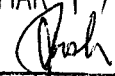


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ILO TRADITIONAL RIGHTS COURT EO  
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Jarling Thomas et al,	)	H/C Civil Action No. 2000-184
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Plaintiff,	)	
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Abiut Samson et al,	)	<b><u>LEMNAK IN UWAK</u></b>
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Defendant,	)	
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nae.	)	
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Helena Alik et al,	)	
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Intervenor.	)	
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High Court Civil Action No. 2000-184 ear jino komon ronjake eo an iman court kein ruo an High Court im Traditional Rights Court ilo juon ien joint hearing ilo courthouse eo ilo Uliga, Majuro Atoll, Republic eo an Marshall Islands, ilo January 6 ran im jemlok ilo January 16, 2006. Ro rar jijet ilo panel eo an Court in an Manit rar Honorable Berson Joseph, Chief Judge, Honorable Botlang Loeak, Associate Judge im Honorable Abji Jally, Associate Judge Pro Temp, Traditional Rights Court. Honorable Carl B. Ingram, Chief Justice eo an High Court, ej judge eo ear preside ak tel kenono ko ilo case in kenono kake.

Case in ear lab an kaitoktok limo kinke ear wor jilu party ko rar abnono nae dron ilo aer kajjion in bukot won wot iaer ekkar iumin manit bwe en kabjer maron ko jimor and alab im dri jermal ilo Lorilejman Weto. Case in ear itok non Traditional Rights Court in non an ronjake im etali aoleb kein kamol ko an party kein jimor. Case in ear bareinwot bwe an alakia kin wot an wor jilu party ko rej jumae dron ie.

### THE CUSTOM:

1. Junmeto: Jela ak dri ejjerakrok ro an iroj ro ilo wa ko waer.
2. Kodaelem: Reward ak ajej in bwidej ko jen iroj ro non ro im rej elim wan ejjerakrok ko waer.
3. Dri joto: Dri emjak an wa ko wan iroj.
4. Katleb: Wawein eo iroj ej komane non bok bwidej jen juon bwij ak komakit juon bwij jen juon bwidej ak weto im dror bar juon na ion.

### MEJLAN ABNONO EO ILO CASE IN:

- A. a) Kajitok eo einwot kar Jakemantak: Won eo ekkar bwe en kabjer maron, title im jimwe ko an alab im senior dri jermal ilo Lorilejman Weto, Arrak Village, Majuro Atoll, Republic eo an Marshall Islands.
- b) Lemnak in Uwak eo non Kajitok eo: Jarling Thomas
- c) Melele ko ilo Tu Kadu im Lemnak in Uwak eo non Kajitok eo ej bedbed ion: Bwebwenato in Lorilejman Weto ej kalikar non kij bwe kar armej ro aer weto in rej ro bwijjin Neiar. Ewor juon aer menmenbwij, Intervenor Exhibit No. I-2, eo im ej make kalikar ke rekin jokwe im amnak ilo Lorilejman Weto. Ijoke, ejelok juon ian dri kamol ro aer rar lukkun jela nat eo rar emmakit jen weto in im etoke rar emmakit. Rainin ejelok juon ian bwijjin Neiar ej kio jokwe im amnak ion Lorilejman Weto, botab non kio ejanin jemlok aer claim ke er eo ekkar bwe ren bok title ko an alab im dri jermal jimor. Rej ba rar bok weto in kin beran, *MOROJINKOT*. Ijoke, rar jab maron in komeleleik Court in an Manit won wot ian iroj ro ear komane *Morojinkot* in. Elane emol ke ear wor juon *Morojinkot* non ro moktalok ilo nuking eo an intervenor rein, innem ro jet renaj kar bareinwot jela kake.

Irojlablab Amata Kabua ear jela kin bwebwenato in Lorilejman Weto. Ear wor an melele kin ta ko iroj ro moktalok rar kabeni, im e make ear jela bwe en jab ukoti kinke elab an jela bwe weto in konono kake ilo case in ej mottan bwidej ko an ilo Majuro in. Bareinwot, einwot juon iroj in bwidej ko an, etto wot ke ear jela bwe Lorilejman Weto emoj an dredrelok im wor juon an “Land Determination of Ownership,” eo emoj kar ejake ilo April 8, 1958. [Jouj im lale Kein Kamol an Dri Abnono No. 4.]

Intervenor rein, ilo mool eo, elon aer menmenbwij kab jet bar pepa ko rar jakimantak bwe ren aer kein kamol. Pepa kein elab aer emon im jimwe ekkar non lajrak in bwij ko aer, jonan Court in an Mani ej kile signature eo an Irojlablab Amata Kabua ilo aoleb pepa kein. Kij, jemelele etoke Irojlablab Amata Kabua ear likit eltan pein ilo pepa kein. Ej kinke rejjet im jimwe. Ilo mool, jimwe im maron ko aer non joleti maron ko an alab im dri jermal ilo Lorilejman Weto rar emon mantak wot non ien eo Land Determination eo ear ejaak. Ejelok otem ejelok an Court in an Mani berre ke aoleb intervenor rein rar baj armij in weto wot jen etto, botab Court in ej jab jela kilen im wawein an kar wor juon oktak einwot in kio. Iroj ro aer bwidej in wot remelele. Ak ej kio kajitok eo in im elab an aurok, intervenor rein rar bed ia jen kwelok ko emen rar koman kin Lorilejman Weto, ko im rar kalikar won eo ej alab im dri jermal ilo weto in? Elon iroj im bareinwot alab ro rar bed ilo kwelok kein. [Jouj im lale Kein Kamol an Dri Abnono No. 4.]

Elane juon iroj ear kelet jet emman ro bwe ren emmanik wa ko wan, innem elon kain “jolet” ko enaj kar lilok non er kajojo einwot **Kodaelim, Junmeto, kab Dri Joto**. Iroj eo ej lelok aer jolet ekkar non aer jela kunaer im ekkar non ta jermal ko aer ion wa eo wan. Emonono wot armij eo emoj lelok juon ian jolet kein none.

Abiut Samson, Dri jumae abnono eo ilo case in, ej ba bwe Irojlablab Lainglin ear *Katlebe* Bokmej im Samson ilo Lorilejman Weto. Ej tomak eo an in kinke err oar ejjerakroke Kamonono, tibnol eo wan Lainglin. Elab ad jela bwe *Katleb* ej jab ilok non ruo armej. Ej ilok non juon wot armij. *Katleb* ej jerbal wot non ta ko rej walok ion ene emora. Ej leen ta ko remon kwoj komani iman mejen iroj eo am im ej monono ibam kaki im *katlebe* yuk na ijo ekonon. Ak elane Samson im Bokmej rar jerbal non Irojlablab Lainglin im ejjerakrok ilo tibnol eo wan, innem enaj kar lelok aero jolet reinjuon jen dron. Emaron kar lelok non Samson *Kodaelim* im non Bokmej, *Dri joto* ak *Junmeto*. An wot bebe.

Ekkar non menmenbwij eo an Dri abnono No. 2, ej kalikar ke lollab rein, Samson im Bokmej rar alab jen dron ekkar non weto ko aero. Samson ear alab in Arenan kab weto ko an jet im jab non Lorilejman Weto. Jemaron ke uwake kajitok in, elane emol ke *Katleb* in ear ilok non erro jimor, innem etoke Samson ear jab alab im dri jerbal ilo Lorilejman Weto ak etal maron ko jimor non Bokmej? Jej bareinwot kamol menin kinke elikin mij eo an Bokmej, Laukdrik ear bok jikin im alab im dri jerbal non weto in. Ebareinwot mool ekkar non manit ke Samson eo en kar bok jikin Bokmej im alab im dri jerbal eo an Lorilejman Weto ak etoke ear jab? Kein Kamol No. 4 and Dri abnono elab an komleleiki.

Ewor juon an Leroij Atama Zedkaia committee in bwidej im e ej leroij eo an Lorilejman Weto. Rainin emoj an committee in jilu uwan kwalok lemnak eo an einwot an walok ilo Kein Kamol No. 9B and Dri abnono. Ej leta eo an committee in bwidej eo an leroij in non Iroj Riley Alberttar, kar Chief Judge eo moktalok an Traditional Rights Court ilo August 03, 2001. Elane jenaj lukkun etale aoleb melele kein ilo leta in jemaron

naj lo kain kenono ko einwot in, “kon ko mokta remaron rub im jako.” Ekkar non manit, jej jab aikuuj kowani kon kein ak emonlok jen loori im koman einwot.

Naan in *Katleb* ej wawein an iroiylablab eo lelok maron ko ion juon bwidej im katot juon bwij ion juon bwidej. *Katleb*, ekkar non ad jela im melele, ej jab ilok non ruo armij ak ej ilok non juon wot. Waan jonok: Elane kwonaj *katlebe* ruo ni ibben dron, reban eddok jimwe lonlok ak renaj eddok ibto-ibtak im leen ko aer rejamin urorier wot juon. Juon iaer enaj tonal leen im eo juon enaj jatok leen. Ak Elane *katlebe* ruo emman iben dron, innem won eo iarro enaj alab ajiri ro nejin mokta, im ajiri ro nejierro ren jela ke mour iben dron, karejar, kautiej im yokwe dron? Bareinwot, elane emol ke *Katleb* eo ear ilok non erro jimor, innem etoke maron in alab im dri jermal eo ilo Lorilejman Weto ear jab ilok non Samson ak ear ilok wot non iben Bokmej? Jej kamol menin kinke elikin wot mij eo an Bokmej ak eilok maron in alab im dri jermal eo non Laukdrik im jab non Samson. Jouj im kanuij etale bar juon alen Kein Kamol No. 4 eo an Dri abnono eo im ej make komeleiki menin im jab Court in.

Court in an Manit ear bok juon ien aitok im lukkun etali aoleb kein kamol ko jimor an party kein ilo ejjelok kalijeklok. Mrs. Helena Alik, intervenor eo ilo case in, ear jakemantak jiljilimjuon an kein kamol. Ejjelok otem ejjelok kajitok ke aoleb kein kamol kein im emon im jimwe. Renaj kar emon mantak wot non rainin elane ear ejjelok oktak, oktak ne ej walok im alikar ilo Land Determination ne an Majuro Atoll. Iroiylablab Amata Kabua ar likit eltan pein ilo aoleb kein kamol kein ilo an jela im melele ke e make ej jab maron ukot kon ko an iroiij ro an moktalok jene. Iroiylablab Amata Kabua ear bar wor juon an committee in bwidej eo im ear bar jilu uwan. Ilo an lukkun jela lik-im-man, im mene ear jela im melele ta eddo ko an juon iroiylablab non arnej ro an ak ear

wonmanlok wot im kabbe committee in bwidej eo an bwe ren wonmanlok wot im etale won ekkar ian party kein jilu bwe en alab eo an ilo Lorilejman Weto. [Jouj im lale Kein Kamol No. 3 and Dri abnono, jemlok eo an committee in bwidej eo an kar Iroiylablab Amata Kabua.]

B. ETAN im ADDRESS KO AN DRI KAMOL RO AN DRI ABNONO:

1. Mrs. Jarling Thomas - Lorilejman Weto, Arrak Village, Majuro Atoll
2. Tawoj Kiotak - Ron Onebban Weto, Arrak Village, Majuro Atoll
3. Leban Thomas - Lorilejman Weto, Arrak Village, Majuro Atoll

C. ETAN im ADDRESS KO AN DRI KAMOL RO AN DRI JUMAE ABNONO:

1. Abiut Samson - Arenan Weto, Laura Village, Majuro Atoll
2. Leroij Atama Zedkaia - Laura Village, Majuro Atoll

D. KEIN KAMOL KO EMOJ KADRELONI:

1. Kein Kamol an Dri Abnono No. 1-11
2. Kein Kamol an Dri Jumae Abnono – Ejjelok
3. Kein Kamol an Intervenor No. 1-7

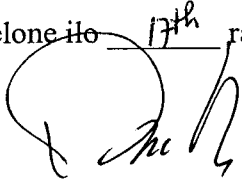
E. WAWEIN KO JET PANEL IN EJ TOMAK BWE EBAR LAB AER AUROK

NON CASE IN:

- 1) Kein Kamol No. 3 an Dri Abnono. Kein kamol in ear koman im wor kitien ilo April 1, 1996.
- 2) Ekkar non mantin Marshall ruo bwij reban jimor bok juon wot maron ion juon wot bwidej ilo juon wot tore.
- 3) Kejbarok manit im “jab iu-iun” drekein jenme eo.

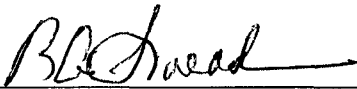
KIO KIN MENIN, ekkar non mantin ailon kein im bedbed ion kein kamol ko ilo case in, Court in ej bar juon alen kwalok an lemnak einwot in: Jarling Thomas ej armij eo ekkar im jejjet rainin bwe en kabjer maron ko jimor an alab im dri jermal ilo Lorilejman Weto, Arrak Village, Majuro Atoll, Republic eo an Marshall Islands.

Kadrelone ilo 17<sup>th</sup> ran in March, 2006.



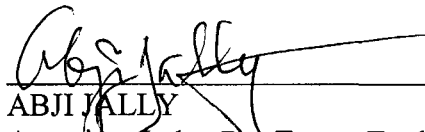
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