

SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON

المحكمة الخاصة بلبنان

TRIBUNAL SPÉCIAL POUR LE LIBAN

THE CONTEMPT JUDGE

Case No.: STL-14-05/PT/CJ
Before: Judge Nicola Lettieri, Contempt Judge
Registrar: Mr Daryl Mundis, Registrar
Date: 31 March 2015
Original language: English
Classification: Confidential

IN THE CASE AGAINST

AL JADEED [CO.] S.A.L./ NEW T.V. S.A.L. (N.T.V.)
KARMA MOHAMED TAHSIN AL KHAYAT

**DECISION ON THE *AMICUS CURIAE* PROSECUTOR'S REQUEST TO LIFT THE
CONFIDENTIALITY OF AN ORDER**

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

**Counsel for *Al Jadeed* [CO.] S.A.L./
NEW T.V. S.A.L. (N.T.V.) and
Ms Karma Khayat:**
Mr Karim A.A. Khan
Mr Rodney Dixon
Ms Shyamala Alagendra



1. On 10 August 2012, the Pre-Trial Judge issued the confidential and *ex parte* “Order for Immediate Removal of Disseminated Material and Cessation of Dissemination” in the *Ayyash et al.* case (“Order”).¹ He later filed a public redacted version of the Order.²
2. On 26 March 2015, the *Amicus Curiae* Prosecutor (“*Amicus*”) requested that I lift the confidential and *ex parte* status of the Order.³ The Defence has not yet filed a response, but in light of the nature of the matter and because no prejudice arises I can address the Request now.
3. The Request pertains to an order that the Pre-Trial Judge issued in the *Ayyash et al.* case. I note that the Trial Chamber is currently seized of those proceedings and is therefore the competent body to rule on the Request. I therefore refer the Request to the Trial Chamber.

DISPOSITION

FOR THESE REASONS,

I

REFER the Request to the Trial Chamber.

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

Dated 31 March 2015

Leidschendam, the Netherlands



Judge Nicola Lettieri
Contempt Judge



¹ STL, *Prosecutor v. Ayyash et al.*, STL-11-01/PT/PTJ, F0372, Order for Immediate Removal of Disseminated Material and Cessation of Dissemination, Confidential and *Ex parte*, 10 August 2012.

² STL, *Prosecutor v. Ayyash et al.*, STL-11-01/PT/PTJ, F0372, Public Redacted Version of the 10 August 2012 “Order for Immediate Removal of Disseminated Material and Cessation of Dissemination”, 5 June 2013.

³ STL, *In the case against New TV S.A.L. and Khayat*, STL-14-05/PT/CJ, F0113, Request to Lift Confidentiality of the 10 August 2012 Order, Confidential, 26 March 2015, para.5.