

'Fambul Tok' welcomes Special Court verdict on RUF

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Paramount chief of upper Bambara chiefdom, Kailahun district Monday said

'Fambul Tok' welcomes the verdict of the Special Court on former fighters of the revolutionary united front (RUF).

'Fambul Tok' is an initiative whereby traditional methods of reconciliation are being used at community level to heal the wounds of the decade-long civil war. The project is a partnership between forum of conscience (FoC), a local human rights organization, and catalyst for peace, a S-based foundation which supports locally led reconciliation processes in post-conflict African societies. The theme reconciles victims and perpetrators of



From l-r: Chief Maada Alpha Ndolleh, John Caulker and PC Gondor

the war.

Cyril Foday Gondor told journalists that the verdict brought to an end the retributive process now that the country needs to focus on restorative justice.

He said restorative justice can be achieved through community reconciliation and the implementation of the truth and reconciliation commission's recommendations, which empha-

size reparation programmes for war victims.

Paramount chief Gondor said: "March 23, 1991 is a day we, Sierra Leoneans, shall never forget in our history. The people of upper Bambara chiefdom and Bomaru town are calling on the government to declare this day as national reflection day. We need to reflect on what went wrong." *Contd. page 4*