

**THE CONTEMPT JUDGE**

**Case No.:** STL-14-06/PT/CJ  
**Before:** Judge Nicola Lettieri, Contempt Judge  
**Registrar:** Mr Daryl Mundis, Registrar  
**Date:** 5 September 2014  
**Original language:** English  
**Classification:** Public

**IN THE CASE AGAINST**

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

**SCHEDULING ORDER FOR A STATUS CONFERENCE**

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

**Counsel for *Akhbar Beirut S.A.L.* and Mr  
Ibrahim Mohamed Ali Al Amin:**  
Mr Antonios Abou Kasm



1. On 29 May 2014, I ordered the Head of Defence Office to assign counsel to the Accused.<sup>1</sup> On 18 June 2014, I ordered the Accused to make submissions on whether they intended to participate in the proceedings against them and, if so, whether they would represent themselves or appoint counsel of their choosing.<sup>2</sup> However, they failed to respond to my questions.<sup>3</sup>
2. On 17 July 2014, I issued a Scheduling Order informing the Parties that a Status Conference would be convened after the judicial recess in order to address these issues and the case management towards trial.<sup>4</sup> I noted that the Accused would be invited to participate in the Status Conference and that they would be given another chance to clarify their intentions regarding these proceedings.<sup>5</sup>
3. On 18 August 2014 I received a Preliminary Motion by counsel assigned to represent the Accused,<sup>6</sup> followed by a Response from the *Amicus Curiae* Prosecutor (“*Amicus*”)<sup>7</sup> and a further request by counsel to file a reply to the Response.<sup>8</sup>
4. In light of the above, I consider it prudent at this stage to hold a Status Conference in order to clarify the way forward as well as the state of pre-trial proceedings.
5. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 94 (A) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, I will convene a Status Conference on 12 September with the following agenda:

- (i) Issues related to counsel’s representation of the Accused;

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<sup>1</sup> STL, *In the case against Akhbar Beirut S.A.L. and Al Amin*, STL-14-06, Transcript of 29 May 2014 (“Transcript of 29 May 2014”), p. 19 (EN). Written reasons were provided on 5 June 2014 (*see* STL, *In the case against Akhbar Beirut S.A.L. and Al Amin*, STL-14-06/PT/CJ, F0018, Reasons for Decision on Assignment of Counsel, 5 June 2014. All further references to filings and decisions refer to this case number unless otherwise stated.

<sup>2</sup> F0024, Decision on Requests by Head of Defence Office and Order on Further Submissions, 18 June 2014.

<sup>3</sup> *See e.g.*, F0026, Response to Demand that I Clarify My Position Pursuant to the Order of 18 June 2014, 25 June 2014.

<sup>4</sup> F0037, Scheduling Order, 17 July 2014.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at para. 5.

<sup>6</sup> F0055, Preliminary Motion Presented by Counsel Assigned to Represent *Akhbar Beirut S.A.L.* and Mr Ibrahim Mohamed Ali Al Amin (“Preliminary Motion”), 18 August 2014.

<sup>7</sup> F0058, Response to the Preliminary Motion Presented by Counsel Assigned to Represent *Akhbar Beirut S.A.L.* and Mr Ibrahim Mohamed Ali Al Amin (“Response”), 29 August 2014.

<sup>8</sup> F0060, Demande du conseil commis d’office aux fins d’autorisation de répliquer à la « *Response to the Preliminary Motion Presented by Counsel Assigned to Represent Akhbar Beirut S.A.L. and Mr Ibrahim Mohamed Ali Al Amin* » datée du 29 août 2014, 2 septembre 2014.

- (ii) The state of the pre-trial proceedings, including the timeline proposed by the *Amicus Curiae* Prosecutor on 15 August 2014;<sup>9</sup>
- (iii) Any other matter of relevance that the Parties wish to discuss.

## DISPOSITION

**FOR THESE REASONS;**

**PURSUANT TO** Rules 60 *bis* (H) and 94 (A) of the Rules;

**I**

**CONVENE** a Status Conference, on Friday 12 September 2014 at 15:00 in the courtroom;

**INVITE** the Accused to participate in the Status Conference.

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

Dated 5 September 2014

Leidschendam, the Netherlands



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Judge Nicola Lettieri  
Contempt Judge



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<sup>9</sup> F0054, *Amicus Curiae* Proposed Timeline, 15 August 2014.