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Opening of the public hearing of the second Trial Chamber of the CPS

The Special Criminal Court (SCC) of the Central African Republic begins its second mandate with the opening of its second trial before the Trial Chamber in the case of the Special Prosecutor against Kalite Azor (in pre-trial detention), Charfadine Moussa (in pre-trial detention), Antar Hamat (in pre-trial detention), Wodjonodragba Oumar Oscar (under judicial supervision), General Fache (wanted), Younouss Kalam Yal (wanted), Atahir English (wanted), Abdel Kane Mahamat Salle (wanted), Fotor Sinine (wanted), and Yousouf Moustapha alias Badjadje (wanted) for acts constituting war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly committed in Ndélé and its surroundings in the Bamingui-Bangoran Prefecture. This public hearing will open on Tuesday December 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the SCC

Background: Between March and April 2020, clashes took place between the two factions of the Popular Front for the Renaissance of the Central African Republic (FPRC) (Roungas and Goulas) in the town and surroundings of Ndélé, Bamingui-Bangoran prefecture. Crimes against humanity and war crimes were allegedly committed during these clashes.

Following these facts, the Special Prosecutor's Office seized the Investigating Chamber with an introductory indictment on June 22, 2020. On July 13, 2023 and after three years of inquiries and investigations, Cabinet No. 1 of the Chamber investigating officer issued an Order for partial dismissal of the case and referral to the Trial Chamber. After having carried out all the preparatory measures required to enable the trial to proceed expeditiously and with respect for the fundamental rights of the accused and the parties, the Trial Division is ready for the opening of the trial.

Remember that the accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Done in Bangui, 30 ;11.2023.

SCC Information and Communications Unit

The Special Criminal Court (SCCS) is a hybrid court within the Central African judicial system and created by organic law n°15.003 of June 3, 2015. Its mandate is to investigate and prosecute crimes under international law committed in the Central African Republic since 2003. It is located on Martin Luther King Street in Bangui, Central African Republic.