

**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:** 4 April 2016

**Original language:** English

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**DECISION AUTHORISING PERIODIC IN-COURT THEMATIC SUMMARIES OF EVIDENCE**

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(Extract from Official Public Transcript of Hearing on 4 April 2016, page 2, line 17 to page 3, line 15)

The Trial Chamber sought submissions from the parties and the Legal Representative of Victims about whether it should allow them to present periodic in-court thematic summaries of the evidence. The Prosecution, the Legal Representative of Victims, and counsel for the accused Mr. Hussein Hassan Oneissi and Mr. Assad Hassan Sabra and it appears from the tacit in-court conduct counsel for Mustafa Amine Badreddine support the suggestion. Counsel for Salim Jamil Ayyash and Hassan Habib Merhi opposed it.

The trial is extremely factually and technically complex and comprises the evidence of hundreds of witnesses and many thousands of documents; that is, many thousands of individual pieces of evidence. Having carefully considered the submissions, the Trial Chamber will allow periodic in-court thematic summaries of evidence. The Chamber considers that periodic in-court thematic summaries will assist it and the parties and participating victims to place as many pieces of evidence within the wider context of the cases of the parties and to allow it to better follow and understand the evidence. This includes so-called roadmaps presented by any party to assist the Trial Chamber.

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The Chamber stresses that summaries, like opening and closing statements, are not evidence, and it will decide the case only on the evidence presented in combination with the relevant submissions of the parties at the relevant time.

Full written reasons for this decision will be published shortly. By “shortly,” I mean hopefully today or tomorrow.

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