

# Ezra

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**Direction:** Newton I. Aduaka

**Producer :** Michel Loro & GoMichel Loro, Gorune Aprikian ,  
Francois Sauvagnargues, Arnaud Louvet

**Screenplay :** Newton I. Aduaka, Alain-Michel Blanc

**Cinematography:** Carlos Arangi de Montis

**Editing :** Sébastien Touta

**Music :** Nicolas Baby

**Cast:** Mamoudou Turay Kamara , Mariame N Diaye, Mamusu  
Kallon, Richard Gant

## **Awards/ Festivals:**

Milan African, Asian and Latin American Film Festival, Italy 2007,  
Honorable Mention - Los Angeles Pan African Film Festival (PAFF),  
USA 2008, Festival de Cine Africano de Tarifa 2008, Hamburg  
Film Festival, Germany 2007, London bfi Film Festival 2007

A tale inspired by the conflict in Sierra Leon and by the intriguing fact that of the 300,000 children used in the battle zones globally 120,000 child soldiers are in various death fields in the African continent. The film centres on one event: a drug fuelled atrocious attack on a village by rebel soldiers. The jigsaw puzzle of what occurred that night is reconstructed through the testimonies of three witnesses: Ezra, an ex-combatant, his sister Onitcha, a mute, and Cynthia, Ezra's fellow ex-soldier. What is supposed to be reconciliation soon becomes a trial, as Onitcha chooses this as the arena to reveal a secret she has kept from her brother.

