

SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON

المحكمة الخاصة بلبنان

TRIBUNAL SPÉCIAL POUR LE LIBAN

THE CONTEMPT JUDGE

Case No.: STL-14-06/PT/CJ
Before: Judge Nicola Lettieri, Contempt Judge
Registrar: Mr Daryl Mundis, Registrar
Date: 15 January 2016
Original language: English
Classification: Public

IN THE CASE AGAINST

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

ORDER LIFTING CONFIDENTIALITY

***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. In an interim decision, Judge Baragwanath had referred to me, as the Contempt Judge in the STL-14-06 proceedings, a request for the reclassification of certain documents filed by the *Amicus Curiae* Prosecutor before him as the Contempt Judge in the STL-11-01/R60bis.1 proceedings.¹

2. On 18 December 2015, I issued an Order where I held that I was not competent to rule on the request.² I also noted that all underlying documents, including Judge Baragwanath's referral decision, had been filed with the classification of confidential and *ex parte* and that my Order for that reason would carry the same status. However, I reserved a final determination of the matter until Judge Baragwanath had decided on the Request.³

3. Judge Baragwanath has now issued his decision on the *Amicus Curiae* Prosecutor's request.⁴ In his decision he ordered that the confidentiality of a number of filings, including his interim decision, be lifted.⁵ There is therefore no reason for my Order to remain confidential and *ex parte* and I order that it be reclassified to public.⁶

¹ STL, *Prosecutor v. Ayyash et al.*, STL-11-01/T/CJ/R60bis.1, F0062, Interim Decision on *Amicus Curiae* Request for Authorization to Use Confidential Filings, Confidential and *Ex Parte*, 8 December 2015. This decision was cross-filed in these proceedings (F0139).

² STL, *In the case against Akhbar Beirut S.A.L. and Al Amin*, STL-14-06/PT/CJ, F0165, Order on *Amicus Curiae* Prosecutor's Request for Authorization to Use Confidential Filings, Confidential and *Ex Parte*, 18 December 2015 ("Order"), para. 5.

³ *Id.* at para. 6.

⁴ STL, *Prosecutor v. Ayyash et al.*, STL-11-01/T/CJ/R60bis.1, F0064, Decision on *Amicus Curiae* Request for Authorization to Use Confidential Filings, Confidential, 12 January 2016. A public redacted version was issued the same day.

⁵ *Id.* at para. 12.

⁶ See Article 7 (6) of the Practice Direction on Filing of Documents Before the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, 14 June 2013, STL/PD/2010/07/Rev.2 ("Practice Direction").

DISPOSITION

FOR THESE REASONS;

PURSUANT TO Article 7 of the Practice Direction;

I

ORDER the reclassification of the Order (F0165) from confidential and *ex parte* to public.

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

Dated 15 January 2016

Leidschendam, the Netherlands



Judge Nicola Lettieri
Contempt Judge

