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Situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

In this situation, four cases have been brought before the relevant Chambers: *The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo*; *The Prosecutor v. Bosco Ntaganda*; *The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui*; and *The Prosecutor v. Callixte Mbarushimana*. 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. Trial Chamber I convicted Mr Lubanga Dyilo on 14 March 2012, and is scheduled to deliver the sentence on 10 July 2012. The trial in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui* started on 24 November 2009. Closing statements in the case were heard from 15 to 23 May 2012. On 16 December 2011, Pre-Trial Chamber I declined to confirm the charges in the case *The Prosecutor v. Callixte Mbarushimana*. Mr Mbarushimana was released on 23 December 2011.

Lubanga case

Trial Chamber I to deliver sentence on 10 July 2012



Thomas Lubanga Dyilo © ICC-CPI/Michael Kooren

On 10 July 2012, at 9:30 (The Hague local time), Trial Chamber I of the International Criminal Court (ICC) will deliver in open court its decisions pursuant to articles 75 (reparations to victims) and 76 (sentencing) of the Rome Statute in the case *The Prosecutor v. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo*.

The verdict in this case was rendered on 14 March 2012. Mr Lubanga Dyilo was found guilty of conscripting and enlisting children under the age of 15 and using them to participate in hostilities.

Further information on this case is available [here](#).

Practical information for the media will follow in a media advisory in due course.

Decisions taken between 25 - 29 June 2012

Order scheduling the delivery of the Decisions pursuant to Articles 75 and 76

Issued by Trial Chamber I on 29 June 2012

Situation in Darfur, Sudan

There are four cases in the situation in Darfur, Sudan: *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*; *The Prosecutor v. Abdallah Banda Abakaer Nourain and Saleh Mohammed Jerbo Jamus*; and *The Prosecutor v. Abdel Raheem Muhammad Hussein*. Five warrants of arrest have been issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I for Messrs Harun, Kushayb, Al Bashir and Hussein. The four suspects remain at large. A summons to appear was issued for Mr Abu Garda who appeared voluntarily before the Chamber on 18 May 2009. After the hearing of confirmation of charges, in February 2010, Pre-Trial Chamber I declined to confirm the charges. Mr Abu Garda is not in the custody of the ICC. 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 took place on 8 December 2010. On 7 March 2011, Pre-Trial Chamber I unanimously decided to confirm the charges of war crimes brought by the ICC Prosecutor against Mr Banda and Mr Jerbo, and committed them to trial. On 16 March 2011, the ICC Presidency constituted Trial Chamber IV and referred the case to it.

Decisions taken between 25 - 29 June 2012

Banda and Jerbo Case

Public redacted Order on the scheduling of a hearing and status conferences

Issued by Trial Chamber IV on 26 June 2012

Situation in Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire, which is not party to the Rome Statute, had accepted the jurisdiction of the ICC on 18 April 2003; more recently, and on both 14 December 2010 and 3 May 2011, the Presidency of Côte d'Ivoire reconfirmed the country's acceptance of this jurisdiction. On 3 October 2011, the Pre-Trial Chamber authorised the Prosecutor to open an investigation into the situation in Côte d'Ivoire since 28 November 2010. On 22 February 2012, Pre-Trial Chamber III decided to expand its authorisation for the investigation in Côte d'Ivoire to include crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court allegedly committed between 19 September 2002 and 28 November 2010. The hearing on the confirmation of charges in the case *The Prosecutor v. Laurent Gbagbo*, the only case currently heard before the Court in this situation, is scheduled to start on 13 August 2012.

Decisions taken between 25 - 29 June 2012

Gbagbo case

Decision on OPCV requests for access to confidential documents in the record of the case

Issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I on 27 June 2012

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](#) | The ICC's activities can also be followed through [Twitter](#)

Events

ICC launches Facebook page from 1 - 17 July: From the Court's 10th anniversary to International Criminal Justice Day

On 1 July 2012, the International Criminal Court (ICC) has launched a Facebook page from 1 – 17 July, from the Court's 10th anniversary and the Day of International Criminal Justice. The page not only encourages people to commemorate these two important occasions but also provides a place to connect with supporters of international criminal justice from around the world and to share their thoughts on matters of justice.

The 1 – 17 July Facebook page provides links to events organised by the States Parties to the Rome Statute, the ICC and its partners worldwide. Events commemorating 1 - 17 July are aimed at raising awareness and generating support for global justice and the fight against impunity. The ICC invites all those who wish to support justice, promote victims' rights, and help prevent crimes that threaten the peace, security and well-being of the world.

Individuals and organisations have the opportunity to give and get inspiration from like-minded people. Users who have organised an event in their community can post the details on the "Wall". They can also upload photos and videos after an event takes place. Users who "like" the page can get updates on their News Feed. Users can also share the page with their friends. Information posted to the page will be accessible to the public at large and easily found using common search engines.

Background

Ten years ago, on 1 July 2002, The Rome statute, treaty founding the ICC, entered into force. Today the Court is a fully functional institution supported by 121 States Parties, with 20 warrants of arrest issued, 15 cases, and seven ongoing investigations. More information about related activities and events can be found on the [Court's 10th anniversary website](#).

States Parties to the ICC decided to celebrate 17 July as the Day of International Criminal Justice on 1 June 2010 at the Review Conference of the Rome Statute held in Kampala (Uganda). The date commemorates 17 July 1998, when the international community reached an historic milestone by adopting the Rome Statute, the legal basis for establishing the permanent International Criminal Court.

Entry into force of amendments to the Regulations of the Court

On 29 June 2012, amendments to the Regulations of the Court adopted by the judges on 2 November 2011, during their eighteenth plenary session, entered into force.

The amendments focus on Chapter IV of the Regulations of the Court (“Counsel issues and legal assistance”).

Pursuant to Article 52 of the Rome Statute, the amendments to the Regulations of the Court will be circulated to States Parties for comments. If, within six months from circulation, there are no objections from a majority of States Parties, the amendments shall remain in force.

Regulations of the Court

The ICC welcomes several high-level delegations and study visits to the Court

Throughout the week, the International Criminal Court (ICC) was honoured to receive several visitors and study groups. Each visitor was briefed on recent judicial developments as well as matters of support and cooperation.



On Monday, 25 June, eleven professors from Universities in China attended a half-day study visit to the Court, which included talks by the ICC President, Judge Sang-Hyun Song, and the ICC Registrar, Ms Silvana Arbia. © ICC-CPI



On Wednesday, 27 June, the ICC President, Registrar and other high-ranking Court officials held meetings with Ms Kirsty Hayes, Head of the International Organisations Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom. © ICC-CPI



Also on Wednesday, the ICC President met with a delegation from the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe of the European Parliament. © ICC-CPI



On Thursday and Friday, 28 and 29 June, the Court hosted study visits by delegations of lawyers from the Russian Federation and from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (pictured here), respectively. © ICC-CPI



Also on Friday, the Chairman of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives of the Kingdom of Thailand, Mr Sunai Chulpongsatorn, visited the Court and met with the ICC President. © ICC-CPI

The Court thanks all of these visitors for their continued support and cooperation. With this support, the Court continues its fight against impunity, providing justice for victims of atrocious crimes and striving to prevent such crimes from happening in the future.

Interacting with communities

ICC Outreach holds capacity building session for Kenyan journalists



Kenyan journalists meeting the ICC Prosecutor, Ms Fatou Bensouda, at the seat of the Court in The Hague © ICC-CPI

From 25 June to 4 July, the Outreach Programme of the International Criminal Court (ICC) is holding a capacity building study visit for journalists drawn from community and local language radio stations in Kenya. The 16 influential Kenyan journalists interacted with high-ranking officials from each organ of the Court as well as external experts.

Among the speakers were ICC Judge Aluoch, ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, ICC Registrar Silvana Arbia, and the President of the Association of Journalists of the ICC, Mr Thomas Verfuss.

The training seeks to enhance the capacity of journalists to cover international criminal justice issues in a factual and balanced manner. Previous sessions demonstrated the need to particularly build the capacity of community media due to their role in shaping conversations at the grassroots level.

The nine-day study visit will provide the journalists with the opportunity to see the work of the Court first hand, acquire an in-depth understanding of the ICC system and procedures and explore opportunities for generating more sources and overcome communication barriers in accessing credible information. Ultimately, this will manage and foster realistic expectations from the Court's intervention in Kenya



The ICC Registrar, Ms Silvana Arbia, speaking with the Kenyan journalists during their capacity building study visit at the seat of the Court in The Hague © ICC-CPI

Calendar

JULY 2012						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 ICC President Song to participate in Panel on 'The Role of the International Courts and Tribunals in The Hague and Their Contribution to International Legal System', Peace Palace, The Hague (The Netherlands)	3	4 Judge Kaul to deliver a keynote speech at the conference "Tenth Anniversary of the entry into force of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court", Budapest (Hungary), organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary*	5	6 ICC hosts symbolic flag-raising ceremony to kick off events for 17 July, International Criminal Justice Day	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 International Criminal Justice Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
13 August: Confirmation of charges hearing to start in the case against Laurent Gbagbo						

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.

* The ICC is grateful to the organizers for covering the costs of the Court's participation.