

### Cour Pénale Internationale

# International Criminal Court

# Weekly Upda

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# Situation in the Central African Republic

In the only case in this situation, *The Prosecutor v. Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo*, Pre-Trial Chamber II confirmed, on 15 June, 2009, two charges of crimes against humanity and three charges of war crimes, and committed the accused to trial before a Trial Chamber. The trial, initially scheduled to start on 14 July, 2010, has been postponed.

Decisions taken between 6 - 10 September, 2010

Bemba case

Decision on three issues related to victims' applications for participation in the proceedings

Issued by the Trial Chamber III on 6 September, 2010

Order setting deadlines for agreements as to facts and evidence and for the filing of expert reports

Issued by the Trial Chamber III on 6 September, 2010  $\,$ 



Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo © ICC-CPI/Ed Oudenaarden

Order on the filing of a response by Mr Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo and by the Prosecutor to the Central African Republic's "Requête aux fins de communication de jugement et prorogation de délai"

Issued by the Appeals Chamber on 7 September, 2010

**Decision setting a time-limit for the submission of new victims' applications for participation** Issued by Trial Chamber III on 7 September, 2010

**Decision on the Central African Republic's request for an extension of the time limit** Issued by the Appeals Chamber on 8 September, 2010

Decision on the "Defence Application to Obtain the French Version of Certain Filings and Statements"

Issued by the Trial Chamber III on 8 September, 2010

## Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

In this situation, three cases are being heard before the relevant Chambers: The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo; The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda; and The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui. The accused Thomas Lubanga Dyilo, Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui are currently in the custody of the ICC. The suspect Bosco Ntaganda remains at large. The trial in the case The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo started on 26 January, 2009. The trial in the case of The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui started on 24 November, 2009.

### Decisions taken between 6 - 10 September, 2010

Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui case

Décision invitant le Procureur et la Défense à présenter leurs observations sur une demande de participation de victime (règle 89-1 du Règlement de procédure et de preuve)

Issued by the Trial Chamber II on 6 September, 2010

Décision relative à la Demande d'autorisation d'interjeter appel contre la Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui © ICC-CPI/Michael Kooren Décision sur le « Protocole régissant les enquêtes concernant les témoins bénéficiant de mesures de protection » présentée par le Procureur

Issued by Trial Chamber II on 7 September, 2010



### Situation in Darfur, Sudan

In the situation in Darfur, Sudan, four cases are being heard: The Prosecutor v. Ahmad Muhammad Harun (Ahmad Harun) and Ali Muhammad Ali Abd-Al-Rahman (Ali Kushayb); The Prosecutor v. Omar Hassan Ahmad Al Bashir; The Prosecutor v. Bahar Idriss Abu Garda; and The Prosecutor v. Abdallah Banda Abakaer Nourain (Banda) and Saleh Mohammed Jerbo Jamus (Jerbo). Four warrants of arrest have been issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I for Harun, Kushayb and Al Bashir. The three suspects remain at large. A summons to appear was issued for Abu Garda who appeared voluntarily before the Chamber on 18 May, 2009. Abu Garda is not in the custody of the ICC. After the hearing of confirmation of charges, on 8 February, 2010, Pre-Trial Chamber I declined to confirm the charges. Two other summonses to appear were issued against Mr Banda and Mr Jerbo who appeared voluntarily on 17 June, 2010; the confirmation of charges hearing is scheduled for 22 November, 2010.

### Decisions taken between 6 - 10 September, 2010

Banda and Jerbo case

Decision on the "Prosecutor's application for redactions and for authorization of discrete redactions to the meta-data field foreseen by the E-Court Protocol" Issued by the Pre-Trial Chamber I on 6 September, 2010





Banda and Jerbo © ICC-CPI/ Toussaint Kluiters

### Relevant Links

Courtroom proceedings can be followed on the ICC website: www.icc-cpi.int You can also consult the **hearing schedule**.

Video summaries can be found on our YouTube channel.

**Events** Calendar

### **Events**

### ICC President Song met President of the European Council, Van Rompuy

On 10 September 2010, the President of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Judge Sang-Hyun Song, met with Herman van Rompuy, President of the European Council (EC) to discuss the results of the Review Conference of the Rome Statute, which was held in Kampala, Uganda, earlier this year. President Song thanked President Van Rompuy for the European Union's (EU) constant, unwavering support for the ICC and was pleased to have received assurances of the EU's continued commitment.

During the meeting, which took place in Brussels, the ICC President expressed his appreciation for the constructive role that the EU played at the Review Conference. "The key issues of cooperation, complementarity, universality and the position of © The Council of the European Union victims were highlighted at the Review Conference, and I was very grateful for the concrete pledges made by the European Union and its Member States in Kampala



Judge Sang-Hyun Song, President of the International Criminal Court; Herman van Rompuy, President of the European Council

to support the ICC and to develop the effectiveness of the Rome Statute system in all these areas", he said.

Both Presidents agreed that one of the priorities of the continuing partnership between the EU and the ICC is to turn the promises of Kampala into reality.

The ICC is an independent, permanent court that investigates and prosecutes persons accused of the most serious crimes of international concern, namely genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes if national authorities with jurisdiction are unwilling or unable to do so genuinely. All 27 EU Member States are States Parties to the ICC, and the ICC and the EU concluded a cooperation and assistance agreement in 2006.

To fulfil its function, the ICC depends on the cooperation and support of the international community, in particular in the enforcements of its judicial decisions, including the pending warrants for arrest. Videos of this meeting can be found here and here.

### Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2010						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
						The ICC opens its doors to visitors for The Hague International Day.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
OCTOBER 2010						
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Regional Conference on the ICC at Doha (Qatar), organised by the State of Qatar together with the League of Arab States and in cooperation with the ICC.				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17

Future events:

November, 2010: The confirmation of charges hearing is scheduled to commence in the case of The Prosecutor v. Abdallah Banda Abakaer Nourain (Banda) and

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.