



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, Registrar

Date: 23 May 2014

Original language: English

Classification: Public

IN THE CASE AGAINST

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

ORDER LIFTING CONFIDENTIALITY

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

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



1. On 31 January 2014, I, as the Contempt Judge, issued the “Redacted Version of Decision in Proceedings for Contempt with Orders In Lieu of an Indictment”, which included an order in lieu of an indictment against *Akhbar Beirut* S.A.L. and Ibrahim Al Amin.¹ In my Decision, I recused myself from further hearing this case.² This required the designation of a new Contempt Judge to adjudicate upon the matter.

2. Consequently, on the same day, pursuant to Rule 60 *bis* (C) of the Tribunal’s Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”) and Article 1 of the Practice Direction on Designation of Judges in Matters of Contempt, Obstruction of Justice and False Testimony, I, as President, issued the “Order Designating Contempt Judge”, whereby I designated Judge Nicola Lettieri as the new Contempt Judge in this case.³

3. Because the Decision remained confidential and *ex parte* at that time pursuant to Rule 74, the Designation Order was also classified as confidential and *ex parte*.⁴ Since then, Judge Lettieri has lifted the confidential and *ex parte* classification of my Decision.⁵ Accordingly, there is no longer reason to maintain the confidential and *ex parte* classification of the Designation Order.

DISPOSITION

FOR THESE REASONS;

PURSUANT to Rule 96;

I

ORDER the lifting of the confidential and *ex parte* classification of the following document:

- Order Designating Contempt Judge, 31 January 2014 (F0002)

¹ STL, *In the case against Akhbar Beirut* S.A.L. and *Al Amin*, STL-14-06/I/CJ, F0001, Redacted Version of Decision in Proceedings for Contempt with Orders in Lieu of an Indictment, 31 January 2014 (“Decision”).

² *Id.* at Disposition.

³ STL, *In the case against Akhbar Beirut* S.A.L. and *Al Amin*, STL-14-06/I/PRES, F0002, Order Designating Contempt Judge, Confidential and *Ex Parte*, 31 January 2014 (“Designation Order”).

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ STL, *In the case against Akhbar Beirut* S.A.L. and *Al Amin*, STL-14-06/I/CJ, F0008, Order Lifting Confidentiality, 24 April 2014.

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

Filed 23 May 2014

Leidschendam, the Netherlands



Judge David Baragwanath

President

