

Trial Hearing
WITNESS: CAR-OTP-P-0342

(Open Session)

ICC-01/14-01/21

1 International Criminal Court
2 Trial Chamber VI
3 Situation: Central African Republic II
4 In the case of The Prosecutor v. Mahamat Said Abdel Kani - ICC-01/14-01/21
5 Presiding Judge Miatta Maria Samba, Judge María del Socorro Flores Liera,
6 Judge Sergio Gerardo Ugalde Godínez and Judge Keebong Paek
7 Trial Hearing - Courtroom 2
8 Friday, 18 October 2024
9 (The hearing starts in open session at 9.31 a.m.)
10 THE COURT USHER: [9:31:44] All rise.
11 The International Criminal Court is now in session.
12 Please be seated.
13 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:32:12] Good morning, everyone.
14 Madam Court Officer, can you kindly mention the case.
15 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:32:19] Good morning, Madam President.
16 Situation in the Central African Republic II, in the case of the Prosecutor versus
17 Mahamat Said Abdel Kani, case reference ICC-01/14-01/21.
18 And for the record, we are in open session.
19 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:32:35] Thank you very much.
20 Can I ask for representation, starting with the Prosecution.
21 MS MAKWAIA: [9:32:42] Good morning, Madam President, your Honours. For
22 the Prosecution this morning, myself, Holo Makwaia, senior trial lawyer;
23 Kamran Choudhry, trial lawyer; and Hilary Dyer, lead analyst. Thank you.
24 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:32:53] Thank you very much, Ms Makwaia.
25 Ms Pellet for the victims, please.

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1 MS PELLET: [9:32:58](Interpretation) Thank you, your Honour. The victims are
2 represented by Adeline Bedoucha and myself Sarah Pellet, counsel with the Office of
3 Public Counsel for Victims.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:33:11] Thank you very much, Ms Pellet.
5 Mr Jacobs for the Defence, please.

6 MR JACOBS: [9:33:20](Interpretation) Good morning, your Honour, your Honours.
7 On my right, Elina Legat; Florian François-Jacquemin; and myself, Dov Jacobs,
8 co-counsel for Mr Said.

9 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:33:33] Thank you very much, Mr Jacobs.
10 And, for the record, I note that Mr Said is in court here with us.
11 A very good morning to you, Mr Said. I hope I see you well.

12 MR SAID: [9:33:44](Interpretation) Yes, good morning, your Honour.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:33:48] Good morning.

14 Good morning, Mr Witness. I hope you rested well.

15 WITNESS: CAR-OTP-P-0342 (On former oath)

16 (The witness speaks French)

17 THE WITNESS: [9:33:57](Interpretation) Good morning. Yes.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:34:01] Now, Mr Witness, we're going to continue
19 with your testimony this morning by Defence counsel continuing to put questions to
20 you in cross on behalf of Mr Said.

21 So I remind you that you are still on oath and I'll invite Mr François-Jacquemin to put
22 his questions to you.

23 We are in open session, Mr François-Jacquemin.

24 MR FRANÇOIS-JACQUEMIN: [9:34:33](Interpretation) Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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1 QUESTIONED BY MR FRANÇOIS-JACQUEMIN: (Continuing) (Interpretation)

2 Q. [9:34:40] Good morning, Witness.

3 A. [9:34:42] Good morning.

4 MR FRANÇOIS-JACQUEMIN: [9:34:43](Interpretation) I am sorry for the public,
5 but could we go into private session, please, given the nature of the testimony?

6 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [9:34:50] Yes.

7 Madam Court Officer, can we go into private session, please.

8 (Private session at 9.35 a.m.)

9 THE COURT OFFICER: [9:35:03] We are in private session, Madam President.

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18 (Open session at 12.20 p.m.)
19 THE COURT OFFICER: [12:20:02] We are in open session, Madam President.
20 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [12:20:06] Thank you very much. Now, Mr Witness,
21 we've come to the end of your testimony and, on behalf of the Chamber, I wish to
22 thank you for having cooperated with the Court in our solicitation of what happened
23 in the Central African Republic. We wish you well in all of your future endeavours
24 and we wish you safe travels back.
25 Now, we note, Mr Prosecutor -- or Madam Prosecutor, that your next witness will be

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- 1 P-0834, and we will start off with that witness on Tuesday next week, 22nd, hopefully
- 2 finishing off on the 23rd, which will be on a Wednesday. Am I correct?
- 3 MS MAKWAIA: [12:21:07] You are correct, Madam President, that is indeed the
- 4 next witness, via AVL.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SAMBA: [12:21:12] Yes, via AVL.
- 6 Now, so having concluded with this witness, bon voyage, Mr Witness, I rise the Court
- 7 for Tuesday at 9.30.
- 8 (The witness is excused)
- 9 THE COURT USHER: [12:21:25] All rise.
- 10 (The hearing ends in open session at 12.21 p.m.)