



SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON

المحكمة الخاصة بلبنان

TRIBUNAL SPÉCIAL POUR LE LIBAN

THE TRIAL CHAMBER
SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON

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: 2 February 2018

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THE PROSECUTOR
 v.
SALIM JAMIL AYYASH
HASSAN HABIB MERHI
HUSSEIN HASSAN ONEISSI
ASSAD HASSAN SABRA

**SCHEDULING ORDER REGARDING CLOSE OF PROSECUTION CASE AND
 DEFENCE SUBMISSIONS UNDER RULE 167**

Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr Norman Farrell & Mr Alexander Hugh
 Milne

**Legal Representatives of
 Participating Victims:**

Mr Peter Haynes, Mr Mohammad F. Mattar
 & Ms Nada Abdelsater-Abusamra

Counsel for Mr Salim Jamil Ayyash:

Mr Emile Aoun, Mr Thomas Hannis &
 Mr Chad Mair

Counsel for Mr Hassan Habib Merhi:

Mr Mohamed Aouini, Ms Dorothée Le Fraper
 du Hellen & Mr Jad Youssef Khalil

Counsel for Mr Hussein Hassan Oneissi:

Mr Vincent Courcelle-Labrousse, Mr Yasser
 Hassan & Ms Natalie von Wistinghausen

Counsel for Mr Assad Hassan Sabra:

Mr David Young, Mr Geoffrey Robert
 Ms Sarah Bafadhel



1. Counsel for the Accused, Mr Hassan Habib Merhi, notified the Trial Chamber and the Parties on 1 February 2018 that nothing further was required in relation to aspects of the Prosecution's evidence, and that the Prosecution could close its case.¹
2. On 2 February 2018, the Trial Chamber held a case management meeting with the Parties and the Legal Representatives of Victims during which Prosecution senior trial counsel stated that the Prosecution could now close its case. Counsel for Mr Hussein Hassan Oneissi informed the Trial Chamber that they intend to move the Trial Chamber to enter a judgement of acquittal under Rule 167 of the Special Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and Evidence in respect of Mr Oneissi, and wish to make oral submissions on this after the close of the Prosecution case. Counsel for Mr Assad Hassan Sabra left open the possibility that they may make a similar application.
3. The Trial Chamber will therefore sit on **Wednesday 7 February 2018** to receive any evidence remaining in the Prosecution case, deliver any outstanding decisions, and allow the Prosecution to formally close its case against the four Accused.
4. The Trial Chamber will then hear oral submissions from the Oneissi Defence under Rule 167 on **Tuesday 20 February 2018** and any response from the Prosecution and reply from the Oneissi Defence on **Wednesday 21 February 2018**. A judgement of acquittal or a decision dismissing the application will be delivered in court as soon as practicable thereafter. Scheduling orders under Rule 128 in relation to the presentation of a Defence case by any of the Accused will be issued in conjunction with this timetable.²
5. Finally, counsel for Mr Sabra are ordered to inform the Trial Chamber by **Tuesday 13 February 2018** whether they intend to make an application under Rule 167.

¹ STL-11-01/T/TC, *Prosecutor v. Ayyash, Merhi, Oneissi and Sabra*, F3545, Notification de la défense de Merhi en réponse à l'ordonnance de la chambre du 29 janvier 2018, 1 February 2018 (confidential).

² Under Rule 128 'Functions that may be exercised after close of the Prosecutor's case', the Trial Chamber is to order the Defence to file witness and exhibit lists, witness summaries, the points in the indictment as to which witness will testify, how the witness will testify and the estimated time required for each witness.

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

Leidschendam,
The Netherlands
2 February 2018

David Re

Judge David Re, Presiding

Janet Nosworthy

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