

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

DECISION ON THE REQUEST FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF THE “URGENT
DEFENCE MOTION TO LIFT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE *AMICUS
CURIAE* PROSECUTOR’S MOTIONS” DATED 10 DECEMBER 2015

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. Upon a request by the Defence (“Motion”)¹ and an order communicated to the Parties by e-mail,² I directed the *Amicus Curiae* Prosecutor (“*Amicus*”) to file public redacted versions of the confidential motions to amend his exhibit³ and witness lists⁴ and his confidential request for leave to file an addendum to the report of his expert witness.⁵
2. I subsequently granted the *Amicus*’s request to have reclassified to public his request for an addendum to the report of his expert witness⁶ and I note that the *Amicus* has filed the public redacted versions of the other two motions.⁷ Pursuant to Article 7 (5) (e) of the relevant Practice Direction⁸, the Defence now seeks the reclassification to public of its original Motion.⁹ The *Amicus* has indicated that he does not oppose this request.¹⁰
3. Having reviewed the Motion, I am satisfied that it does not contain information that should remain confidential. I therefore order the reclassification of this filing to public.

¹ STL, *In the case against Akhbar Beirut S.A.L. and Al Amin*, STL-14-06/PT/CJ, F0144, Urgent Defence Motion to Lift the Confidentiality of the *Amicus Curiae* Prosecutor’s Motions, Confidential, 10 December 2015 (“Motion”). All further references to filings and decisions refer to this case number unless otherwise stated.

² E-mail from Chamber’s Legal Officer to Parties, 10 December 2015.

³ F0120 Motion to Amend the Prosecution Exhibit List, Confidential, 16 November 2015.

⁴ F0135, Motion to Amend the Prosecution Witness List, Confidential, 7 December 2015.

⁵ F0143, Request for an Addendum on Expert Report, Confidential, 9 December 2015.

⁶ STL, *In the case against Akhbar Beirut S.A.L. and Al Amin*, STL-14-06/PT/CJ, Pre-Trial Conference, 11 December 2015, p. 2.

⁷ F0120, Public Redacted Version of Motion to Amend the Prosecution Exhibit List, 16 November 2015; F0135, Public Redacted Version of Motion to Amend the Prosecution Witness List, 7 December 2015.

⁸ Practice Direction on Filing of Documents Before the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, 14 June 2013, STL/PD/2010/07/Rev.2 (“Practice Direction”).

⁹ F0166, Request for Reclassification of the “Urgent Defence Motion to Lift the Confidentiality of the *Amicus Curiae* Prosecutor’s Motions” dated 10 December 2015, 30 December 2015.

¹⁰ E-mail from *Amicus* to Chamber’s Legal Officer, 4 January 2016.

DISPOSITION

FOR THESE REASONS;

PURSUANT TO; Articles 7 (5) (e) and 7 (6) of the Practice Direction;

I

ORDER the reclassification of the Motion (F0166) from confidential 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

