**GAMBIA: THE TRUTH ABOUT THE MASSACRE OF 56 MIGRANTS**

For over a year, TRIAL International and Human Rights Watch interviewed eye-witness sources regarding the events of 2005. This is what we discovered...

### WHO?

~ 56 VICTIMS

**41-44 GHANAIANS**
among whose 1 survivor:
  - Martin Kyere
  - and 2 dual nationals

**7-10 NIGERIANS**

**2 SENEGALESE**

**2 IVORIANS**
  - 1 dual national

**12-25 «JUNGLERS»**
  - Yahya Jammeh’s death squad
  - (Gambian National Guard elite troops)

- Tumbul Tamba
  - Head of the Junglers

- Ousman Sonko
  - Head of police forces

- Yahya Jammeh
  - Gambian president

### WHEN?

**22 – 30 JULY 2005**

- After a 130 km boat trip, the 56 migrants land in Barra. They are arrested and imprisoned.
- Later that day, the Gambian Navy transfers them to Banjul.

- Security forces transport the migrants to various locations in Banjul.
- On the evening of 23 July, seven Junglers take eight migrants to the district of Ghanatown. The migrants are killed with machetes, axes and sticks, and their bodies are left on the beach.

- A week or so after the first killings, the remaining 45 or so migrants are gathered. Junglers drive them to Kanilai, a town on the southern border with Senegal.
- Martin Kyere manages to escape on the way there. The other migrants are shot on the spot and buried in abandoned wells in Casamance.
- Tumbul Tamba is present at the scene and gives orders, one
Ousman Sonko informs Yahya Jammeh that the migrants have arrived. Upon Sonko's order, the Gambian Navy charters Fatima I to ship the migrants from Barra to Banjul.

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