

**Letter from Mohammed Lappia to John and Marion Myers dated
16th March 1998**

I write to inform you that we survived the Mayhem and "Holocaust" over the past nine months. The experiences were traumatic and tragic. The rebel bandits terrorised us for far too long. Bo Teachers College, where we reside, was attacked on Monday 9th February 1998 at 9:30 a.m. We were under the spell onto 2 p.m. Armed robbers/ ARC [? illegible] plundered and [illegible] most personal effects, including food stuffs and chicken. Thank God none of my family members was physically assaulted; Bo Town was raided, looted and many civilians were shot dead on Tuesday 17th February. The exchange of firing was horrifying. We therefore ran into the surrounding bush and stayed under similar conditions for seven days, and returned to our vandalised home only after "ECOMOG" soldiers liberated Bo Town and its environ. Of all human perils WAR is the most evil. I am most grateful to God that my family survived it yet up to now. I pray to God never to experience such a trauma in my lifetime....