



SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON

المحكمة الخاصة بلبنان

TRIBUNAL SPÉCIAL POUR LE LIBAN

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**THE PRE-TRIAL JUDGE**

Case No.: **STL-11-01/PT/PTJ**

The Pre-Trial Judge: **Judge Daniel Fransen**

Registrar: **Mr Daryl Mundis, Acting Registrar**

Date: **27 May 2013**

Original language: **French**

Classification: **Public**

**PROSECUTOR**

v.

**SALIM JAMIL AYYASH,  
MUSTAFA AMINE BADREDDINE,  
HUSSEIN HASSAN ONEISSI &  
ASSAD HASSAN SABRA**

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**WARRANT TO ARREST MR ASSAD HASSAN SABRA  
AND ORDER FOR TRANSFER AND DETENTION**

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1. **NOTING** the Pre-Trial Judge's Decision of 28 June 2011 confirming the counts contained in the Indictment of 10 June 2011 and authorising the indictment in particular of Mr Assad Hassan Sabra (the "Accused" or "Mr Sabra");<sup>1</sup>
2. **NOTING** the arrest warrant issued against the Accused on 28 June 2011;<sup>2</sup>
3. **NOTING** the Pre-Trial Judge's Decision of 12 April 2013 authorising the Prosecution to file an amended indictment as submitted on 6 February 2013;<sup>3</sup>
4. **NOTING** the amended Indictment of 6 February 2013 filed by the Prosecution in compliance with the decision of 12 April 2013 (the "Indictment of 6 February 2013");<sup>4</sup>
5. **NOTING** the Prosecution Request of 17 April 2013 seeking the issuance of: (i) a new arrest warrant and order for transfer to and detention at the Tribunal of Mr Sabra; and (ii) a new order for his detention in the detention facility of the Tribunal in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, pursuant to Article 18 (2) of the Statute, Rules 14, 20, 61 (iii) and (iv), 68 (J) (i), 71 (D), 76, 77 (A), 79, 82, 83 and 101 (G) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (the "Rules") and Article 15 (2) of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Lebanese Republic, which entered into force on 10 June 2007 following the adoption of resolution 1757 (2007)<sup>5</sup> ("the Agreement between the United Nations and the Lebanese Republic");<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> STL, *The Prosecutor v Ayyash et al*, Case No. STL-11-01/PT/PTJ, Decision Relating to the Examination of the Indictment of 10 June 2011 issued against Mr Salim Jamil Ayyash, Mr Mustafa Amine Badreddine, Mr Hussein Hassan Oneissi & Mr Assad Hassan Sabra, confidential, 28 June 2011. A public redacted version dated the same day was filed on 16 August 2011. This decision confirms the counts contained in the Indictment of 10 June 2011 with the exception of attempting to cause the death of 231 other persons which is not included in the constitutive elements of the terrorist act but in those of attempted intentional homicide.

<sup>2</sup> STL, *The Prosecutor v Ayyash et al*, Case No. STL-11-01/PT/PTJ, Warrant to Arrest Mr Assad Hassan Sabra including Transfer and Detention Order, 28 June 2011.

<sup>3</sup> STL, *The Prosecutor v Ayyash et al*, Case No. STL-11-01/PT/PTJ, Decision Relating to the Prosecution Requests of 8 November 2012 and 6 February 2013 for the Filing of an Amended Indictment, 12 April 2013 (the "Decision of 12 April 2013").

<sup>4</sup> STL, *The Prosecutor v Ayyash et al*, Case No. STL-11-01/PT/PTJ, Prosecution's Filing of the Signed Version of the Amended Indictment in Compliance with the Pre-Trial Judge's Decision of 12 April 2013 & Request for Amended Arrest Warrants and Orders/Requests for Transfer and Detention, 17 April 2013 (the "Prosecution Request of 17 April 2013").

<sup>5</sup> Agreement between the United Nations and the Lebanese Republic on the establishment of a Special Tribunal for Lebanon, 10 June 2007; resolution 1757 (2007) adopted by the Security Council at its 5685th meeting, 30 May 2007.

<sup>6</sup> Prosecution Request of 17 April 2013, para. 10 (b).

6. **NOTING** the Decision on the Prosecution Request of 17 April 2013 rendered on 27 May 2013;<sup>7</sup>

7. **CONSIDERING** that the Accused has not voluntarily surrendered to the jurisdiction of the Tribunal despite the appeals made to him and that neither has it been possible to arrest and transfer him to the Tribunal;

8. **CONSIDERING** that the Trial Chamber decided, on 1 February 2012, to begin *in absentia* proceedings against the Accused, pursuant to Article 22 of the Statute and Rule 106 of the Rules;<sup>8</sup>

9. **CONSIDERING** that Mr Sabra is accused of:

- a) conspiracy aimed at committing a terrorist act, as a co-perpetrator;
- b) being an accomplice to commit a terrorist act;
- c) being an accomplice in the intentional homicide of Rafic Hariri;
- d) being an accomplice in the intentional homicide of 21 persons in addition to Rafic Hariri;
- e) being an accomplice in the attempted intentional homicide of 226 persons;

10. **NOTING** Article 18 (2) of the Statute and Rules 68 (J) (i), 77 (A) and 79 (A) of the Rules, according to which the Pre-Trial Judge may, upon request of the Prosecutor, issue a warrant of arrest against the Accused and request his transfer to the Tribunal in order to: (i) ensure his appearance at the proceedings; (ii) ensure that he does not obstruct or endanger the investigation or the court proceedings, for instance by posing a danger to, or intimidating, any victim or witness; and (iii) prevent criminal conduct of a kind of which he stands accused;

11. **CONSIDERING** that, assuming the allegations made against the Accused are substantiated, on the basis of the information provided by the Prosecutor, the detention of the Accused is necessary, in particular for the following reasons:

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<sup>7</sup> STL, *The Prosecutor v Ayyash et al*, Case No. STL-11-01/PT/PTJ, Decision on the Prosecution Request of 17 April 2013, 27 May 2013.

<sup>8</sup> STL, *The Prosecutor v Ayyash et al*, Case No. STL-11-01/TC, Decision To Hold Trial *In Absentia*, 1 February 2012

- a) Mr Sabra is accused of serious offences, in particular, of conspiracy aimed at committing a terrorist act, of being an accomplice to commit a terrorist act and of being an accomplice in intentional homicide with premeditation in connection with the attack of 14 February 2005 in Beirut (Lebanon) which resulted in the death of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafic Hariri and others and injured other persons, as set forth in detail in the Indictment of 6 February 2013;
  - b) the risk that Mr Sabra might commit further offences of the same kind is substantiated given that he might be implicated in other acts of a similar nature in Lebanon;
  - c) Mr Sabra has been the subject of an arrest warrant since 28 June 2011 and of an international arrest warrant since 8 July 2011 and has escaped justice since, which led, on 1 February 2012, to the institution of *in absentia* proceedings against him that are currently still pending before the Tribunal;
  - d) the risk that Mr Sabra might obstruct the smooth running of the investigation, in particular, by endangering or intimidating potential witnesses, in person or by way of others, is proven insofar as acts of this kind are purported to have already occurred during the investigations conducted by the Prosecutor; and
  - e) the risk that Mr Sabra might collude with other persons possibly implicated in the acts imputed to him exists given that all the alleged perpetrators or accomplices of these acts have not yet been identified or, *a fortiori*, arrested;
12. **CONSIDERING** that in light of the above, the risks of collusion, escaping justice, committing further offences, endangering the ongoing investigation and intimidating witnesses and victims or tampering with evidence exist and justify that an arrest warrant and order for transfer and detention be issued by the Tribunal against the Accused;
13. **NOTING** Rule 76 (A) of the Rules, according to which the Indictment shall be formally provided to the authorities of the State in whose territory the Accused was last known to be residing or in whose territory or under whose jurisdiction he is believed likely to be found, in order for him to be served with the Indictment without delay;

14. **CONSIDERING** that, according to the Prosecutor, the Accused was last known to be residing in the territory of the Lebanese Republic;<sup>9</sup>

15. **NOTING** Article 15 (2) of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Lebanese Republic, and Rule 82 (A) of the Rules, according to which the competent authorities of the Lebanese Republic shall act promptly and with all due diligence to ensure the proper execution of a warrant of arrest or of a transfer order;

16. **NOTING** Article 39 of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning the Headquarters of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon of 21 December 2007 (“the Agreement between the United Nations and the Kingdom of the Netherlands”), according to which the transfer of a detained person “from the point of arrival in the host State to the premises shall, at the request of the Tribunal, be carried out by the competent authorities in consultation with the Tribunal”;<sup>10</sup>

17. **NOTING** Rules 83 and 101 (G) of the Rules, according to which, after his arrest, “the accused shall be detained by the State concerned, which shall promptly notify the Registrar” and “the transfer [...] of the accused to a detention facility of the Tribunal shall be arranged between the State authorities concerned, the Registrar and, if necessary, the authorities of the Host State”;<sup>11</sup>

**FOR THESE REASONS,**

Pursuant to Article 18 of the Statute, Article 15 of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Lebanese Republic, Article 39 of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Rules 68, 76, 77, 79, 82, 83 and 101 of the Rules,

**THE PRE-TRIAL JUDGE,**

**REQUESTS** the competent authorities of the Lebanese Republic to search for and to arrest, in any place where he might be found in the territory of the Lebanese Republic, to detain and transfer to the Headquarters of the Tribunal:

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<sup>9</sup> Prosecution Request of 17 April 2013, para 9.

<sup>10</sup> Agreement between the United Nations and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Art. 39 (1).

<sup>11</sup> Rule 83 of the Rules.

**ASSAD HASSAN SABRA**, born on 15 October 1976 in Beirut (Lebanon), son of Hassan Tahan SABRA (father) and Leila SALEH (mother), having resided at apartment 2, 4th floor, Building 28, Rue 58, in Hadath 3, South Beirut, also described as St. Thérèse Street, a citizen of Lebanon, Lebanese civil registration number 1339/Zqaq Al-Blat.

**ORDERS** the Registrar of the Tribunal to transmit to the competent authorities of the Lebanese Republic, in accordance with Rule 82 of the Rules: (1) the present arrest warrant; (2) a certified copy, bearing the official seal of the Tribunal, of the redacted Indictment of 6 February 2013; (3) the additional materials filed by the Prosecutor which enable the Accused to be identified; and (4) a copy of the statutory provisions and rules that are relevant to the execution of this arrest warrant;

**REQUESTS** the competent authorities of the Lebanese Republic to execute the present arrest warrant and order for transfer and detention at the earliest opportunity;

**REQUESTS** the competent authorities of the Lebanese Republic to inform the Accused in person, in a language that he understands, of: (1) the present arrest warrant including transfer and detention order, (2) the redacted Indictment of 6 February 2013 issued against him, (3) a copy of the statutory provisions and rules that are relevant to the rights afforded to him and, in particular, Article 16 of the Statute and Rules 65, 66, 67 and 68 of the Rules included herewith, concerning the right to remain silent and the right to be cautioned that any statement he makes shall be recorded and may be used in evidence against him;

**REQUESTS** the competent authorities of the Lebanese Republic to immediately inform the Registrar of the Tribunal of the arrest of the Accused and to take the necessary measures for his detention and his transfer to the Headquarters of the Tribunal;

**ORDERS** the Registrar of the Tribunal to take the necessary steps, in consultation with the competent authorities of the Lebanese Republic and of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, to arrange the transfer of the Accused to the Headquarters of the Tribunal; and

**REQUESTS** the competent authorities of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to take responsibility for the Accused upon his arrival on their territory and to escort him to the detention facility of the Tribunal, in accordance with the measures mutually agreed upon with the Registrar of the Tribunal.

Done in English, Arabic and French, the French text being authoritative.

Leidschendam, 27 May 2013

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Daniel Fransen  
Pre-Trial Judge

