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The best way to make your dreams come true is to  
wake up - *Paul Valery*

# Bomaru Chief wants national holiday for March 23 1991

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The Chief of Upper Bambara Cyril Foray Gondor of Kailahun District has called on Government to recognize March 23, 1991, the day the war started in Sierra Leone as a national holiday.

The Chief was yesterday speaking to the Press at the Forum of Conscience office at Fort Street where he reflected the day the first shot was fired signaling the start of the eleven

years brutal war.

The Chief said that he was calling on government to declare the day for reflection on what went wrong and why did Sierra Leoneans went so low to kill one another.

The Chief stated that he believed that until Sierra Leoneans sit together as "fambul" to discuss and address the root causes of the conflict, it would help in the re-occurrence of the war

in the country.

Chief Gondor also welcomed the recent verdict of RUF members at the special court and reiterated that the verdict will bring an end to the

retributive process "now the country needs to focus on restorative justice.

It can be achieved through community reconciliation and the implementation of the TRC

recommendation with emphasis on the reparation for war victims"

On what Bomaru has in store for the commemoration of the start of the war, Chief Gondor

explained that in collaboration with forum of conscience, the catalyst for peace would observe feasting, traditional dances, cultural performance and football matches.

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He said the people of upper Bambara chiefdom in collaboration with FoC and catalyst for peace would observe the one-year anniversary of the 'Fambul Tok' reconciliation launch, adding that they are extending an invitation to president Koroma, parliamentarians, NGOs, traditional

and religious leaders among other distinguished personalities to grace the ceremony.

The ceremony, he said, would be observed with series of activities including feasting, traditional displays and a grand football match.

Executive director of FoC, John Caulker said his organization and the

US based foundation are only providing technical assistance to the people, adding that the process is owned by the people.

Caulker said the slaughter house in Kailahun would be used to teach young adults about the negative impact of the war on the people in order for them not to repeat that sad chapter again.

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Chief Gondor of Bomaru Chiefdom