



SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON

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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

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THE PROSECUTOR

v.

**SALIM JAMIL AYYASH
HASSAN HABIB MERHI
HUSSEIN HASSAN ONEISSI
ASSAD HASSAN SABRA**

**DECISION VARYING PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR
FOUR PARTICIPATING VICTIMS**

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Ms Sarah Bafadhel



1. The Legal Representatives of Victims, under Rule 133 of the Special Tribunal's Rules of Procedure and Evidence, request to vary the terms of protective measures granted to four participating victims, V007, V054, V055 and V058, to formally recognise the disclosure of their identities as participating victims to family members and other persons accompanying them to the Netherlands to observe the presentation of the Parties' and Legal Representatives' closing arguments from the Special Tribunal's 'private victims' gallery'.¹
2. The Prosecution and Defence counsel for the four Accused did not object to the request.² The Trial Chamber is satisfied that the variation requested is appropriate. The four victims have voluntarily and independently chosen to share the information that they are participating in the proceedings with their family members and persons accompanying them, respectively, to The Hague. The variation is also proportionate and does not affect the rights of the Accused. Therefore, the Trial Chamber **grants** the request of the Legal Representatives of Victims.
3. Notwithstanding the absence of a specific application,³ the Trial Chamber also **permits** simultaneous access to the private gallery for V007 and V058 with their respective accompanying family members.

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

Leidschendam,
The Netherlands
6 September 2018

David Re

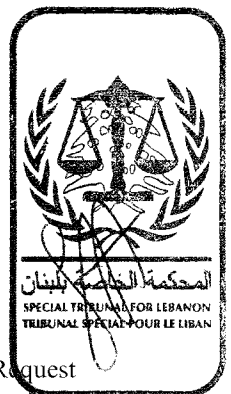
Judge David Re, Presiding

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¹ STL-11-01/T/TC, *Prosecutor v. Ayyash, Mehri, Oneissi and Sabra*, F3722/COR, *Corrected Version of Request of the Legal Representative of Victims for a Variation of the Terms of Protective Measures Granted to Four Participating Victims*, 17 August 2018 (confidential). A public redacted version of the application was filed on the same date.

² Emails from the Parties to the Trial Chamber's senior legal officer on 20 and 21 August 2018.

³ Although implied in paragraph 7 of the Legal Representatives' request.