



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

Date: 6 September 2018

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THE PROSECUTOR

v.

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

**DECISION ALLOWING PARTICIPATING VICTIMS TO ATTEND PROCEEDINGS
IN THE COURTROOM**

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Mr Chad Mair

**Legal Representatives of
Participating Victims:**
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Mr Mohamed Aouini & Mr Jad Youssef Khalil

Counsel for Mr Hussein Hassan Oneissi:
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Ms Sarah Bafadhel



1. The Trial Chamber will hear the closing arguments of the Parties and the Legal Representatives of the Victims between Tuesday 11 September and Friday 21 September 2018.

2. Public participating victims, Mr Robert Aoun (V001), Mr Raymond Abou-Chaaya (V008), Ms Sanaa El-Sheikh (V010), Mr Wissam Naji (V014), Mr Rachid Hammoud (V018), Mr Nabih Mhanna (V019), Ms Liliane Khallouf (V031), Ms Hana Diab El-Arab (V043), Ms Clémence Tarraf (V045), Mr Kamal Nasser (V049), Ms Ihsan Fayed (V056), Ms Sahar Kalaoui (V057), Mr Rabih Nohra (V080), Ms Rima Ghalayini (V081), Ms Fatme El Bahi (V085), Ms Dina Ghalayini (V086), Mr Mohammed Dia (V087) expressed their wish to be present in the courtroom in one or more public hearing sessions. The Legal Representatives of Victims filed a request to the Trial Chamber on their behalf, and submitted that three to six participating victims would be present in the courtroom at a time, during the presentation of the closing arguments. However, they would not be able to observe the proceedings during private or closed sessions.¹

3. The Trial Chamber has previously issued general directions on the attendance of victims in the courtroom, and underlined that the views and concerns of victims may be presented in court by their legal representatives, in accordance with Article 17 of the Special Tribunal's Statute.² Considering these principles, and noting that the Parties did not object to the request,³ the Trial Chamber permits the attendance of the participating victims in the courtroom for one or more public hearings in the coming weeks in a manner as proposed by the Legal Representatives.

FOR THESE REASONS, the Trial Chamber:

GRANTS the request of the Legal Representatives of Victims; and

INSTRUCTS the Registry to make all necessary arrangements.

¹ STL-11-01, *Prosecutor v. Ayyash, Merhi, Oneissi and Sabra*, F3723/COR, *Corrected Version of Request of the Legal Representative of Victims to Allow Participating Victims to Attend Proceedings in the Courtroom*, 17 August 2018.

² Decision delivered in court, *see* transcript of 18 November 2014, pp 2-3.

³ Emails from the Parties to the Trial Chamber's senior legal officer on 20 and 21 August 2018.

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

Leidschendam,
The Netherlands
6 September 2018

David Re

Judge David Re, Presiding

Janet Nosworthy

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