



6 September 2010 #45 ICC Weekly Update

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 30 August - 3 September, 2010

Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui case

Décision sur la Requête de la Défense de Germain Katanga tendant à obtenir la communication de l'enregistrement d'un entretien avec le témoin P-219

Issued by the Trial Chamber II on 30 August, 2010

Decision on Prosecutor's request to allow the introduction into evidence of the prior recorded testimony of P-166 and P-219

Issued by the Trial Chamber II on 3 September, 2010

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

The ICC Registrar meets with the Attorney General of the State of Qatar



Dr Ali Bin Fetais Al-Marri, the Attorney General of the State of Qatar, Ms Silvana Arbia, Registrar of the International Criminal Court

On 29 August, 2010, Ms Silvana Arbia, the Registrar of the International Criminal Court (ICC), met with the Attorney General of the State of Qatar, Dr. Ali Bin Fetais Al-Marri in Doha (Qatar) to discuss the organisation of a regional diplomatic conference on the ICC, and to explore, more broadly, different means of reinforcing relations between the Court, the State of Qatar, the Arab

world, and generally Western Asia. During the meeting Ms Arbia and Dr Al-Marri emphasized their shared commitment to the rule of law and the need to respect international law.

From 6 to 7 October, 2010, a first regional diplomatic conference on the ICC in and for the Middle East will be held in Doha, State of Qatar. This regional event, sponsored by the State of Qatar, is being undertaken together with the League of Arab States in co-operation with the ICC.

In expressing her deep admiration and respect for Middle Eastern cultures and civilizations, Ms Arbia stated that “there is, in the region, misinformation about the mandate and functioning of the ICC. The ICC is an independent multi-organ international judicial institution, with a whole host of checks and balances in place that exists to apply the law, guarantee fair trials, and ensure that justice is applied equally across the board”. The ICC Registrar emphasized that “we must stay committed to end impunity and protect human rights wherever it is denied”. She stressed the importance of the rights of victims in proceedings before the Court as a novelty in international criminal law, and stated that “at the International Criminal Court, victims can, for the first time in the history of the discipline, participate actively in the proceedings, have their voices heard, and request reparations in case of convictions”.

The meeting was concluded with the Registrar conveying her utmost gratitude to Dr. Al-Marri and the Qatar authorities for their hospitality, commitment to the international rule of law and openness to the ICC, as well as the great efforts exerted domestically, aimed at establishing a fully independent judicial system in Qatar. Further contacts and collaboration between the Qatar authorities and the ICC will follow this first visit to Doha.

The ICC Registrar visited Kenya to discuss operational issues with regard to the Kenya situation

The Registrar of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Ms Silvana Arbia, visited the Republic of Kenya between 1 and 4 September. The ICC Registrar met in Nairobi with the relevant national authorities to discuss the operational and legal framework needed to conduct Registry activities in Kenya, following the [Pre-Trial Chamber II decision](#) authorising the Prosecutor to open an investigation in the context of this situation.

Ms Arbia also visited other localities in the country to discuss with the local authorities the necessary measures needed to facilitate the ICC Registry’s work in Kenya.

Furthermore, the Registrar held meetings with representatives of international organisations and embassies in order to discuss mechanisms of support to the Court’s operations.

During her mission, two hundred thousand copies of the publication *Understanding the International Criminal Court* were distributed to Kenyans via the Daily Nation newspaper. This booklet aims at presenting basic facts about the Court’s work and mandate, its structure and mode of function. It provides answers to questions frequently asked by audiences that have participated during informative sessions.

The Registrar exchanged letters with the Kenyan Government on the operational and legal framework essential for the Court’s operation in its territory

On 3 September, 2010, in Nairobi (Kenya), the Registrar of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Ms. Silvana Arbia, exchanged letters on the operational and legal framework that is essential for the Court to conduct its work in the territory of the Republic of Kenya.

Mr. Moses Wetang’ula, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who is responsible for signing international agreements, presented to the Registrar the signed letter, in the presence of the members of the Cabinet’s Subcommittee, chaired by Minister Saitoti.

The Registrar stated: “I trust that the Government of Kenya will fully respect its obligations under the Rome Statute and will facilitate the important work of the Court”.

This exchange paves the way for effective work of the Court in Kenya, in particular with regard to its needs in the areas such as victim and witness protection, safety and security, and logistical support for its operations.

ICC distributes 200,000 copies of the booklet *Understanding the ICC*

On 4 September, the International Criminal Court (ICC) distributed in Kenya 200,000 copies of the publication *Understanding the ICC*, reaching a population estimated at 20 million. The booklet, which was circulated with one of the most popular newspapers in the country, explains the Court’s mandate, structure and mode of operations. It answers questions frequently asked by participants during informative sessions held by Court’s officials in Kenya.

Commenting on the booklet, the ICC Registrar Silvana Arbia said that, “the Court is committed to making all necessary efforts to inform

the public about the Court's mandate and its work. With the information presented in the booklet, I hope that many Kenyans will find answers to their questions. A well-informed public can contribute to ensuring lasting respect for international justice and, through its enforcement, the prevention of crimes".

The Registrar today concluded a four-day official visit to Kenya, where she met relevant national authorities to discuss the operational and legal framework needed to conduct Registry activities in Kenya.

Calendar

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| Future events: 22 November, 2010: The confirmation of charges hearing is scheduled to commence in the case of <i>The Prosecutor v. Abdallah Banda Abakaer Nourain (Banda) and Saleh Mohammed Jerbo Jamus (Jerbo)</i> | | | | | | |

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.