

**THE TRIAL CHAMBER**

**Case No:** STL-11-01/T/TC

**Before:** Judge David Re, Presiding  
Judge Janet Nosworthy  
Judge Micheline Braidy  
Judge Walid Akoum, Alternate Judge  
Judge Nicola Lettieri, Alternate Judge

**Registrar:** Mr Daryl Mundis

**Date:** 28 May 2015

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**DECISION GRANTING PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR WITNESSES PRH006,  
PRH430, PRH018, PRH007, AND PRH115**

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(Extract from Official Public Transcript of Hearing on 28 May 2015, page 2, line 3 to  
page 3, line 20)

In a motion for protective measures for Witnesses PRH006, 430, 018, 007, and 115, on the 11th of May, 2015, that's filing F1943, the Prosecution requested the Trial Chamber to order protective measures under Rule 133 of the Special Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and Evidence for those five witnesses. The witnesses are scheduled to testify between mid-June and mid-July.

The requested measures include: One, an order for the identity of the witnesses to remain confidential; two, using a pseudonym to refer to them in all public hearings and documents; three, redacting from any documents made public any information that may identify the witnesses; four, the voice and image distortion when they testify live; and five, an order to prohibit media or third parties from disclosing information if they become aware of the witness's identity and their involvement in these proceedings.

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The Prosecution provided the Trial Chamber and the parties with statements of the witnesses and additional documents detailing the nature and reasons for the requested protective measures, that is to say, the concerns of these witnesses.

All except one of these witnesses are the subject of the Prosecution motion for general authorization for video-conference link testimony and notice of video-conference link testimony for PRH006, 430, 020, 007, 115, dated the 12th of May, 2015; that's filing F1947.

The Trial Chamber will issue a decision with respect to these witnesses later this week.

None of the Defence teams responded to the Prosecution motion. Having reviewed all the information provided by the Prosecution and carefully examined all the circumstances, the Trial Chamber considers that the protective measures requested by the Prosecution are justified by the following: The tense security situation currently prevailing in Lebanon, the potential negative affect on the witness's jobs and livelihood, and security concerns affecting their families if their identities are publicly disclosed.

The Trial Chamber is therefore satisfied that the requested protective measures are necessary and proportionate in the circumstances. The Prosecution motion complies with Rule 133 and the Chamber accordingly grants the protective measures for the five witnesses as requested by the Prosecution and as I identified above under points 1 to 5.

In relation to confidentiality of the motion, because it contains confidential witness information, the Prosecution seeks to keep confidential annex B to its motion filed on the 11th of May, 2015. The Trial Chamber orders the Prosecution either to file a public redacted version of the annex or to have it classified as public. This may await the live testimony of Witnesses 018 and 115.

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