

**Letter from Mohammed Lappia to Janet Alty dated 26 November 1996**

I write to inform you that my family and I have survived the rebel war up to date. We waded through horrible experiences and nightmares. We also learnt many realities during the period. Thank God we are still alive.

My pleasure is that the autocratic APC power house and the military junta were uprooted and replaced by our determination and fortitude .

We now have a new democratic SLPP government, coincidentally with a 'GREEN' PALM TREE as its symbol. President Alhaji Tijan Kabba has a wealth of experience from his UN work life. There seem to be high hopes/prospects for the new democracy.

The peoples' militia 'The Kamajohs' have courageously pursued the rebels. Most, if not all, of the existing located rebel camps have been demolished. As such the rebel leader Foday Sankoh in consultation with the surrendered rebels have yielded to the peace option. The peace treaty will very likely be signed on Friday 29th November 1996. As such we ardently look forward to peace in Sierra Leone by the beginning of the New Year 1997....