



SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON

المحكمة الخاصة بلبنان

TRIBUNAL SPÉCIAL POUR LE LIBAN

THE PRESIDENT

Case No.: STL-14-06/I/PRES
Before: Judge David Baragwanath, President
Registrar: Mr Daryl Mundis
Date: 31 January 2014
Original language: English
Classification: Confidential and *Ex Parte*

IN THE CASE AGAINST

AKHBAR BEIRUT S.A.L.
IBRAHIM MOHAMED AL AMIN

ORDER DESIGNATING CONTEMPT JUDGE

Amicus curiae Prosecutor



1. In my capacity as Contempt Judge, I issued today an Order in Lieu of an Indictment against *Akhbar Beirut* S.A.L., the legal person doing business as *Al Akhbar*, and Mr Ibrahim Mohamed Al Amin, *Al Akhbar*'s editor-in-chief and chairman of the board of directors.¹ In my Decision I recused myself from further hearing the case.² This requires the designation of a new Contempt Judge to adjudicate upon the matter.
2. I recall that under Rule 60 *bis* (C) of the Rules, “[t]he President shall designate a Contempt Judge in accordance with the relevant Practice Direction to hear cases of contempt and obstruction of justice”. Pursuant to Article 1 of the Practice Direction,³ the President designates the Contempt Judge from a pre-determined roster of all Judges of the Tribunal. This roster is organized by Judges’ names and provides for each Judge of the Tribunal to be the Contempt Judge within a pre-determined calendar month. Once designated, the Contempt Judge remains seized of the matter until it is finalized.⁴ For the month of January 2014, the roster provides for Judge Nicola Lettieri as the Contempt Judge. Accordingly, I designate him Contempt Judge in this matter.
3. Because the Order in Lieu of an Indictment remains confidential and *ex parte* until further order,⁵ this Order designating the new Contempt Judge must also have the same status at this stage.

¹ STL, *In the case against Al Akhbar & Al Amin*, STL-14-06/I/CJ, Redacted Decision in Proceedings for Contempt with Orders in Lieu of an Indictment, 31 January 2014 (“Decision”), Annex, Order in Lieu of an Indictment.

² Decision, Disposition.

³ Practice Direction on Designation of Judges in Matters of Contempt, Obstruction of Justice and False Testimony, STL/PD/2013/06/Rev.1, 16 January 2014 (“Practice Direction”).

⁴ See Art. 1 (1)-(2) of the Practice Direction.

⁵ Decision, Disposition.

DISPOSITION

FOR THESE REASONS;

PURSUANT to Rule 60 *bis* (C) of the Rules and Article 1 of the Practice Direction;

I

DESIGNATE Judge Nicola Lettieri Contempt Judge in this matter.

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

Dated 31 January 2014

Leidschendam, the Netherlands



Judge David Baragwanath

President

