



SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON

المحكمة الخاصة بلبنان

TRIBUNAL SPÉCIAL POUR LE LIBAN

**THE CONTEMPT JUDGE**

**Case No.:** STL-14-06/I/CJ  
**Before:** Judge Nicola Lettieri, Contempt Judge  
**Registrar:** Mr Daryl Mundis, Registrar  
**Date:** 22 May 2014  
**Original language:** English  
**Classification:** Public

**IN THE CASE AGAINST**

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

**ORDER RESCHEDULING INITIAL APPEARANCES**

***Amicus Curiae* Prosecutor:**  
Mr Kenneth Scott

**The Accused:**  
*Akhbar Beirut S.A.L.*  
Mr Ibrahim Mohamed Al Amin

**Head of Defence Office:**  
Mr François Roux



1. At the oral hearing of 13 May 2014, I rescheduled the initial appearances of the Accused in this case to 29 May 2014, 9.30 am and 10.30 am, respectively.<sup>1</sup> This followed a request by Mr Al Amin to postpone his initial appearance and after hearing the *amicus curiae* Prosecutor and the Head of Defence Office.

2. The Head of Defence Office now requests that the initial appearances be moved to the afternoon given that he will only return from a business trip that morning.<sup>2</sup> *Amicus* does not object to this request.<sup>3</sup>

3. I note that while it would have been preferable for the Head of Defence Office to inform me of this scheduling conflict when I invited him to comment on the proposed time during the hearing<sup>4</sup> I nevertheless find it in the interests of justice to ensure his presence during the initial appearances and grant his request. I also clarify that for purposes of judicial economy there will be one hearing with the initial appearances of both Accused.

### **DISPOSITION**

#### **FOR THESE REASONS,**

**I GRANT** the request and **ORDER** that the initial appearances of both Accused take place before me on 29 May 2014, at 3 pm.

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

Dated 22 May 2014

Leidschendam, the Netherlands



Judge Nicola Lettieri  
Contempt Judge

<sup>1</sup> STL, *Prosecutor v. Al Akhbar S.AL. and Amin*, STL-14-06/I/CJ, Transcript of 13 May 2014 (“Transcript of 13 May 2014”), p. 12.

<sup>2</sup> STL, *Prosecutor v. Al Akhbar S.AL. and Amin*, STL-14-06/I/CJ, *Demande de changement des heures des comparutions initiales du 29 mai 2014*, 19 May 2014, paras 5, 7.

<sup>3</sup> Email from *amicus curiae* staff to Legal Officer of the Contempt Judge, 19 May 2014.

<sup>4</sup> See Transcript of 13 May 2014, p. 12.

