my name. I mentioned. He say where

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- 1 am I from. I said I am from Ogoni.
- Q. What else did he ask you?
- 3 A. He asked me again why we Ogoni did not allow
- 4 Shell to operate in Ogoniland and that man is still
- 5 alive till now.
- 6 Q. The person Mr Obuye is?
- 7 A. Mr Obuye is alive, whom I saw him I will
- 8 identify him.
- 9 Q. Sorry?
- 10 A. If I see him I will identify him and say look
- 11 and say that is the IPO he will know me.
- 12 Q. What is IPO?
- 13 A. Somebody obtaining your statement is the IPO
- 14 in the matter.
- 15 Q. Would you continue with your description?
- 16 A. The description of the man is tall.
- 17 Q. Will you continue with your description of
- 18 what happened in the interrogation?
- 19 A. In the interrogation I am coming. I said
- 20 what you have to do, I say now that matter of Shell as
- 21 you are saying is above my own decision. It seemed
- 22 like that is the reply, that I don't want to tell him
- 23 the truth.
- Q. So what happened next?
- 25 A. He said I -- permission to get up?

- Q. Permission granted.
- 2 A. I get up, pass round. He took me to that
- 3 corner.
- 4 O. This is the same room?
- 5 A. The same down room, the same down room where
- 6 the interrogation is. There is one rod.
- 7 Q. Rod?
- 8 A. Rod and there is a naked wire coming out of
- 9 that room. He will hold your finger, you will put
- 10 your finger inside, there you put your finger inside
- 11 and he went to one thing, that switch place and that
- 12 thing will lift you up, so when it lift me up he used
- 13 baton. Permission to identify?
- 14 Q. Granted.
- 15 A. The baton there.
- 16 Q. Is that mark on your leg from the beating you
- 17 got that day?
- 18 A. Yes. And as he bring me down I faint.
- 19 Q. Now you said it lifted you up, were your feet
- 20 on the ground?
- 21 A. My leg was not on the ground, it lift me
- 22 up. It lift me up, that thing there. I can take
- 23 this panel to that place and say there is the
- 24 interrogation room and that is what they used to lift
- 25 me up to confess that Shell should operate in

- 1 Ogoniland.
- Q. How long were you kept in the SIIB?
- 3 A. After obtaining my statement and they found
- 4 out that I cannot tell him or allow Shell to operate in
- 5 Ogoniland they push me back to the cell. I spend one
- 6 year and six months in that cell.
- 7 Q. At SIIB?
- 8 MR MILLSON: Object to the form of the
- 9 question.
- 10 MR WHINSTON: Were you taken to court at any
- 11 time while you were there?
- 12 A. They did not take us to court. After this
- 13 one year and six months while the military tribunal is
- 14 on they took all of us, the military came and took all
- 15 of us to local, one magistrates' court to get what we
- 16 call the remanding warrant to keep us in custody. As
- 17 soon as they do that thing they take us straight to
- 18 prison custody.
- 19 Q. Where did they take you for prison custody?
- 20 A. They put us into that motor and the motor
- 21 park at the prison gate. The front is upstairs and as
- 22 soon as they will park the motor like this and the
- 23 suspect will come out of the motor they will open the
- 24 gate you climb where, you just enter, where you enter
- 25 this passage they will open this door for you and as