

# INTERVIEW WITH BABOUCAR “BAI” LOWE

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**Introduction by Interviewer:** Greetings to The Gambia and Senegal, it is your presenter Pa Nderry Mbai. We are welcoming you to Freedom Radio on this Sunday the 24<sup>nd</sup> of February. Today on the Radio we bring you Bai Lowe, he was a Gambian Soldier, who was very close to Yaya Jammeh. There is a group called the ‘Junglers’ who have committed atrocities for Yaya Jammeh on Gambian soil. Anyone who has been killed, beaten or locked-up in the Gambia, it is this group that was responsible, under the orders of Yaya Jammeh. Bai Lowe was a member of this group as a driver. Bai Lowe will talk to the audience about what he witnessed at the time he was working in State House and kanilai. Bai Lowe is our guest, stay tuned and listen to him.

Like we have said to you, when listening to our programmes check our Newspaper advertisements, this will always aid and empower the Radio and Newspaper. Bai Lowe who held the rank of Warrant Officer 2 (WO2 Bai Lowe) is our guest here on Freedom Radio. Like we have said to you, the time has come for Bai Lowe to come and shed light on how Yahya Jammeh killed Deyda Hydara, how Yahya Jammeh killed Daba Marenah, Dawda Nyassi and many others that happened in Gambia territory that Bai Lowe has witnessed. Stay tuned.

Greetings to The Gambia and Senegal, like we have said to you, we have a guest on our radio called Mr. Bai Lowe. He held the rank of Warrant Officer 2 at the State House. He was working between The State House and kanilai. He has served a long time in the Gambian National Army.

The group he was working in was responsible for killing people in the Gambia. This group was responsible for the killing of Deyda Hydara, Daba Marena, Dawda Nyassi and numerous other atrocities and they are still committing these acts in the Gambia. However, Bai Lowe ran away and is now residing in Germany. He was dismissed from his job and recalled again, but he refused. Now he has regretted everything that has happened in The Gambia at the time he was working at State House. However, he has said that he has never killed anyone, but he was a witness to the killing of the above persons and he will explain what happened.

### **Beginning of Interview**

**Interviewer:** Bai Lowe how are you doing today?

**Bai Lowe:** Pa Nderry I am extending my greetings to you all.

**Interviewer:** Thank you Bai Lowe, we extend our greetings and welcome you to Freedom Radio. We urge you to be comfortable and relax and explain your story. Bai Lowe as we begin can you introduce yourself; who you are, where you come from, your background in the army before we start the interview.

**Interviewer:** Pa Nderry, I am Bai Lowe, 84 GNA 12403, I am from Fas N'gaja Choi, My father is Kebba Lowe and my mother is Awa Njie. I joined the Army on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 1997. After eight months infantry training, we passed and after two weeks I with eleven other colleagues were posted to State House. Since then I have been in State House until presently.

**Interviewer:** Thank you Bai Lowe for that explanation. We can now start the interview. A lot of people have been providing you protection these past months since you ran away from The Gambia and came to Germany. We want you to explain from the beginning when you was transferred to State House, what happened, and how you joined the 'Junglers,' a group that was formed by Yaya Jammeh in the Gambia. We have heard that this group is responsible for killing politicians, lawyers and anybody who is an opponent of Yaya Jammeh in The Gambia. This group has been killing people for Yaya Jammeh, burning down newspapers (media houses) and beating people. We want you to explain how you joined this group.

**Bai Lowe:** Pa, I went to State House as an Infantry Soldier. After 3 years and 8 months I was transferred to the transport section as a driver. In 2002, we went for commando training with the Libyans. They came from Libya and trained thirty-two of us. I was supposed to be a driver, to be driving them. But when I went there I met their training officer called Samba Baldeh, known as 'Lord.' I explained to him that I wanted to join the training, he said there was no problem to that, I can join and train with them which brought the number to thirty-two. The training officer was a very good guy, he was trying very well. After we completed the training with the Libyans, they decided to deploy us to Kanilai. All those boys were good soldiers, they had good training with the Libyans. At the time we did not know that, that was the guy's intention for the group, to be killing people and other things. But Manjang, Malick and the rest were all good soldiers. After three months training we passed out and were given two trucks and two jeeps to go to Kanilai. When we went to Kanilai we met our commander there, Major Bajinka.

**Interviewer:** Thank you Bai, you said Samba Baldeh, also known as ‘Lord,’ was coordinating the commando training. However, we want, for the sake of clarity, you tell us if this Samba Baldeh was a member of the ‘Junglers’ or not.

**Bai Lowe:** No, he was not a member of the ‘Junglers.’ He was an upright soldier. He thought the training was for the interest of the state, to defend the population, protect them and the state. After the training, we were posted to Kanilai with Major Bajinka as our commander and Captain Faal. There are people presently in The Gambia still serving, I don’t want to mention their names because that could cost them their lives or their jobs, you understand.

**Interviewer:** Right, was Captain Faal a member of this thing (group) or not?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, Captain Fall was a member of our trainers because he did the training in Libya. After we passed out we were all posted, everyone who did the commando training whether here or in Libya was posted there. And all who did the ‘Jungler’ training with Francisco were posted to Kanilai.

**Interviewer:** Right, so I have information that Captain Faal used to give advice to you the ‘Junglers’ that you should not kill people or do other things in that nature.

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, because over there in Kanilai when we go on patrol at the border, the boys were even happy when we were posted at Kanilai because we thought we will take control of the border due to the rebellion happening over there. But one day they brought a list and said we should kill everyone on that list.

**Interviewer:** Who brought that list to you?

**Bai Lowe:** They Just brought the list to us, Faal and others said we have been instructed to kill these people. At that time Bajinka and the other guys they were there with were not in for those things. They would tell us to just go walk around and come back but don’t do anything, don’t kill anyone because these people are sons of our land.

**Interviewer:** So Major Bajinka and Faal did not agree to the fact that you should kill the people on the list?

**Bai Lowe:** Major Bajinka, Fall and the whole command were against it. There are people still active (serving) whom I don’t want to disclose their names because it could cost them their lives or their jobs, but they all instructed us to just go walk around and return but not to kill anyone or do anything to anyone.

**Interviewer:** Who were on that list whom Yahya Jammeh wanted killed in The Gambia?

**Bai Lowe:** I can’t remember all but I can recall people like Babaa Jobe, Deyda Hydara, Ousman Sillah, Lawyer Borry Touray, Lawyer Mai Fatty, Tapha Sosseh, Waa Juwara Former Minister in Yahya Jammeh’ government, O.J Jallow, Baba Galleh Jallow and that journalist, the former owner of the Independent Newspaper they were all in the list. I think Yorrow Jallow and Babagaleh.

**Interviewer:** So now, when you were given this list, Bajinka and the others instructed you not to kill these people, they refused.

**Bai Lowe:** Bajinka did not stop us from going on these missions, he however, instructed us not to kill anyone, that these people are our citizens and they did not do anything, just go have a walk about and return when you tired. Bajinka never encouraged anything of this sort. He called me personally and advised me to never kill and I thank God for that advice. He told me to just drive them to anywhere they want to go.

**Interviewer:** Was my name on the list?

**Bai Lowe:** No, I did not know you at the time, it was people like Deyda Hydera, Ousman Sillah and so on.

**Interviewer:** Good, so what happened after you received this information, did you kill anyone or not?

**Bai Lowe:** No, we did not kill anyone. When Bajinka was the commander at Kanilai, no execution ever happened there. There was only one operation under Bajinka that we had to go confiscate the moneys of the Fulas who were involved in currency exchange. We had to go to Brikama to get there money from them.

**Interviewer:** So Bajinka coordinated that operation?

**Bai Lowe:** No Bajinka came and gave us the orders, he said you are instructed to go find the Fulas who were exchanging currency and seize their money, you understand.

**Interviewer:** So, did you seize money from these Fulas?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, we went from Birkama and seized all their money. We went up to Brikama, I had the truck, I dropped some at Brikama, some at Abuko, Abuko Nature Reserve and the abattoir. After, we went to Westfield and dropped the rest there. During that operation the Para Military came but did not understand the operation. We had a problem which resulted in Sanna Manjang opening fire at Westfield. We seized the Fuas moneys and handed it to Yahya Jammeh.

**Interviewer:** How much did you seize from the Fulas?

**Bai Lowe:** It was a lot of money, we detained a lot of Fulas. I never knew the amount but I know we detained a lot of Fulas.

**Interviewer:** So, if you have to estimate that money, how many millions will it be?

**Bai Lowe:** I don't know, because I was only driving. I know it was a lot of money because we detained a lot of Fulas.

**Interviewer:** Who took part in that operation among the 'Junglers' that attacked these fulad and took amounts of Dollars and Euros belonging to the them.

**Bai Lowe:** People call us 'Junglers' but we are not 'Junglers' we are commandos, trained commandos. They mixed us, when they mixed us all, the truck was full. We even had women like Mama Njie and Marie Madeline in the group

**Interviewer:** Go on.

**Bai Lowe:** They were all part of the operation. Because if I tell you that some were dropped at Brikama, some at Abuke and some at Westfield obviously there was a lot of people involved then. The truck was full accompanied with a taxi and a pick-up truck.

**Interviewer:** So, there were women amongst this group killing for Yaya Jammeh?

**Bai Lowe:** No, no, no, women were not part of any such group, but they were part of this particular operation, because when we went to kanilai we had women there.

**Interviewer:** So, Yaya Jammeh just asked you guys to seize the moneys of these Fulas and Senegalese who were engaged in currency exchanging in Brikama, Serrekunda and the surroundings?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, it was around that time when it was said that the Dalasi was losing its value and the CFA Franc was increasing in value, something upset him about the situation. So, he instructed us to go seize their moneys. I know Bajinka was not part of that operation, he was not in for all those things. He never allowed us to engage ourselves in anything that was unlawful.

**Interviewer:** So, was Bajinka known as ‘Enyab?’

**Bai Lowe:** No, Bajinka was not called ‘Enyab.’ He was called Halifa Bajinka. Bajinka was there until he was removed. In fact, he discouraged (sabotaged) the whole Commando thing. He discouraged the whole mission, he did not allow the guys to do any mission. It was then agreed that we will wait until we returned to Banjul, but one half will remain in kanilai for two months and then that half will return to Banjul too. He discouraged that commando business in Kanilai.

**Interviewer:** Now what I want to know is who led the operation when you went to confiscate the currency exchangers’ moneys, who handed that money to Yaya Jammeh after it was seized?

**Bai Lowe:** When the money was taken we was together with Faal and the others during that operation. But there are people in the operation whom I do not want to name their names because they are still serving in the Army and they could be killed or lose their jobs.

**Interviewer:** So that operation was thievery, can you agree that was stealing?

**Bai Lowe:** That is true, it was stealing, stealing.

**Interviewer:** So that money was handed over to Yaya Jammeh, he is the one whom the money was given to. So was Mr. Faal among ....

**Bai Lowe:** That is true. You see Pa, Yaya Jammeh is always behind, any operation that occurred Yaya Jammeh was behind it. Because I don’t think the Command will just initiate an operation. Yaya Jammeh has said that we are only answerable to him. Hence, the State Guard Commandos are not put in the picture with regard to some operations that happened there.

**Interviewer:** The guy you are listening to is Bai Lowe, Warrant Officer 2. He was working at State House and Kanilai, he was among a group which was responsible for killing people for Yahya Jammeh. Bai Lowe, we now want to go into the interview proper, we thank you for taking your time to talk to the populace. We want you to take your time and speak slowly and clearly for your

listeners to understand you. On my book, I have written that there are twenty-five people whom Yaya Jammeh wanted to kill, all these names you have mentioned are among that list. A lot of individuals including myself are on that list. Bai, we now want you to explain Deyda hydara's issue, that is our main topic. When Deyda Hydara died, Yaya jammeh's Government promised to investigate it, they said they don't know who did it. At one point, Yaya Jammeh was so angry that he said if anyone wants to know who killed Dayda Hydara, they can visit his grave and ask him who killed him. Bai what do you know about Dayda Hydara's death?

**Bai Lowe:** No one is behind the killing of Deyda Hydara except Yaya Jammeh. Yaya Jammeh gave the order to kill Deyda Hydara. When Bajinka was in Kanilai, when he returned him to become State Guard Commander.

**Interviewer:** Yes

**Bai Lowe:** When Bajinka returned to State House as State Guard Commander, Savage came to Kanilai, after he returned, Tumbul came. It was Tumbul who executed that mission. The guys took some Mercedes Benz Taxis, two diesel and one petrol engines.

**Interviewer:** Yes

**Bai Lowe:** The taxis were kept at Kanifing at Ensa Badjie's garage. The cars are painted as taxis but with no registration numbers.

**Interviewer:** Who owns those Mercedes Benzes?

**Bai Lowe:** Yaya Jammed bought the Benzes, Asiz Tamba bought them and brought them to the guys to be painted as taxis to be used for such operations.

**Interviewer:** Now Bai, we want you to explain, there is something on your mind but it seems you are caught in to minds because you think if you disclose certain information you may get certain people in trouble. We want you to explain what happened, how did they kill Deyda Hydara? Where did the operation start, where did you receive the orders to kill Deyda Hydara? That is what we want you to explain.

**Bai Lowe:** Pa, when the guys go to receive orders, I am usually not aware of it. The command, Tumbul Tamba will just come and say we should finish this person, then the operation begins. But Ousman Sonko usually coordinates such operations. He tells where the target is situated at any particular point in time. Ousman Sonko does everything. The guys took the taxies, we went to where Deyda Hydara was approaching from, the guys blocked him with the taxis, Manjang shot him and Malick came and finished him.

**Interviewer:** That is what I wrote on my book. I said Sanna Manjang shot Dayda first then Malick finished him. You said when you reached Jimpex near the Police Intervention Unit, that was where you intercepted Deyda Hydara, Sanna Manjang shot him and who did you say finished him?

**Bai Lowe:** Sankung Sillah, the Sankung Sillah road.

**Interviewer:** The Sankung Sillah junction; So, you said who shot him?

**Interviewer:** You said who shot him?

**Bai Lowe:** Manjang shot him, Manjang shot him first. You know we have shotguns which Yaya Jammeh gave us. He advised the guys to not use pistols or AK47s because people will know it's only the soldiers who use such firearms. But the shotguns cannot be traced back to them because they are readily available also they can be linked to rebels.

**Interviewer:** So, during that time when they were shooting Deyda Hydara, were you present?

**Bai Lowe:** I had one of the cars.

**Interviewer:** Who were the other occupants of that car when Dayda was being shot?

**Bai Lowe:** Malick Jatta.

**Interviewer:** And who?

**Bai Lowe:** We had two cars, we had three cars, but because the other one had a petrol engine so it was not easy to use. Mailck Jatta was the only other guy in the car. One would take the lead the other car follows behind.

**Interviewer:** So, who was in the lead car?

**Bai Lowe:** Manjang and the others were the ones there. When Manjang opened fire, this guy went and finished Deyda Hydara. There were other people in the car but I don't know them. There were other occupants in Dayda Hydra's vehicle but I don't know them.

**Interviewer:** You mentioned Ousman Sonko's name, what role did he play in Dayda Hydara's death?

**Bai Lowe:** He was giving information about the target's location. He was in the intelligence side.

**Interviewer:** Ousman Sonke was the one calling you guys to give you directions?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, he was the one calling, my responsibility was only to drive.

**Interviewer:** Who were involved in that operation? I want you to tell me their names and surnames, the jobs and ranks of everybody who was involved with the killing of Deyda Hydara.

**Bai Lowe:** Tumbul Tamba Warrant Officer 1 at the time, Manjany Couple, Malick Lance Corporal.

**Interviewer:** Bai, those listening don't know who Manjang is, I want you to give us their full names and surnames if you can please.

**Bai Lowe:** Sanna Manjang- Couple, Malick Jatta- Lance Corporal, Tumbul Tamba-Warrant officer class 1, Bai Lowe-Private, Bombardier-Staff Sargeant.

**Interviewer:** He is Kawsu Camara?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, but Bombardier is never among the killers.

**Interviewer:** But he was present?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, but Tumbul also never kills, he just sits in the car.

**Interviewer:** And who else were involved?

**Bai Lowe:** Those were the only ones.

**Interviewer:** Only you lot were there during the operation?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, but Fally Jabang was also involved in the operation, he was in the intelligence side.

**Interviewer:** So, Fally Jabang was also there, all these names are in my book.

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, the intelligence side, you know the intelligence side were responsible for providing information.

**Interviewer:** Now when Deyda was shot, what noise did you hear in the car?

**Bai Lowe:** What! No, I was in my car, I didn't even get off, I just..., we came the other side and left. My foot did not even touch the ground. I did not even turn-off the engine.

**Interviewer:** Now, Bai you are a son of the Gambia, you witnessed the killing of Deyda Hydera, did it ever cause you any sadness. You, being a soldier, responsible for protecting the Gambia and its citizens. Instead you killing a prominent journalist like Deyda Hydera, Bai Lowe?

**Bai Lowe:** It caused a lot of sadness not just for me but everybody. The boys won't be able to eat the next day after committing such acts. It saddens them a lot, but the way I see it is if they refuse to do it, they will lose their lives themselves. What happens is alcohol is made available for them to get drunk. God has helped me on that side, I never drank alcohol. When they return home after drinking they suffer a lot of depression. In the morning they don't eat, they are always very quiet in the car, no one speaks.

**Interviewer:** Now, after killing Deyda Hydera what did you do?

**Bai Lowe:** We went home. He called him. Yaya Jammeh keeps calling constantly to know our whereabouts and what we are doing. After the mission, Tumbul Tamba calls to notify him that the mission is over. So, we will return to kanilai and do other stuff.

**Interviewer:** Now, we have information that, after killing Deyda Hydera, you packed your cars in Kanifing then boarded other cars and returned to Kanilai. On your way, when you reached one village, you handed those shotguns to an old man who was working in Yaya Jammeh's farm. What can you tell me about this?

**Bai Lowe:** No, those shotguns were numerous. There wasn't only one shotgun. The guys just picked one shotgun and lent it to the old man, Bobo Manga.

**Interviewer:** who lent it to Bobo?

**Bai Lowe:** I don't know what Bobo did to get the shotgun, but the shotguns are usually returned to Yaya Jammeh's Audley (confidant).

**Interviewer:** So, this Bobo Manga, where is he from?

**Bai Lowe:** He is from Kanfenda, the junction before Kanilai.

**Interviewer:** But Bai what baffles me is that Yaya Jammeh keeps saying that he did not kill Deyda Hydera. He is willing to allow the UN to come set up an inquiry to investigate who killed Deyda Hydera and Chief Manneh. How do you feel when you hear talk like that?

**Bai Lowe:** You know what baffles us first, before Dyada Hydera's issue, is Ousman Sillah. When Ousman Sillah was shot Yaya Jammeh went on the TV and said \*\*\*\* shoot and miss. When we watched that on TV we said, what this guy is saying is not correct. He knows that he gave these orders. **Yaya jammeh is behind everything Pa, it's not easy to say but he is behind everything. And if the boys don't execute those missions, he will kill them.** When they are aware of those (denials) it saddens them.

**Interviewer:** So, you guys attempted Ousman Sillah's life?

**Bai Lowe:** Ousman Sillah, yes it was the same group. The battle team had (was responsible) for everything. I was a member of the battle team. I cannot exclude myself from it but I was there as a driver. There are members of the battle team, who are still there, whose hands are clean, they have never killed anyone.

**Interviewer:** You are listening to it here on Freedom Radio. Your guest is Bai Lowe, Bai Lowe is a son of the Gambia presently in Germany. **He has said that Yaya Jammeh gave them a shotgun and bullets and instructed them to go kill Deyda Hydera.** Deyda Hydera was a prominent journalist in the Gambia working for the Point Newspaper and a correspondent for AP. **Bai Lowe said Yahya Jammeh gave them the authority to kill him.** Now, Bai how many hours did it take you to execute the operation, how did you get the information that Yaya Jammeh gave the orders to kill Deyda Hydera.

**Bai Lowe:** No, **Yaya Jammeh never gave orders to the group, he just calls the commander and tells him this and that, then Tumbul comes and says this and that, this is what is happening.** Then we take the car with registration B JL 1073.

**Interviewer:** So, B JL 1073 is the one you used to go execute the mission?

**Bai Lowe:** Pickup (truck), that is the one we used. The Benz taxis are parked at the warehouse once we done.

**Interviewer:** So, you said the Benz taxis don't have registrations, but the number you just mentioned belongs to which car?

**Bai Lowe:** There are three Benz taxis only one has a registration number. I can't remember the number. We just attached a random registration to one.

**Interviewer:** So, what involved Aziz Tamba with these Benzes?

**Bai Lowe:** He was just instructed to purchase them. He was not even aware of the reasons why he bought the Benzes.

**Interviewer:** You listening to it here on Freedom Radio. So, Bai when you killed Dayda and went to Kanilai, did Yaya jammeh offered you any money or organised a party for you guys.

**Bai Lowe:** That never happens. The boys are never happy afterwards. It causes them great depression, but they never did it out of their own free will. They are usually out of their minds, they are drinking the entire day until when the time is up then they ‘move out.’

**Interviewer:** So, Bai just for the audience to understand; Sana Manjang and Malick Jatta killed Dayda Hydera?

**Bai Lowe:** They killed him, that is true.

**Interviewer:** Now, we will return to Dayda Hydera’s issue in a little while. We will go on to Ousman Sillah. You were explaining that when Yaya Jammeh went on TV and said his soldiers did not kill Ousman Sillah a lawyer residing in the Gambia, you laughed at those assertions because they were untrue, Yaya Jammeh sent you to commit those acts. What can you tell us about that operation, what happened?

**Bai Lowe:** With regards to Ousman Sillah, it is Bora Colley who got scared (he bottled it). Bora Colley was very religious (a good, practising Muslim). Bora Colley was supposed to finish him but he got scared. When he came to shoot, he ran away, he didn’t do it. I know Ousman Sillah Knows something about them that is why when Manjang shot him, he prostrated on his seat. If you are driving, you don’t get off the vehicle, you just drive. Tumbul also never gets off. I have told you Tumbul doesn’t kill, he just sits and watches. When the guys shot him, when Bora Colley came to shoot him, he saw that he was lying down, he left him and ran away, on the whole the guy was not dead. When he shits on the TV and asserts that his soldiers don’t kill, no Pa what Yahya Jammeh says in the Gambia and what really happens underground is like yesterday and last year (very conflicting).

**Interviewer:** Listeners, we just want you to understand that this Bai Lowe speaking was a driver with the group. He asserts that he has never killed anyone but has witnessed missions when Yaya Jammeh send them to kill Gambians. Now, Bai the operation you did on Ousman Sillah, who were involved?

**Bai Lowe:** It comprised of the same group, Bora Colley, there are some people in the Gambia whom I don’t want to name their names, there are some who are no longer in the job.

**Interviewer:** But Bai don’t say that you don’t want to name their names, because what happen is, it is this interview that can make you or spoil (break) you. You said you did not take part in the killings.

**Bai Lowe:** Only Dara was there who is no longer in the job, Bora Colley, Saul Badjie, you know Saul Badjie, he is the Major General now.

**Interviewer:** And who else?

**Bai Lowe:** Malick Jatta, Sanna Manjang, Tumbul Tamba.

**Interviewer:** Good, that is what we want to hear, because what happens is, you have shown that you have never killed anyone but you was present what these people were killed or an attempt was made on their lives. Do not try to hide anything, clarifying everything because Gambians have a lot of humanity and forgiveness in them. If you are being honest and state the truth, when Yahya Jammeh is captured and taken to court, you can be a witness at the courts. You said Sana Manjang shot Ousman Sillah then Bora was supposed to finish him but he got scared and ran away?

**Bai Lowe:** He changed his mind and did not go through with it

**Interviewer:** Can you remember what type of car Ousman Sillah was driving?

**Bai Lowe:** No, no, no, we never come to the house directly, we just wait at the junction. It is never at his compound directly.

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**Interviewer:** Listeners, we want you to understand that the speaker/interviewee, Bai Lowe, is showing that he was a driver of the group. He claims that he has never killed anyone but is usually present during missions in which Yaya Jammeh has sent them to kill Gambians. Bai, who was involved in that operation you did on Ousman Sillah?

**Bai Lowe:** It was the same group, namely Borra Colley...and there are some who are still in the Gambia whom I do not want to name their names and there are some who are not even in that job anymore

**Interviewer:** But Bai don't say that you don't want to name their names because what is happening is that, it is this interview that can make (save) you or destroy you. You have said that you did not take part in any killings

**Bai Lowe:** only N'dara is the one who is in, that is no longer in the job. Guys like Borra Colley, Saul Badjie, you know Saul Badjie he is the Major General now.

**Interviewer:** And who else?

**Bai Lowe:** Malick Jatta, Sanna Manjang and Tumbul Tamba.

**Interviewer:** Good, that is what we want to hear because the situation is, you have shown that you have never killed anyone but you was present when these people were killed or an attempt on their lives was made. Do not try to hide anything expose the whole truth because Gambians have a lot of kindness, if you are truthful, in the future when Yaya Jammeh is caught and brought to face the law you can be one of the witnesses in the courts. You said Sana Manjang shot Ousman Sillah then Bora was supposed to finish him but he got scared and ran away?

**Bai Lowe:** He changed his mind and did not go through with it

**Interviewer:** Can you remember what type of car Ousman Sillah was driving?

**Bai Lowe:** No, no, no, it is never, we just go around the corner of the block. we don't wait for him outside his house. We usually wait for the target around the corner of the street, then the guys will walk and meet you there.

**Interviewer:** What type of car was you driving during that time?

**Bai Lowe:** A green Pick-up truck.

**Interviewer:** Who else were the occupants in your car with you?

**Bai Lowe:** We all joined one car.

**Interviewer:** So, when you did that thing and Ousman Sillah was pretending to be passed out, you guys thought he was just pretending to be passed out?

**Bai Lowe:** Borra said, he taught he was dead. He taught he was already dead. As soon as you hear the 'paw paw' (gunshots) you think the guys run and enter and then you leave.

**Interviewer:** This is happening on Gambian soil, they say that there is a government there, but instead there is a rebel, terrorist there called Yahya Jammeh.

Now what about Saul Badjie because we have heard that Yaya Jammeh calls him coward, was Saul Badjie involved in the operation?

**Bai Lowe:** Saul Badjie was involved but his hands were not dirty. His hands may be dirty now but not when I was there. His hands were not dirty, he is very smart Pa.

**Interviewer:** Why do you say he is smart?

**Bai Lowe:** He is a 'Chockeer' (a very clever bird). He doesn't kill anyone, he just sits there. There are some in the group who just sit and watch.

**Interviewer:** So, when you did this operation where did you go?

**Bai Lowe:** At that time Saul Badjie was a Sergeant.

**Interviewer:** He was a sergeant at the time.

**Bai Lowe:** We just return, Kanilai was the base, that is where we were stationed.

**Interviewer:** We have heard that you have another place in Kotu where Yahya Jammeh accommodates you.

**Bai Lowe:** No, no let us proceed, we have not reached that spot (part of the interview) yet. That was in 2006 when we had that.

**Interviewer:** We will reach that stage a little later in *the interview*...in a little while.

**Bai Lowe:** we have not reached that part yet, we are presently in 2004 going on 2005. All that I have told you up till now happened in 2003, 2004. We have not reached 2005, 2006 yet.

**Interviewer:** Good, good, good, today the interview will be very interesting. Now Bai, within 2004 and 2005 what can you remember that happened that we were not aware of or did not know.

**Bai Lowe:** 2004 is what I am explaining to you, I think it was our last operation in 2004.

**Interviewer:** So, we can confirm that Yaya Jammeh sent you to kill Ousman Sillah

**Bai Lowe:** yes and also 2004, 2004 around 22nd July is when we returned back.

**Bai Lowe:** 2004, Tumbul came and said Sanna Sabally was suppose to come to attempt a Coup d'état, to attack The Gambia. When Bajinka became State Guard Commander he never liked the idea of the Patrol team, definitely, he always discouraged it. Sometimes when I am out with the car Bajinka would call to ask me where I was, he would then instruct me to return the car and park it because he was of the conviction that whenever we are out with the car we could kill someone (be on a killing mission)

**Interviewer:** Now with regards to Sanna Sabally's issue, what happened?

**Bai Lowe:** Sanna Sabally's issue, we came to Coastal Road and were told by Tumbul Tamba that Sanna Sabally wanted to attack the Gambia on the eve of the 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Interviewer:** Ok

**Bai Lowe:** Eve of 22<sup>nd</sup> July, when that happened, and the guys said Bajinka was a collaborator. That was the first day they attempted to kill Bajinka. There were guys among the group, I think it was...I can't remember who it was, said no we should not kill him, that we should wait until the thing (attack) happen, when the attack happens then we can go and get him.

**Interviewer:** So, Sheriff Gisseh said you should not kill him?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, he said let the guys not kill him. Because The guys taught the reason he makes the car park is that Bajinka was their enemy because he was instructing us to park the cars (not to go on patrols). But Bajinka was only protecting us from dirtying our hands, that's what he was running from.

**Interviewer:** So, what happened in that operation?

**Bai Lowe:** Afterwards we forgot (abandoned) that because we were told Sanna would attack but he did not attack, that was when Sanna at first got out, and left, but they wanted to kill Sanna too at that time.

**Interviewer:** Who give you the information that Sanna wanted to attack the Gambia?

**Bai Lowe:** The guy (former President) comes up with that information. He talks to Tumbul then Tumbul comes to us and says, 'this and that' is what is happening. He doesn't talk to us directly, he talks with Tumbul, Commander. So Sanna he knew at that time, At that time they wanted to kill him, I don't know how and what he did until he got out and went to Senegal.

**Interviewer:** So, now it appears Sheriff Gisseh saved Bajinka's life.

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, that day if we were to go get Bajinka, Bajinke was not even aware of what was going on, he was oblivious to what was happening.

**Interviewer:** But Yaya Jammeh wanted you guys to kill Bajinka?

**Bai Lowe:** No, they said Bajinka was a collaborator, that he was linking (in cahoots) with Sanna Sabally. Even me, till today I don't know how they got that information, they said he was collaborating with Sanna Sabally to attack the Gambia.

**Interviewer:** Right, we are still in 2000, 2004 In 2004, we heard that up to 90 Ghanaian nationals and 20 of other African nationals South Africans, Nigerians, Sierra Leoneans...

**Bai Lowe:** Pa that happened in 2005.

**Interviewer:** Yes, 2005, thank you for correcting me. This happened in 2005, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005. What can you tell us about this incident, what happened?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes what happened, in 2005 Eve of 22<sup>nd</sup> July, yes I think that is when it was, either 22<sup>nd</sup> July or I think on the 23<sup>rd</sup> was when we got information that there were captured mercenaries in Barra who were coming to attack the Gambia. So, they were brought to the camp (Military Camp).sorry Pa. we caught them, and we took them to the NIA (National Intelligence Authority) office. From the NIA headquarters, they were scattered, generally we separated them and some taken to the house Kotu.

**Interviewer:** Kotu at Yaya jammeh's compound, Babaa Jobe's compound?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, Babaa Jobe's compound in Kotu. We separated them.

**Interviewer:** So, what happened Bai?

**Bai Lowe:** so then they came to pick them up, and we took them to Kanilai. Tumbul [head of the Junglers] said let the guys [Manjang and Malick ]say, 'we are going to kill you for the interest of our nation.' He said once the guys say that then they, *the junglers*, are not responsible for anything,

**Interviewer:** so Tumbul said for them to say "we are going to kill you in the interest of the nation"?

**Bai:** yes he said for them to say "we are going to kill you for the interest of our nation" if they, *the junglers*, say that then you know they are not responsible for the deaths, but Gambia as a nation will be responsible.

**Interviewer:** Which boys are you referring to, who did he say that to?

**Bai:** Them Manjang & Malick. They have an old well in the bush, you know the old Fula wells in the bush, where they fetch water for their cows. Two guys will just bring you to the well execute you and throw you in the well paw paw. That is where I saw them use a pistol to kill people

**Interviewer:** So these people, where did they kill them ? Which area did they kill them in?

**Bai:** You know Yunoor? In Front of Kanilai there is a country called Yunoor. That is where the well is. That is where they take them, they took them all to Kanilai, then two by two the car take them to Yunoor.

**Interviewer:** So is that country inside of Gambia or Senegal?

**Bai:** The country is in Senegal, Yunoor is in Senegal, but the well is in between Gambia and Senegal. I can basically say it is in Senegal

**Interviewer:** Okay, thank you for making that clear Bai Lowe. I did say it on this radio before, that when Yahya Jammeh killed the Ghanians he took them and threw them in a well around Senegal, Yunoor, right by the border.

**Bai:** Yes, they bring them at the door of the well just shoot them there and throw them in the well.

**Interviewer:** So they shoot them, then throw them in the well?

**Bai:** Yes, they hold you and shoot you, while they already had a plastic bag over your head, the one dalasi black plastic bags, shoot you and throw you in the well.

**Interviewer:** How many people did they kill there in Yunoor?

**Bai:** That day, They killed up to 40 people.

**Interviewer:** So, they were all Ghanaians?

**Bai Lowe:** I don't know their nationalities but I know there were some Ghanaians. I was not going around asking their nationalities because if I talk to them, they would think I wanted to betray them, *the junglers*.

**Interviewer:** What do you mean by that?

**Bai Lowe:** You know my responsibility was only to drive. I don't have access to talk to them. I just drive and park. There are individuals they kill whom I don't even know.

**Interviewer:** So, it seems as they killed 40 people and buried them in that well in Cassamance?

**Bai Lowe:** In that particular night, but there were some who escaped but I don't know how they escaped.

**Interviewer:** Did you guys try to search for those escapees?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, one escaped, he was caught near Kankurang and Bambara. There are villages near kanilai called Kankurang and Bambara that is where he was caught. When he was caught, Manjang went there and cut him into pieces like a Tobaske ram and put him into a sack.

**Interviewer:** What did he use to dismember his body, did he use an axe, a cutlass or what?

**Bai Lowe:** He has a small cutlass that belongs to him.

**Interviewer:** So, he used the cutlass to cut him into pieces?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, he cut him into pieces. He even brags about that, that nobody has done what he did for the Gambia because he has cut more people into pieces than any soldier in the Gambian Army. He said he has more guts than the kids because the kids cannot do what he did. He has killed people, cut them up, bagged them and threw them in Santamba.

**Interviewer:** When he cut that person into pieces and bagged him, where did he throw him, in Santamba?

**Bai Lowe:** Santamba, Santamba a village after Bwiam was where he threw him.

**Interviewer:** Was it during that time that a dismembered corpse was found in a sack?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, that was him.

**Interviewer:** Whom GRTS reported that he was found dead in the bush?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, Yes, but the guys did not know what dismembered his body and put him in a sack. But it was my guy.

**Interviewer:** Sanna Manjang did this, before you came on the Radio Sanna Manjang was begging you not to come talk on the Radio?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, you know a lot of soldiers were telling me, up until yesterday, they were telling me not to do this. But I told them, no I cannot leave it because I have to clear my name and people should know what happened. Because if not today, tomorrow will come, that is what Bajinka used to tell us all the time.

**Interviewer:** Right, so now it is established that there is a well between Gambia and Senegal where; the well is in Senegal, Cassamance, that is where you buried these 40 detainees in the well. Now what happened in Brufut, because we have heard that there was one batch (of detainees) who were captured and killed in or around Brufut?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, they were killed, but when they were; I think that was where the escapee came from Pa. I think they were killed and thrown there, they were killed there and wanted to throw them in the sea, but then they said no because by that time it was almost dawn, so the guys threw them there.

**Interviewer:** In the bush?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, they were thrown there in the bush.

**Interviewer:** So, what did the government say when they saw those dead bodies near the sea, what did they say?

**Bai Lowe:** No! the Government spoke to other people. We left, we have done our deed, we had nothing to do with anybody or anything.

**Interviewer:** So, is the Senegalese Government aware that these Ghanaians Yaya Jammeh killed were buried in Senegalese soil. Was the Senegalese aware of this?

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**Bai Lowe:** I don't know anything about that, I cannot say anything about that. That place is also close to Kanilai. It is very close to Kanilai Pa.

**Interviewer:** So when these killings were occurring, was Yahya Jammeh aware of them?

**Bai Lowe:** Pa, who has the courage to kill in Gambia without Yahya Jammeh being aware of it ?

**Interviewer:** So Yahya Jammeh gave out the orders for that operation ?

**Bai Lowe:** So now did they investigate that ? *(That Jammeh gave out the orders for the killings)*

**Interviewer:** The African has investigated it all, and your other colleague Musa Sarr has come on here and verified that the well is real and many corpse have been thrown in that well.

**Bai Lowe:** Okay let's keep going on with the interview, we will get there.

**Interviewer:** So what can you tell us that happened between 2004 and 2005 that Gambians do not know about?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, so when that happened, afterwards came the case of Haruna, Jasaja, Ndogu Mboob, the Bwiam people in general, and babu sangyang or something like that.

**Interviewer:** So your group killed all these people you are mentioning?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes! yes, but there are different types. So some people...

**Interviewer:** yes, we are hearing you. You were saying Haruna Jammeh and Jasaja Kujabi

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, so Haruna and them, they were killed with a rope.

**Interviewer:** Explain how those were killed

**Bai Lowe:** First they tied a plastic bag around their heads, there are some people when they catch them they just put the bag over their heads. The dalasi bags is what they tie around their necks, and you know gotch, you're from the village so you what a gotch(very strong and heavy rope) is.

**Interviewer:** I know gotch, it's the rope used to fetch water from the wells.

**Bai Lowe:** Exactly, exactly. So it is what they use to tight around your neck. Two people share it, one person pulls one side, and the other pulls the other side until your throat pops.

**Interviewer:** oh my oh my!! These people are wicked! So gotch is what they place on their necks and pull on both sides?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, and then throw them in the well

**Interviewer:** So the same well in Casamance is where they threw the bodies of Haruna Jammeh and Jasaja.

**Bai Lowe:** Yes! That is the burial spot Pa.

**Interviewer:** So now when they were killing Haruna Jammeh, brother to Yahya Jammeh, you were there ?

**Bai Lowe:** Haruna was also my friend. On that day I even told them, “if he can kill his own brother, then you know he will never leave anyone out.”

**Interviewer:** What was the problem between him and Haruna?

**Bai Lowe:** No, I am not sure of that honestly.

**Interviewer:** So when they were killing Haruna you was there?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, I was there sitting in my car.

**Interviewer:** Where did they kill him exactly, what location ?

**Bai Lowe:** The same place, right at the door of the well.

**Interviewer:** So how about Jasaja Kujabi?

**Bai Lowe:** The same thing, the same day for all of them, in front of the well.

**Interviewer:** How about Mercy Jammeh?

**Bai Lowe:** No Mercy Jammeh was afterwards, I think he asked about Haruna and that is when the guy got angry with him.

**Interviewer:** So someone like James Kujabi, Ablie Kujabi, brother to Jasaja Kujabi, asking where their brother was, knew that an NIA officer named Ousman Tamba arrested Gisacha Kujabi and brought him to an NIA office. At that time Ousman was in Bunding. He said since he arrested Jasaja he did not see Gisacha, but confirmed that Yahya Jammeh gave him instructions to arrest Gisacha.

**Bai Lowe:** He arrested him, and turned him to us. when he did, his son (Jasaja’s son) called me and said he heard they took his father from the NIA. I told him, Baboucarr honestly I can not tell you anything about that, and that Baboucarr is my friend.

**Interviewer:** Baboucarr is Jasaja’s son?

**Bai Lowe:** Baboucarr is Jasaja’s son, yes. He also use to work in the NIA.

**Interviewer:** So he is still working there till now?

**Bai Lowe:** No! They took him out from there. He had problems there due to the situation with his father’s arrest. He asked me, and I told him honestly I can not tell you anything.

**Interviewer:** So who went to take him from the NIA?

**Bai Lowe:** I am not sure how it went down. They went to take him and brought him. I know the son said he had the right to know if his father was there or not, but now I know he does not work there anymore since then.

**Interviewer:** Chai Gambia Chai!! So now who killed these people you mentioned, Jasaja, Haruna, Mercy Jammeh, Ndogu Mboob, and Babai Sangyang, who killed these people ?

**Bai Lowe:** The same group. That is Manjang...the same group. The same people do it, and the others just watch.

**Interviewer:** So them they just put their necks in the gotch and killed them?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, and when they did that Sanna Bojang ran!!

**Interviewer:** Sanna Bojang ran ?!

**Bai Lowe:** Yes! He is a coward.

**Interviewer:** So who was there to witness this?

**Bai Lowe:** It was Sana Bojang, Bora Kolly, but they just watch, and Malick holds here and Manjang holds the other side and they kill them.

**Interviewer:** So it seems that Malick and Sanna are the main killers in Gambia, they are responsible for many deaths?

**Bai Lowe:** yes, they get them drunk until they don't even know, to the point they can't even walk properly.

**Interviewer:** So when you told Malick and Sanna that if Yahya Jammeh can kill his own brother, named Haruna, then he will not let them go, how did they respond?

**Bai Lowe:** No, they kept quiet. They did not say anything. They were just quiet.

**Interviewer:** Chai this world! So it seems if you did not get Pa Nderry's book, you missing on a lot of information. All of these things Bai Lowe is confirming, I have already said in my book.

**Bai Lowe:** It makes you wonder Pa.

**Interviewer:** So you was witnessing all of this as a driver, and you did not drink or smoke?

**Bai Lowe:** No, I did not smoke. I did not drink. Bajinka helped me alot with that.

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**Bai Lowe:** Yes Pa

**Interviewer:** Bai how is the situation, you ready now?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, I am back gain.

**Interviewer:** Now, Bai let's return to Babaa Jobe's topic before we return to Marcy Jammeh's. Now, what can you tell us about the operation on Babaa Jobe?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, the guys came and said that Babaa Jobe wanted to mount a coup d'état. He is training some rebels in Karantaba, that these rebels are armed with pistols. So, coincidentally there was a man at the NIA office called Salmina Drammeh.

**Interviewer:** Yes, Salmina Drammeh, I know him.

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, Salmina Drammeh was named after one village Kanikunda , after Soma. So, we went there to verify the existence to rebel activity and to verify if those boys are armed because it is said that when Babaa Jobe visits Karantaba a red carpet is laid out for him and he also has an escort.

**Interviewer:** Ok

**Bai Lowe:** Hello

**Interviewer:** Yes, you are on Bai, we are hearing you.

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, Pa when we went on that mission we realised that... but the Commander that accompanied us was very real. He asked us to be vigilant to verify if we will find there what they have said. We looked everywhere but found nothing that will substantiate their claims. But Yaya Jammeh was calling the commander throughout to know what we were doing.

**Interviewer:** Who was that commander?

**Bai Lowe:** I cannot name that commander because he is still serving in the Gambian Army. But he said he will not tell a lie, he said we report what we see. When we were done he asked if we saw anyone with a gun different from a service man, we told him no, then he said, all what these guys are saying that there is a rebellion happening here is untrue, it's all lies and that is what he is going to report.

**Interviewer:** So, what happened when he reported that?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, he went and reported that and we returned to Kanilai. A few days after we returned to Kanilai the guys said Babaa Jobe came and the guys want to kill him.

**Interviewer:** Who told you that?

**Bai Lowe:** The guys came and said.... I did not go on that mission; one of my boys called Lamin Jarjue went.

**Interviewer:** So, what happened during that mission?

**Bai Lowe:** Lamin Jarjue went. But we wanted to wait in the car but Lamin Jarjue said they were going to wait in the car, if he comes they will tie him up, You know I've said that the guys use shoguns.

**Interviewer:** Yes

**Bai Lowe:** Yaya Jammeh said Babaa Jobe is coming, when he arrives they should shoot him with a shotgun, they should fire at his car, let them set fire to his car and run away. When that happens, people will say the Casamance rebels killed him.

**Interviewer:** Now, what saved Babaa Jobe's life?

**Bai Lowe:** There is an individual amongst us or an individual in Kanilai who talked to Babaa Jobe, because they would say that Babaa Jobe is coming. You know I did not go on that mission but Lamin Jarjue said, they would tell them that Babaa Jobe is coming, then they would say, Babaa Jobe has returned to Soma.

**Interviewer:** But, now Bai, you are naming Lamin what? Lamin Jarjue right?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, Lamin Jarjue, Lamin Jarjue is a driver there.

**Interviewer:** Yes, Lamin Jarjue is in The Gambia, you are naming him, but you saying you can't name the officer who went to Jarrah to check on Babaa Jobe, what is the difference there?

**Bai Lowe:** Pa, that guy is a senior Officer; I will create trouble for him if I disclose his name. Lamin Jarjue is a Couple, he was only a driver. I shared the same room with him, so am only telling you what he told me. So, when the guys returned to Kanilai, I think Bajinka saved Babaa Jobe's life during that situation.

**Interviewer:** So, you think Bajinka informed Babaa Jobe?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, I think Bajinka saved Babaa Jobe because Bajinka never took part in this. He hated the idea of killing, he didn't like it.

**Interviewer:** So, the order (to kill Babaa Jobe) came through Bajinka?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, it came through Bajinka but Bajinka did not want the guys to do it. He will just tell us that, this is the mission you going on but just go roam around and come back.

**Interviewer:** So, that was how Babaa Jobe's live was saved, but Yaya Jammeh wanted to kill him?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, they attempted to kill him.

**Interviewer:** How about Mai Fatty?

**Bai Lowe:** Mai Fatty also the same thing. They made an attempt on him but he had a chance and ran away.

**Interviewer:** So, Yaya Jammeh gave an order to kill Mai Fatty also?

**Bai Lowe:** Mai Fatty was on that list, Mai Fatty, O.J Jallow, Borry Touray were all on that list. You know I can't remember all of them.

**Interviewer:** Now, Bai let us return to between 2004 and 2005. Now, guys like Mercy Jammeh, Harouna Jammeh, N'dongo M'boup, N'dongo M'boup in particular is from Bwiam and the other guy Bubai Sanyang, when you killed these people did you tell Yaya Jammeh that you have accomplished the mission?

**Bai Lowe:** Pa, he is the one behind everything. When he sends us, he is always calling on the phone. However, Yaya Jammeh has never called me definitely; I have never even spoken to him on the phone. But he will be constantly speaking with the Commanders. He only has business with the Commanders.

**Interviewer:** Him, Yaya Jammeh, when he returned from Egypt he has said that killing people is not good and a Muslim should believe in Allah, 'you should not believe in another human being.' Now how do you interpret those kinds of talk from Yaya Jammeh when you are saying on the radio that Yaya sent you to kill these people?

**Bai Lowe:** Pa, what Yaya Jammeh says to Gambians on TV and what he does in secret is like yesterday and last year (very contradictory). I have told you that at the beginning of our interview, what Yaha Jammeh says to Gambians and what he does on the other side is very different.

**Interviewer:** Good, now what can you remember that has happened in the Gambia in 2004 and 2005 that we are not aware of?

**Bai Lowe:** 2004 up till 2005?

**Interviewer:** Yes

**Bai Lowe:** Now let us continue. During the course of the interview, something can come to my mind because I can't remember within five hours everything that happened fifteen years ago.

**Interviewer:** Now let us move on to 2006. There was a coup d'état in March 2006 in the Gambia where guys like Daba Marenah, Ebou Lowe, Alieu Ceesay, Alpha Bah and Malafi Corr were accused. What can you tell us about the deaths of these people?

**Bai Lowe:** Those people were killed at that well and thrown inside but they were brutally tortured before they died. Sanna Manjang lost his pistol during that torture.

**Interviewer:** Who, Sanna?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, Sanna Manjang, he was having a tussle with when he killed Malafi Corr, he was struggling to throw his body into the well and his pistol dropped into the well as a result.

**Interviewer:** How did they kill Malafi Corr and the others, how did they kill them?

**Bai Lowe:** They were tortured using hammers.

**Interviewer:** Hammering their heads and stuff like that?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, using hammers. They were just inflicting wickedness on them till they died. You know Ebou Lowe is my family.

**Interviewer:** So, you was present when Ebou Lowe and others were killed?

**Bai Lowe:** All of them. It was also that same day Ebrima (Chief) Manneh was killed. They were all killed on that same day.

**Interviewer:** So, Chief Manneh did not die at a hospital, he was killed there at the well?

**Bai Lowe:** Which hospital, am telling you Chief Manneh is in the Bunker.

**Interviewer:** So, you also witnessed when Daba (Daba Marenah) was killed?

**Bai Lowe:** We have passed Daba, we are now in 2006.

**Interviewer:** Yes, Daba and company were killed in 2006, I forgot.

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, Daba Marenah, I taught you was talking about Dayda. The same thing Pa, it is the same group. Nuha Badjie came and said, as far as they have killed Malafie, they have to kill all the rest, because he was a friend of Malafie.

**Interviewer:** At that time, they have not killed Daba and company?

**Bai Lowe:** Didn't you hear what I said, Daba, Malafie and company were all in the same group.

**Interviewer:** So, Nuha Badjie said since they have killed his friend, Malafie Corr, they will not spare anybody?

**Bai Lowe:** He said that, after the mission on our way home. He said that from now on whoever they said should be killed will be killed in the Gambia.

**Interviewer:** So, was Malafie among your group, was he doing killings for Yaya Jammeh?

**Bai Lowe:** I don't know if Malafie has ever killed anybody, but I have never witnessed him killing anybody, but it can happen because he was part of the patrol team.

**Interviewer:** But now Bai Lowe, the story that Yaya Jammeh and his Interior Minister Ousman Sonko gave was that Daba Marenah and company escaped while been transported to Janjang Bureh prison, is that true

**Bai Lowe:** You know that is what they told you?

**Interviewer:** Yes.

**Bai Lowe:** Did they show you the car that had an accident?

**Interviewer:** No

**Bai Lowe:** Did they show you where the accident happened?

**Interviewer:** No

**Bai Lowe:** Did they show you who was escorting them?

**Interviewer:** No

**Bai Lowe:** Leave that there Pa, what is untrue can't be straight, what is bent can't be straight

**Interviewer:** So, Bai when they were being taken from Mile 2, were you present? Were you the driver when they were being escorted?

**Bai Lowe:** No, no, no they brought them to Kanilai and that is where we took them from.

**Interviewer:** You went to the well, killed them and buried them there?

**Bai Lowe:** We just throw them in, we don't bury them. Do you want to visit the well?

**Interviewer:** I want to Bai. Can we go you show it to me?

**Bai Lowe:** Let us go together, we land in the Gambia next week, this month or next week, we go.

**Interviewer:** Yes, you were telling me you ready to return to the Gambia, you have said that.

**Bai Lowe:** Pa why not, why not.

**Interviewer:** But, Bai this is very serious, this is extremely serious.

**Bai Lowe:** This is beyond serious. And you know, what happens in most cases is that it is all because they will bring you big talk saying his guy wants to do this and that. They will tell a lot of lies when it is all untruths. But also, they will get the boys so drunk that they won't be able to differentiate from blue and red.

**Interviewer:** Yaya Jammeh is such an offender, killing Gambians and burying them in Senegalese territory, that well is in Senegalese territory. Now, Bai what can you say to the families of Daba Marenah, Ebou Lowe, Alieu Ceesay, Alpha Bah, Malfie Corr, what can you tell their dependents because a lot of people thought they escaped or they are probably hidden somewhere, but they are alive, what can you tell their dependents?

**Bai Lowe:** Pa, you see Alieu Ceesay, I share a lot with him because we shared the same batch and trained together in 1997, we went together for the CSE Cadet Selection and he became a Lieutenant. I would have been dead if I was a Lieutenant Pa. So, when he was made a Lieutenant and I returned to the guard. Alieu Ceesay was my tight boy, when this happened to him, I could not... his wife and I ...I was sponsoring his children, Pa.

**Interviewer:** Right,

**Bai Lowe:** I was supporting his wife but I didn't have the courage to tell the wife what happened. Several times the wife has approached me and said 'I have heard that my husband has died?' and I tell her 'I don't know anything about that, I know that Alieu has escaped and if he has escaped you will see him no matter how long it takes. Also we did the Commando training together, we shared the same bed (bonk bed). I slept on top, he slept below. Samba Baldeh brought him to join the training.

**Interviewer:** Right, right, so now....

**Bai Lowe:** Ebou Lowe also as a brother. He and my brother were in the same...as a brother I would go up to their house to visit him. He regarded me as a brother.

**Interviewer:** Right, so Bai who killed these People at the well, Sanna Manjang and Malick Jatta as usual killed these guys?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, yes and guys like Michael Correa, Mustapha Sanneh, Michael Jatta.

**Interviewer:** They killed Daba and company?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, it's all of them, it's all of them Pa.

**Interviewer:** Oh Gambia! Yahya Jammeh, Yahya Jammeh you are evil. You are over there holding prayer beads and the Holy Quran, fooling people, when actually you are a murderer. You belong to the Hell fire. Now Bai I want you to tell me who are in the Junglers Commando team, the Patrol team, their names and surnames, the ones you can remember just so that we can document it.

**Bai Lowe:** The time I was there?

**Interviewer:** Yes

**Bai Lowe:** Yes start with my name, Bai Lowe, Solo Bojang, Michael Jatta, Michael Correa, Sanna Manjang, Mustapha Sanneh, Tumbul Jarjue

**Interviewer:** He is known as 'Rambo'

**Bai Lowe:** Yes he is also known as 'Rambo,' Fansu Nyabally, Alieu Jeng

**Interviewer:** Alieu Jeng?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, Abdoulie Jallow

**Interviewer:** He is Staff Sergeant Abdoulie Jallow?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, Sang Mendy, yes and Musa Sarr with others.

**Interviewer:** Yes the list is long, guys like, how do you call him; he has been fired from his job. You said he was involved in Deyda's situation, I keep forgetting his name.

**Bai Lowe:** Who, Sheriff Gisseh?

**Interviewer:** No, it's not Sheriff Gisseh, Bombardier was also one of you guys, right?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, Bombardier was very involved.

**Interviewer:** Now let's move on to Dawda Nyassi. I have written in my book how Dawda Nyassi was killed.

**Bai Lowe:** You see, Nuha Badjie, Borra Kolley

**Interviewer:** Borra Kolley, yup. What about Fally Jabang, he is the one I was talking about?

**Bai Lowe:** Fally Jabang is not in the Patrol Team, he is an interrogator.

**Interviewer:** Oh, he is an Interrogation Officer?

**Bai Lowe:** He was an Interrogation Officer at that time.

**Interviewer:** Now let's move on to Dawda Nyassi, we are aware that your group killed Dawda Nyassi. What can you tell us about the death of Dawda Nyassi?

**Bai Lowe:** Dawda Nyassi was arrested one day. One of his friends called something Gibba, residing in Talinding, informed on him. He was the one talking with Tumbul speaking in the Jola language. Dawda Nyassi is a native of Bakoteh. That friend of his asked him to accompany him somewhere. Whilst accompanying his friend, he was arrested by Tumbul. The whole situation was a setup anyway. He was a very big guy, when he was arrested he was put into the back of a Pickup Truck. His friend was told once they reached a specific area the driver will slow down and he should jump off the vehicle, so the friend did that.

Then they drove up to behind the Airport that was where he, Dawda Nyassi, was tied to a tree and killed.

**Interviewer:** They killed him where, near the Airport?

**Bai Lowe:** Behind the Airport, between the Airport and a village called Makumbaya.

**Interviewer:** Now I want you to explain how Dawda Nyassi was killed and what was he saying \*\*\*\*.

**Bai Lowe:** He was tied to a tree, so when he was tied to the tree he was saying in Mandinka 'what did I do,' that's what he was saying.

**Interviewer:** So who killed him?

**Bai Lowe:** He said, what did he do, he did nothing, because he cannot have peace where he is and he cannot have peace where he lived.

**Interviewer:** So, who killed Dawda Nyassi?

**Bai Lowe:** He was just tied up and killed there. They also used a pistol in this occasion.

**Interviewer:** So, what did they do when they killed him, did they bury him there?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, they buried him there and went their way.

**Interviewer:** So, did you witness that operation, you was there?

**Bai Lowe:** Sitting in the car with Tumbul Tamba.

**Interviewer:** Who and who were involved in the operation?

**Bai Lowe:** Tumbul Tamba, Malick and Alieu Jeng and Sanna Manjang.

**Interviewer:** Including you yourself?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes.

**Interviewer:** So, when he was taken from Bakoteh Central, who was driving the car?

**Bai Lowe:** Bakoteh where?

**Interviewer:** When they were taking Dawda Nyassi from Bakoteh Central.

**Bai Lowe:** We went together in the Pick Up truck; we drove, when you hear the car know that Bai Lowe is driving.

**Interviewer:** Oh, you were the one driving?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, (background noise) who is that?

**Interviewer:** Bai you are saying something very important. Now Bai, that is how Dawda Nyassi was killed and buried there, under the tree?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes he was buried there.

**Interviewer:** In that occasion too, Yaya Jammeh gave the order for him to be killed?

**Bai Lowe:** He gave the order, he gave the order there. Tumbul coordinates everything, he never kills anyone, he just sits there.

**Interviewer:** Now, Bai after Dawda Nyassi, what other mission did you execute involving killing someone?

**Bai Lowe:** There was one boy we killed in a village in Casamance.

**Interviewer:** Where did you kill the boy?

**Bai Lowe:** In Casamance, there is a village there.

**Interviewer:** What is his name?

**Bai Lowe:** I cannot pronounce the village's name. The residents of that village have 'Tamba' family names.

**Interviewer:** Ok, so where did you kill him?

**Bai Lowe:** Malick shot him, Malick shot him

**Interviewer:** Did he shoot him with a gun?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes a gun.

**Interviewer:** So, his intestines poured out?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes

**Interviewer:** What did he do that warranted Malick to kill him?

**Bai Lowe:** He \*\*\*\* and ran \*\*\*\* him, you understand, \*\*\*\*, the guys shot him, Malick shot him, you know.

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**Interviewer:** This is very sad. So, what is been said that Yaya Jammeh is an Idol worshipper, is that true?

**Bai Lowe:** Idols are Yaya Jammeh's food, he lives on Idols.

**Interviewer:** What can you tell us about that?

**Bai Lowe:** He is an Idolater. His sister Marcy Jammer is the one responsible for the Idol/voodoo.

**Interviewer:** Marcy had the custody of the Idol?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, Marcy is responsible for everything with regards to the Idol. When he killed Marcy he transferred responsibility of the Idol to Faye Bojang.

**Interviewer:** Is Faye Bojang a soldier?

**Bai Lowe:** Faye Bojang ia not a soldier, he is a civilian.

**Interviewer:** So, what times does he normally go to worship the Idols?

**Bai Lowe:** He knows, when he is in his going there, I am in my room. He knows when he is supposed to go, but I know they will spill (sacrifice) blood for him. They go there sometimes and kill (sacrifice) cattle there, but the meat never leaves the tree (where the Idol(s) are kept). Anyone who wants the meat will go there, eat it there and leave.

**Interviewer:** Now, you Bai Lowe talking now, have you ever sat face to face with Yaya Jammeh and had a conversation with him?

**Bai Lowe:** Never on this Earth, I don't even pray to Allah for that.

**Interviewer:** The issue of these female bodyguards following and guarding him, we have heard that he sleeps with them. What do you know about that?

**Bai Lowe:** No, I cannot say anything about that because I am not that close to Yaya Jammeh to know about women he deals with. I am hearing it like you are hearing it but I cannot confirm the story because I do not want to say something I do not know, you understand.

**Interviewer:** Right, right but you the Junglers.

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, yes I want ....we are only dealing with the side of the bush/jungle for him. His programs and our programs are different. I've also just heard it the same way as you.

**Interviewer:** But you guys sometimes have a barbeque and drink alcohol with Yaya Jammeh in Kanilai, has that not happened?

**Bai Lowe:** You said Yahya Jammeh?

**Interviewer:** Does he celebrate with you guys, eating meat and chatting like how Musa Sarr explained.

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, all the time, with meat, definitely. Any time we want we slaughter a ram, we will be on our side, there will be enough alcohol and cannabis.

**Interviewer:** Yes

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, good that's what it is. **We were not working like regular soldiers.** That is why in 2006 I planned to leave the Army. I went to Tumbul and told him I am going to leave the Army. He said to me, why did I want to leave the Army. I told him that, what we are doing is not correct/right. I have been in the Army for nine years but the Army cannot even tell me thank you and award me even a Lance Corporal, so let me leave. He said to me 'if you leave the Army they will kill you, my advice to you is to continue. You sign up for another six years and continue.'

**Interviewer:** Right, now you have told us about Tumbul Tamba, but Musa Jammeh what can you tell us about Musa Jammeh?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, Musa Jammeh was very loyal to Yaya Jammeh. I do not think Yaya Jammeh will ever have a more loyal soldier than Musa Jammeh. Musa Jammeh and Tumbul Tamba are all the same, we call them a 6 and 9.

**Interviewer:** So, Musa also took part in the operations?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, yes Musa Jammeh is always present in all our operations. Musa Jammeh was behind even the operations on Daba Marenah and company.

**Interviewer:** So, Musa was the main man behind the operation on Daba Marenah and the others operation?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, yes even the operation on Saul and **the one on the Ghanaians Musa was there.**

**Interviewer:** All this is happening on Gambian soil and Gambians don't know anything about it, thinking it is bandits committing these crimes when actually it is the soldiers who are murdering people.

**Bai Lowe:** Pa what bandit is in the Gambia? There is no bandit in the Gambia; it is the soldiers who are doing all these things. But the soldiers also, their job ....because I think every Gambian has a right to serve their country, so we did not join the army to kill our citizens. We joined the Army to serve our nation, to defend our people. **Yahya Jammeh turned/used the system like that. I can tell you that the boys didn't like doing those operations. They didn't do it out of their own free will.**

**Interviewer:** Now let us move on to the Casamance subject, the border issue and the MFDC Rebels. It is of an important interest for the Senegalese listeners, they want to know what Yaya Jammeh is doing in Kanilai with Salif Sadio's Rebels. What can you tell us about Yahya Jammeh's participation in helping the MFDC Rebels in committing atrocities in Casamance?

**Bai Lowe:** MFDC, Casamance; Pa I first saw Salif Sadio in 2006, in September. We went between Tambac and Kusamai to meet Salif Sarjo, in the company of Tumbul Tamba, Bai Lowe, Nuha Badjie, Solo Bojang and Salif Sadio himself with another person called Alieu Kandeh. Do you know 'Dimbah?' (a tree also called 'Jungle/Bush Mango')

**Interviewer:** Yes Dimbah

**Bai Lowe:** We met under that tree. Salif Sadio said he wants to farm but he doesn't have farming tools, meaning he wants to fight the Senegal but he doesn't have fighting tools (weapons) he said he.... Before that Manjang came and said he has contact with Salif Sadio, that Salif Sadio gave him a recording to give to Yaya Jammeh. I said to him 'can you do that,' he said Salif Sadio is a friend of his; he goes there all the time and spends time with them. He truthfully had a relationship with those guys. Now when that happened, they had a telephone call with Yaya Jammeh and fixed an appointment. But that Salif Sadio came to Kanilai, I am not aware of that. If it happened, I am not aware of it. But I know that he had what he wanted because the farming implements he was asking for, the guys gave it to him.

**Interviewer:** They gave him the weapons?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes the guys gave them to him because Musa Jammeh had a brother in the service Salif Sadio, the rebels had a fight amongst themselves and the other group caught and killed that Musa Jammeh's brother.

**Interviewer:** What is his name?

**Bai Lowe:** That I don't know but I will ask my guys in the Gambia and they will give me his name.

**Interviewer:** So, now was the meeting you had with Salif Sadio washeld inside Casamance?

**Bai Lowe:** who Salif Sadio?

**Interviewer:** Yes, the meeting you had with him when he was seeking help regarding supply of weapons?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, we returned, you know Kusamai is in Gambian territory and Tambac is in Senegal, there is what seems like a small forest in between, that was where we met with him.

**Interviewer:** So, who gave him the weapons, Yaya Jammeh or Musa Jammeh and company?

**Bai Lowe:** Musa Jammeh took the arms from the shipping containers in State House, came to Kanilai and took some arms and took them to him. He transported the arms for him to Jilanfari.

**Interviewer:** That is the rebel camp near Kanilai?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, Jilanfari. There is a reasonable distance between Jilanfari and Kanilai. No sorry, yes Jilanfari and Baipol.

**Interviewer:** Ok, so now which kind of weapons did they give Salif Sadio?

**Bai Lowe:** AK47s RPGs a lot of things, even \*\*\*\* were given away.

**Interviewer:** Those were the weapons Yahya Jammeh got from Iran. Those are the ones they gave him?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, those are the ones they gave him. After we gave them the arms, they had a fight amongst themselves.

**Interviewer:** The Rebels?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, when they fought again, I don't know how....The rebels, whatever you give them they record it. They have their own book. So when they fought, the other rebel group got the book and took it to Upath, there is a rebel camp over there called Upath.

**Interviewer:** They took it there?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes they took it there and they also seized an RPG shell which they took along. So when we went on patrol there, because we have our clearance, we visit the Senegalese Army, we visit Salif Sadio's rebels, we visit Bekai's rebels. Do you know Bekai?

**Interviewer:** Yes, Bekai rebels.

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, so when we went there, the guys said Salif Sadio has arms which came from The Gambia and the book they are in possession of shows that Musa Jammeh gave a lot of arms to Salif Sadio. Solo Bojang and company handed them over, they explained everything. So we took the book, we asked them if they can give us the book, they said if we can guarantee that we will return the book they will give us the book. So from there Malick said we should go and arrest Musa Jammeh, Manjang told him 'no, you don't know how those arms got to them, let's take the book to Kanilai.' We took the book to Kanilai, the guys called Malick, the book was written in French, they called a boy called Malick Jammeh who translated what was in the book. Solo knew who did that (supplied the arms to the rebels), but he said that never happened let's return the book. I, Bai Lowe, personally drove the car and returned the book to Upath in Casamance.

**Interviewer:** So, you the book, did Yaya Jammeh read the book?

**Bai Lowe:** No, the book never reached Yaya Jammeh; it only reached Solo Bojang who said what they wrote in it was not true and I should take the car and return the book, so I returned it. When the guys gave us the book, they gave us a shell as well which they said came from our Army that it did not come from Salif Sadio's rebels, he does not have those types of weapons.

**Interviewer:** That's very interesting, so you used to visit those rebel camps in Kanilai and Casamance?

**Bai Lowe:** I am acquainted with them, we have a relation with them. The Casamance rebellion affair will not cool down as long as Yaya Jammeh is in power because Yaya Jammeh is sponsoring them all the time; Yaya Jammeh has called them there and gave them \$20,000, Pa.

**Interviewer:** In Kanilai?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, he called Kambungeh and Salif Sadio and said he wants to help them.

**Interviewer:** Who is Kambungeh?

**Bai Lowe:** Kambungeh Jatta

**Interviewer:** He is also a Rebel Leader?

**Bai Lowe:** He is a Rebel Leader but he has stopped fighting now.

**Interviewer:** So, now how many rebel camps are in Casamance that you have visited?

**Bai Lowe:** No, wait let me come and tell you about the rebel affair. You know the rebels said Abdoulie Wade is coming to attack Yahya Jammeh in Kanilai but Abdoulie Wade .... But Pa I have to go to the bathroom again.

**Interviewer:** Take a break; I will give you a break.

**Bai Lowe:** Yes okay.

**Interviewer:** But we are on radio, you are live, don't let the Jolas laugh at you. We will take a short break. The program will be very interesting today. You know whoever your guy, Pa Nderry, interviews you will say something very clear/straight before you get off the line. Yaya Jammeh you are listening to the program, I know you are listening to it. Sit there and wait, by the time we are done with you Senegal will get you and take you to the ICC to face justice. What you have been doing there is drink alcohol smoking cannabis, sleeping with women and giving weapons to the MFDC rebels to kill Senegalese and Gambians. This is very sad Gambia. Let's take a short break, when he returns we will continue with the program. It is me your presenter Pa Nderry M'bai, stay tuned. Bai Lowe welcome, welcome to Freedom Radio Bai Lowe. Now, Bai we will continue with the Casamance subject. You was explaining something very important; that you took the book from the rebel camp with your guys, you went to Kanilai had one interpreter with the surname Jammeh. He interpreted it; you returned the book to the rebel camp. I want you to explain which rebel camps are in Casamance that you have set foot on, Bai Lowe.

**Bai Lowe:** Pa, I know Casamance better than I know Nioumi, where I originate from because the area is the same way I travel in that area all the time. The rebels and I know each other very well. There is also one thing; they believe that Salif Sadio Rebels are the pure rebels, that they are Yaya Jammeh's Rebels.

**Interviewer:** You said what?

**Bai Lowe:** There is a thing in Casamance; they are saying that Salif Sadio's Rebels are the pure rebels, that they are Yaya Jammeh's Rebels

**Interviewer:** Yes

**Bai Lowe:** So, the guys would say that when they encounter them, they should not say or do anything to them.

**Interviewer:** Who gave you that order?

**Bai Lowe:** Our command told us that, Solo Bojang and company told us that.

**Interviewer:** Yes

**Bai Lowe:** Because Solo Bojang has an uncle who is fighting for Salif Sadio.

**Interviewer:** He has an uncle who is fighting for Salif Sadio?

**Bai Lowe:** that is fighting for Salif Sadio, you understand. That is why the guys.... What?

**Interviewer:** Do you know his name?

**Bai Lowe:** I don't know his name. So when we encounter the rebels, because we have encountered this guy, I've forgotten the rebel's name, its Fembaa, he is Manjang's friend.

We used to catch Fembaa on Gambian territory in possession of arms, RPGs, guns and other weapons, when the guys inform Solo Bojang, he would instruct them to let him (Fembaa) go and the guys will let him go. We went to Jilanfari and captured a vehicle belonging to Salif Sadio; there were three vehicles in total. We captured the vehicles when they came to collect them from the Gambia, we call Solo Bojang, Nuha Badjie called him and he said we should let them go, he said they are Yaya Jammeh's rebels. One day we went to speak to Bakai's guys (rebels), they told us that they were fighting with Salif Sadio's rebels and Salif Sadio's rebels ran and hid inside Gambian territory near Sibanor. We went searching for them and found them with their weapons and everything. Yaya Jammeh said we should take them to Mile 2 (an infamous/notorious prison in The Gambia). On our way Musa Jammeh asked them whose rebels they were, they said they were Salif Sadio's rebels, so he made some phone calls and then said we should return them, so we returned them back to Jilanfari again with their arms and everything.

**Interviewer:** It seems like the MFDC Rebels are Yaya Jammeh's Rebels, you should not arrest them in The Gambia.

**Bai Lowe:** No, they are Salif Sadio's Rebels, Salif Sadio's guys.

**Interviewer:** Yes, they are the ones supporting Yaya Jammeh?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, they told Yaya Jammeh that even if Senegal is coming to attack the Gambia they will join the Gambia to fight Senegal.

**Interviewer:** This is interesting, this is interesting. So, when these rebels come to the Gambia, where do they normally stay, Salif Sadio's guys?

**Bai Lowe:** Salif Sadio's guys even if they want breakfast, they can have it at Jilanfari. Some have houses in Arangallen, some have houses in Faji Kunda. Wuyeh Faye, Pap, Pap is my age mate, he is not that old, Malayne, Omar Kujabie. Gambia is where their everything is.

**Interviewer:** But, Bai there are two rebels who were killed in the Gambia, they said Ousman Sonko and Yaya Jammeh, because they had a problem with Salif Sadio. They were coming to the Gambia, Ousman Sonko Coordinated their murder. In your group isn't there MFDC rebels who have a problem with Yaya Jammeh who are in the jakai or maybe they are ....

**Bai Lowe:** Who are you talking about, Mag'n?

**Interviewer:** Yes

**Bai Lowe:** Let's move on, I have not reached that part yet, let's finish with Salif Sadio.

**Interviewer:** Okay

**Bai Lowe:** I can tell you a lot about the rebel subject Pa. I can tell you quite a lot.

**Interviewer:** Yes, continue with Salif Sadio.

**Bai Lowe:** They said Salif Sadio is the pure rebel because Salif Sadio is the one who brings us information; he has brought all kinds of information to Kanilai. That N'dure Cham is coming, Sana Sabally is coming, N'dure Cham is conniving with Bajinka. One day they called us and said Bajinka is going to attack the Gambia with Sana Sabally and N'dure Cham. They are at Kabakeil, a village behind Bulock. They called us, we all came to Kanilai.

They brought us a ram, after grilling it they told us that N'dure Cham is going to attack today. When we were prepared to go, Bajinka called me. I asked him where he is, he said 'I will not tell you where I am but do not say my name.' I told him 'we are on our way to lay an ambush on you guys because you are coming to attack the Gambia'. He said in Mandinka 'when a goat is frightened it bites.' He said 'where I am is very far.' But at that time I cannot tell the guys that Bajinka was the one on the phone because they will think that I am giving Bajinaka information all the time. We went until daybreak we saw nothing. They said, it's a confirmed source that Bajinka is in Senegal, he is in Kabakeil with the Senegalese soldiers, Sana Sabally and N'dure Cham ready to attack on that day but we saw nothing till this day. So it's the rebels who bring all that information all the time.

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**Bai Lowe:** When we encountered Salif Sadio's group , 25 personals, they were heavily armed. When we caught them and took them to Brikama at the College that is where we met with Musa Jammeh, he told us to return them. We returned them to Jilanfari. When we returned them there the guys searched us to make sure that we did not take their stuff.

**Interviewer:** Who searched you?

**Bai Lowe:** Musa Jammeh came and asked them to verify if any of their stuff was missing let them declare it there and they would search us and return it back to them. Then he asked us to meet him near Kanilai, when we went up to near Kanilai, he nearly had a problem with Manjang that day because he said Abdoulie Wade (former Senegalese President)is the one training .... Manjang told him that 'a rebel is only a rebel; the rebels will not have any benefit for our country, let us tell Yaya Jammeh the truth.' Musa Jammeh said that Abdoulie Wade is training 110 rebels in Guinea Bissau to attack Gambia, so it is these who will defend us when that happens.

**Interviewer:** Manjang never agreed to the Gambia supporting the rebels?

**Bai Lowe:** No, no, no on that day Manjang would have had a ....I told him 'boy forget about this' because he said we should tell Yaya Jammeh the truth, because those who are reporting the rebel issue to Yaya Jammeh and what is actually happening on the ground is different.

**Interviewer:** How many rebel camps are there in Casamance?

**Bai Lowe:** Exclaims, Pa let me begin with you on Sambulanjang, do you know Sambulanjang?

**Interviewer:** Where is that?

**Bai Lowe:** Hay! Sambulanjang then you come to Kaberkel, do you know Kaberkel?

**Interviewer:** No.

**Bai Lowe:** Okay, you come to Tambui.

**Interviewer:** Tambui

**Bai Lowe:** Tambui, you come to Kurek, you come to Kuram. Pa a rebel camp will be just a small thatched shed and they will call it a Camp.

**Interviewer:** So, where do they keep their weapons?

**Bai Lowe:** They keep it in a bunker Pa.

**Interviewer:** So, they keep them in a bunker, where are the landmines in Casamance?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes when we go there, they accompany us. They are responsible for what routes we take and where we go.

**Interviewer:** So you guys were working with Salif Sadio's guys in short?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes because Salif Sadio's guys help us, they are more powerful than us. If we have a problem with them in the bush they call our Command direct.

Because one day we seized their rider (motorcycle) and I sent it to Kanlai, on our way home Musa Jammeh said why we seized the rider.

**Interviewer:** Is it the small mopeds they ride?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes. In 2010 April or March, that was the day when things got really bad because I met them.... I travelled in 2008 and returned in 2009, when I returned they said I am no longer the driver, they have assigned another driver and I am the 02 there now.

**Interviewer:** In Kanilai there?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, when that happened I know they now want to stain my hands because when you are driving you don't kill people, you just sit, you don't kill people.

**Interviewer:** That's interesting Bai, so now Bai

**Bai Lowe:** Pa let's cut it now till next time because I am tired now.

**Interviewer:** Now Bai

**Bai Lowe:** Yes

**Interviewer:** Before you go I want to clarify those mopeds, did Yaya Jammeh give the rebels those mopeds and cars?

**Bai Lowe:** He did not give them the mopeds but he gives them fuel, gasoil.

**Interviewer:** Where does he fuel them, there in Kanilai?

**Bai Lowe:** Gasoil yes, they even give them bread too.

**Interviewer:** They also give them bread?

**Bai Lowe:** Pa anything which is a support, Yaya jammeh gives it to those rebels, and also they have access, it's the rebellion issue that I had a bigger problem with because when we come back next time I will explain to you how that car, how they seized the car in Casamance which I brought back.

**Interviewer:** So now we do part two of the interview tomorrow?

**Bai Lowe:** No tomorrow I have a situation with my guys, they called me there, I am going there at 2 o'clock tomorrow and I don't know when I will be back. I don't want to give you a time that when you call me I will be busy.

**Interviewer:** Can I call you on Tuesday, on Tuesday we do part two of the interview?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes Tuesday if I don't have any programs, call me anyway, if you don't get me on the phone I am always free.

**Interviewer:** So now what I want to know Bai before you go, when you were detained in Mile 2, why were you detained?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes I will come back to you on that. When I come back for the next interview I will explain to you why... because the reason they took us to Mile 2 and the reason what happened, Sarr's issue is different. They just cling on to Sarr's issue and took us to Mile 2 (used Sarr's issue as a pretext to detain us).

**Interviewer:** Okay

**Bai Lowe:** They used Sarr's issue, and said that Sarr ....they used Sarr's issue to take us to Mile 2. But the reason why they took us to Mile 2, Yahya Jammeh knows it we know it and I will say it here for everybody to hear it.

**Interviewer:** Now Bai, Yaya Jammeh is listening to you and what you are saying is a very grave matter in the Gambia for a lot of people to know, so when you return on Tuesday you will disclose more than you have done today?

**Bai Lowe:** I will breakdown everything Pa. There will be nothing we will leave unturned.

**Interviewer:** Then Bai we will leave you till Tuesday.

**Bai Lowe:** Allah swt willing, leave the Gambians to listen...but what time will you broadcast it in German time for them to listen to it?

**Interviewer:** We are coming now to air it live. The reason I have closed all the lines (blocked all incoming calls) is because I don't want them to interrupt the program, because Yahya Jammeh's intelligence personnel have been calling through Skype to come and disrupt the program, that is

why the interview was done off air so that the guys won't know I was talking to you. Now will you come back on Tuesday?

**Bai Lowe:** I want Gambians to know that everything that happened in the Gambia Yahya Jammeh was behind it. What Yaya Jammeh tells Gambians and what really happens is very different.

**Interviewer:** Now Bai, is there anything you want to apologise for to the families of whom you have been sent to kill their sons/daughters which you witnessed. You have said that you have never killed but you have witnessed. You have no apologies for those families because your intent was to work and protect your country but the job that was assigned to you was to drive people who were killing people in the Gambia. Is there anything you want to apologise to these families listening to you?

**Bai Lowe:** It was not my intent or my wish to witness where a Gambian is been killed and I stand there and witness it because Gambians are the reason I am wearing the uniform I am wearing because it is from Gambian taxes my uniform is bought, they pay my salary and everything. So I wore a uniform to help Gambians, but also if you look at it from the other side I did not wear a uniform to harm anybody, it is not my intention to be present when those people were killed. This is a pain I have been carrying, but those families, Yahya Jammeh gave the orders to kill those people, it happened in my presence, I cannot exclude myself from it and say that I was not there, it was in my presence, I drove the car and witnessed a lot but I am prepared to go anywhere to be a witness anywhere they want me to be.

**Interviewer:** Now you have talked about the killings, you will also talk about the beatings, people they have detained and beaten in your presence? I said people they have detained and beaten, they were beaten in your presence in Gambia?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes now allow me till next time. Next time we come back and continue the thing. Gambia will hear how it was there.

**Interviewer:** Sanna Manjang and co are calling you to beg you not to talk on the radio, they are begging you. You said you will come and talk. So what message do you want to tell them, should they leave the job and runaway or what?

**Bai Lowe:** I correspond with Sanna Manjang on Skype, there are also other soldiers who write to me asking me to stop, to not talk because it can cause problem in the Gambia. But I want Gambians to know that what is happening is not right. And also even the authorities don't like it. They don't like the situation they find themselves in but if they don't do it Yahya Jammeh will kill them.

**Interviewer:** But Bai before you go, I cannot let you go, we must talk about this before you go, I am begging you. You said that Sanna Manjang and co are begging you to be quiet, you said you will not do that, you are a good citizen, you want people to have knowledge of this information, you want to establish the truth. What you would want is for Sanna Manjang and others to run away and come here to disclose the truth. Now Bai, you guys burnt down Independent Newspaper and Radio 1 FM. Before you go we want you to explain what you know about who burnt Independent Newspaper, who burnt Radio 1 FM till George Christen was burnt. We want you to quickly explain that before we close the lines.

**Bai Lowe:** No, I am tired now till Tuesday. I am tired Pa.

**Interviewer:** Bai you are tired and you call yourself a soldier, soldiers don't get tired.

**Bai Lowe:** I am tired, you know talking is difficult. Gambians may interpret differently what I have already said. Don't worry, I am ready for us to go together and die for the Gambia.

**Interviewer:** Right, so now we leave you till Tuesday to explain the subject?

**Bai Lowe:** No let's wait till next Tuesday, we can come back the next Tuesday and continue again. The Independent (Newspaper) subject I can, there is someone who can elaborate more on it.

**Interviewer:** That person is in the Gambia?

**Bai Lowe:** Yes, go off air so I can discuss that with you.

**Interviewer:** Ok, Bai let me close the lines, we will talk on Tuesday, and we thank you. Don't go, you can stay on the line, thank you. You are listening to it here Gambia, it is me your presenter Pa N'derry M'bai, the interview is very interesting. God willing Bai Lowe will come back on Tuesday to the radio to blow open the big secret. Everything that Yaya Jammeh has done in the Gambia he will explain it. Thank you; it's me your presenter Pa N'derry M'bai.