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# ICC Weekly Update

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### 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 14 - 18 December 2009

##### Lubanga Dyilo case

**Redacted Decision on the Defence Application for the Chamber to call an Associate Legal Officer from the Registry to give evidence**  
Issued by the Trial Chamber I on the 14th December 2009

**Redacted Decision on the "Prosecution's Request for Lifting of Redactions to the Identity of One Individual providing Rule 77 Information and Request for Redactions further to Article 54(3)(f) and Rules 81(2) and 81(4)" and "Prosecution's application for variation in the protective measures concerning witness 44 and witness 101" of 24 July 2009**

Issued by the Trial Chamber I on the 14th December 2009



Thomas Lubanga Dyilo © ICC-CPI

##### Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui case

**Décision sur l'appel de la Défense de Germain Katanga contre la « décision relative à la levée, au maintien et au prononcé de mesures d'expurgations » datée du 22 octobre 2009 (ICC-01/04-01/07-1551-Conf-Exp)**

Issued by the Trial Chamber II on the 16th December 2009



Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngudjolo Chui © ICC-CPI/Kooren

**Decision on the communication of P-316's statement**

Issued by the Trial Chamber II on the 17th December 2009

**Troisième décision relative à la divulgation de l'identité des victimes aux parties**

Issued by the Trial Chamber II on the 17th December 2009

## Decision on the "Prosecution's application for leave to appeal Trial Chamber II's 'Decision on the disclosure of evidentiary material relating to the Prosecutor's site visit to Bogoro on 28,29 and 31 March 2009 (ICC-01/04-01/07-1305,1345,1401,1412, and 1456)' of 7 October 2009"

Issued by the Trial Chamber II on the 18th December 2009

### 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. The hearing of confirmation of charges took place from 19 to 29 October 2009.

### Decisions taken between 14 - 18 December 2009

#### Al Bashir Case

#### Decision on Applications a/0011/06 to a/0013/06, a/0015/06 and a/0443/09 to a/0450/09 for Participation in the Proceedings at the Pre-Trial Stage of the Case

Issued by the Pre-Trial Chamber I on the 10th December 2009

#### Decision on the ad hoc Counsel for the Defence Request Regarding Victims' Participation in the Case

Issued by the Pre-Trial Chamber I on the 17th December 2009

#### Relevant links

**Courtroom proceedings** can be followed on the ICC website: [www.icc-cpi.int](http://www.icc-cpi.int)

You can also consult the **hearings schedule**.

**Video summaries** can be found at our **Youtube channel**.

## Events

### President Song's official visit to Japan

The President of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Judge Sang-Hyun Song, will pay an official visit to Japan from 21 to 22 December, 2009. The visit will provide an opportunity for President Song to thank the government for Japan's continued support of the Court.

In Tokyo, President Song will meet with Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama, Minister of Foreign Affairs Katsuya Okada, Minister of Justice Keiko Chiba, and the Director General of the International Legal Affairs Bureau, Koji Tsuruoka. He will brief these officials on the latest judicial developments at the Court.

In his official meetings, President Song will discuss possible ways in which Japan and the ICC can work together to extend the reach of the Rome Statute, the founding treaty of the ICC, in the Asian region. To date there are 14 Asian State Parties, including Japan. The President will also raise the issue of possible collaboration in assisting other States to realise the principle of complementarity. Complementarity means that States – not the ICC – have primary responsibility to genuinely investigate and prosecute crimes under the Rome Statute.

This trip concludes a cycle of official visits to Asia (including Thailand, Indonesia, Nepal and Bangladesh) by Judge Song this year. As the first Asian President of the ICC, one of his main external relations priorities has been encouraging a broader adoption of the Rome Statute, especially in a region still under-represented among States Parties.

Calendar

DECEMBER 2009						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
21 Judicial recess	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Judicial recess	29	30	31			
JANUARY 2010						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				01 Judicial recess	02	03
04	05	06	07 Lubanga trial resumes	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Swearing –in ceremony of two new ICC judges	21	22	23	24
<b>Future events:</b> 26 January 2010: Katanga and Ngudjolo Chui trial resumes 27 April 2010: Trial of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo is scheduled to start 31 May – 11 June 2010: First Review Conference of the Rome Statute, Kampala, Uganda.						

The calendar is subject to last minute changes.

The publication of the *ICC Weekly Update* is suspended until 11 January 2010.