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A TERMPAPER ON

SIERRA LEONE CIVIL WAR

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**Title of the Documentary** – Sierra Leone Civil War Social History

**Year uploaded** – 2017

**Author**- Brad Biehl

**Nature of the conflict, its causes, its course and implication for regional security and peace**

The war was as a result of a struggle over diamond rich territory. It broke out in 1991. It was a 10+ years of fighting between rebel groups and the government. The causes of the conflict were identified as: blood diamonds, greed, lack of attention for political goals, corruption and power struggle. The Liberian government wanted to overthrow the Sierra Leone government because of the resources Sierra Leone contained. The Liberians under the control of President Charles Taylor wanted to take over the author’s country-sierra Leone for their resources and because this wasn’t allowed, sierra Leone ended up in a brutal 10 years of civil war. Random people were sucked into the conflict. The rebels were known as the RUF- Revolutionary united front.

The fighting came to a close in 2002 when the British government intervened with their military troops. They arrested Charles Taylor for inflicting and funding the civil war on sierra Leonean citizens. Till today the war is still recovering because it affected the people greatly.

**Review/ critique the documentary**

The author made it known to us that before the war the communities were happy and peaceful. The war changed everything. The war put distrust among the people of Sierra Leone because the rebels were recruiting civilians and you never know who the enemy is. She told us that the war ruined families and she suffered direct consequences from the war. The author’s brother was killed in front of her mother who was molested. She made it clear that to this day, they still suffer psychologically from the war.

**Title of the Documentary** – The Sierra Leone Civil War & Blood Diamonds

**Year uploaded** – June 4 2015

**Author**- Jessica Xu

**Nature of the conflict, its causes, its course and implication for regional security and peace**

* The war began in 1991 and lasted till 2002. During the years, the nation was torn apart by brutal conflict that resulted in 50 thousand to 300 thousand deaths and nearly 2.5 million displaced civilians at its conclusion.

The major parties/ figures involved in the conflict were: the RUF Revolutionary United Front, who launched an attacked to overthrow the government. The Revolutionary United Front was headed by a man named SANKOS.

Another major party to the conflict was Liberia Warlord Charles Taylor who was a friend of Sankos.

The major causes of the war was stipulated to be: Blood diamonds and Poor government.

The aftermath led to Sankos, leader of the RUF t be arrested in 2000 and he died while awaiting trial.

Charles Taylor was charged with crime against humanity and sentenced to 50 years in prison.

**Review/ critique the documentary**

The author gave a very detailed summary of the conflict. The conflict was narrated in such a way that even a layman who had no idea of the conflict before will be able to understand and grasp the gist of the conflict. She was able to give us specific information that not all documentary authors provide like the exact number of deaths caused by the war, exact number of displaced civilians.