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Situation in Darfur, Sudan

In the situation in Darfur, Sudan, three 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*; and *The Prosecutor v. Bahr Idriss Abu Garda*. Three warrants of arrest have been issued by Pre-Trial Chamber I for Harun, Kushayb and Al Bashir for crimes against humanity and war crimes. 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.

Abu Garda case

Links to case-related background information:

- **Case-related information** on the suspect, counts, alleged crimes, and key judicial developments
- **Schedule** of the confirmation of charges hearing
- **Questions and Answers** related to the case
- **Courtroom layout** for the confirmation of charges hearing
- **Statement of the Registrar** (Déclaration du Greffier) during the Press Conference on 16 October, 2009
- **Audiovisual programmes** on the Abu Garda case

Links to general information about the Court:

- **Current situations and cases before the Court**
- **Understanding the ICC – Sudan**



Abu Garda at the hearing ©ICC-CPI

Decisions taken between 19 - 23 October 2009

Decision on witness to be called by the Defence at the confirmation hearing

Issued by the Pre-Trial Chamber I on the 19 th October 2009

Decision Amending the "Decision Lifting Anonymity of Victims"

Issued by the Pre-Trial Chamber I on the 19th October 2009

Decision du Greffier sur l'indigence des victimes a/0535/09, a/0537/09, a/0538/09, a/0539/09, a/0540/09, a/0541/09, a/0542/09, a/0544/09, a/0545/09, a/0546/09, a/0547/09, a/0548/09, a/0549/09, a/0550/09, a/0551/09, a/0557/09, a/0558/09, a/0559/09, a/0560/09, a/0561/09 et a/0562/09 représentées par Maître Akin Akinbote

Issued by the Registrar on the 20th October 2009

Décision du Greffier sur l'indigence des victimes a/0552/09, a/0553/09, a/0554/09, a/0555/09, a/0556/09, a/0563/09, a/0564/09, a/0565/09, a/0566/09, a/0567/09, a/0568/09, a/0569/09, a/0570/09, a/0571/09, a/0572/09, a/0573/09, a/0574/09, a/0575/09, a/0576/09, a/0577/09, a/0578/09 représentées par Maître Franck Adaka

Issued by the Registrar on the 20th October 2009

Decisions taken between 19 - 23 October 2009

Al Bashir case

Decision On the Applications by Victims a/0443/09 to a/0450/09 to Participate in the Appeal against the "Decision on the Prosecution's Application for a Warrant of Arrest against Omar Hassan Ahmad Al Bashir" and on the Request for an Extension of Time

Issued by the Appeals Chamber on the 23rd October 2009

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 commencement of the trial in the case of *The Prosecutor v. Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui* is scheduled for 24 November, 2009.

Decisions taken between 19 - 23 October 2009

Lubanga Dyilo Case

Decision on the participation of victims in the appeals

Issued by the Appeals Chamber on the 20th October 2009

Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui case

Decision on the reclassification of the confidential "Decision on the Application of Mr Germain Katanga in respect of the new policy in the detention centre on the registration of telephone contacts" of 17 September 2009

Issued by the Presidency on the 20th October 2009

Decision on the urgent request for an extension of page limit pursuant to regulation 37(2) of the Regulations of the Court (ICC-01/04-01/07-1540)

Issued by the Trial Chamber II on the 21st October 2009

Décision relative au dépôt d'un résumé des charges par le Procureur

Issued by the Trial Chamber II on the 21st October 2009

Decision on the "Urgent Defence Application for Extension of Page Limit" (ICC-01/04-01/07-1549)

Issued by the Trial Chamber II on the 22nd of October 2009

Decision on the Prosecution request for the addition of witness P-219 to the Prosecution List of Incriminating Witnesses and the disclosure of related incriminating material to the Defence

Issued by the Trial Chamber II on the 23rd October 2009

Decision on Prosecution requests ICC-01/04-01/07-1386 and ICC-01/04-01/07-1407 made pursuant to regulation 35 of the Regulations

Issued by the Trial Chamber II on the 23rd October 2009

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

Decisions taken between 19 - 23 October 2009

Bemba Case

Reasons for the "Decision on the Participation of Victims in the Appeal against the 'Decision on the Interim Release of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo and Convening Hearings with the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Portugal, the Republic of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Italian Republic, and the Republic of South Africa'"

Issued by the Appeals Chamber on the 20th October 2009

Summary of the Decision on legal assistance for the accused

Issued by the Trial Chamber III on 20th October 2009

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 at our **Youtube channel**.

Situations under analysis

Guinea Minister visits the ICC - Prosecutor Requests Information on National Investigations into 28 September Violence

On 20 October 2009, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guinea, his Excellency Alexandre Cécé Loua, visited the International Criminal Court and met with officials of the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) in The Hague. The Minister had closed discussions with Deputy Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, who is also the OTP's focal point for issues of sexual violence, and Head of the OTP's Jurisdiction, Complementarity and Cooperation Division Beatrice Le Fraper du Hellen.

Minister Loua described the events of 28 September 2009 in Conakry and set out what measures had been taken by the Guinean authorities to ensure that the crimes allegedly committed would be suitably investigated. He stated that the national judiciary was "able and willing" to proceed. OTP Officials handed Minister Loua a letter requesting written information on the crimes and on modalities put in place for conducting national investigations and prosecutions of those responsible and confirmed that Guinea had the primary responsibility to conduct proceedings. "Guinea is a State party, the Court is your Court, working together we will ensure that there will be no impunity for the crimes committed," Deputy Prosecutor Bensouda told the Minister.



Guinean Foreign Minister Alexandre Cécé Loua meeting ICC Deputy Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda in The Hague ©ICC-CPI

On 14 October 2009, ICC Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo confirmed that the situation in Guinea was under preliminary examination by his Office.

Interacting with communities

Central African Republic: the International Criminal Court launched a new outreach programme called "Ask the Court"

On Monday 19 October 2009, the International Criminal Court (ICC) launched its second outreach programme in the Central African Republic, called "Ask the Court". The programme will be broadcast on the public TV channel, TV Centrafrique, and also on partner radio stations of the ICC: Radio Centrafrique, Radio ICDI, Radio Ndeke Luka, Radio Tropique, Radio Néhémie (AMMICA), Radio Voix de la Paix, Radio Voix de la Grâce (ESCA), Radio Linga and Radio Notre-Dame. The following community radio stations based in the interior of the country are also taking part in the project: Radio Maria (Bossangoa), Radio Zoukpana (Berberati), Radio Maïgaro (Bouar), Radio Siriri (Bouar), Radio Bé Oko (Bambari), and Radio Kuli Ndunga (Nola).

The "Ask the Court" programme comprises 13 episodes: each episode will be broadcast for one week between October 2009 and January 2010.

This second programme follows on from the first one, entitled "Understanding the International Criminal Court", which was broadcast in Sango to a wide audience from July to October 2009. It reached an estimated audience of around 700,000 people in the CAR, and represented a total of over 270 hours of information broadcasts in Sango about the ICC.

In this second programme, members of the CAR public are given the opportunity to put questions directly to senior Court officials based in The Hague. The President of the Court (Judge Sang-Hyun Song), the Registrar of the Court (Ms Silvana Arbia), and the Director of the Jurisdiction, Complementarity and Cooperation Division at the Office of the Prosecutor (Ms Béatrice Le Fraper du Hellen) have all replied to questions put to them in the programme by members of the public in the CAR.

Calendar

OCTOBER 2009						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Confirmation of charges hearing in Abu Garda case						
President Song address the UN Meeting of Legal Advisers in NY			President Song presents ICC Report to the UN General Assembly			
NOVEMBER 2009						
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		18-26 Nov: Eighth Session of the Assembly of the State Parties (ASP), in The Hague				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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	Trial of Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo case is scheduled to start/ ASP					

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.