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**English** 

## IN TRIAL CHAMBER I

Before:

**Judge Alphons Orie, Presiding** 

Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert

Judge Bakone Justice Moloto

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

**Decision of:** 

14 October 2008

**PROSECUTOR** 

 $\mathbf{v}_{\boldsymbol{\cdot}}$ 

**ASTRIT HARAQIJA** 

and

**BAJRUSH MORINA** 

**PUBLIC** 

## DECISION ON BAJRUSH MORINA'S REQUEST TO VARY CONDITION OF PROVISIONAL RELEASE

**The Office of the Prosecutor:** 

<u>United Nations Interim</u> Administration Mission in Kosovo

Mr. Dan Saxon

**Counsel for the Accused:** 

Mr. Karim A. A. Khan for Astrit Haraqija Mr. Jens Dieckmann for Bajrush Morina

**TRIAL CHAMBER I** ("Trial Chamber") of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Former Yugoslavia since 1991 ("Tribunal");

**BEING SEISED** of the "Bajrush Morina's Request to Vary Condition of Provisional Release with Confidential Annex", filed publicly on 9 October 2008 ("Motion") in which the Defence for Bajrush Morina ("Accused") seeks the variation of a condition of the provisional release in order to allow the Accused to visit his parents in Gexhe, Kosovo, once per week;

**NOTING** that the Indictment in the present case was confirmed on 12 February 2008<sup>1</sup> and on 28 April 2008, the Accused was transferred to the seat of the Tribunal;

**NOTING** that on 13 May 2008, the Accused was granted provisional release pending the start of the trial ("Pre-trial provisional release");<sup>2</sup>

**NOTING** that on 3 September 2008, the Accused was recalled from provisional release<sup>3</sup> and on 15 September 2008 was granted further provisional release pending the finalisation of the judgement;<sup>4</sup>

**NOTING** that one of the conditions of the present provisional release is that the Accused shall remain within the confines of the municipality of his residence;<sup>5</sup>

**NOTING** that in its response filed on 13 October 2008, the Prosecution did not oppose the Motion;<sup>6</sup>

**CONSIDERING** that the Accused up to now has abided with all conditions of both the Pre-trial and present provisional release;

**CONSIDERING** that UNMIK did not submit any objections as to the modifications of the terms of the provisional release sought by the Defence;<sup>7</sup>

**FINDING** that allowing the Accused to visit his parents at their family home in Gexhe once per week will not create a risk of flight;

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Decision on Review of Indictment, 12 February 2008 (confidential).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Decision on Defence Motion for Provisional Release of the Accused Bajrush Morina, 13 May 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Order Recalling Astrit Haraqija and Bajrush Morina from Provisional Release, 15 August 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Decision on Defence Application for Provisional Release of the Accused Bajrush Morina, 15 September 2008.
<sup>5</sup> Decision on Defence Application for Provisional Release of the Accused Bajrush Morina, 15 September 2008, par

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Decision on Defence Application for Provisional Release of the Accused Bajrush Morina, 15 September 2008, para. 13(1)(e)(i).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Prosecution's Response to Confidential Bajrush Morina's Request to Vary Condition of Provisional Release, 13 October 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> On 9 October 2008, the Senior Legal Officer of the Chamber forwarded the public part of the Motion to the UNMIK authorities. On the same day, the UNMIK official confirmed that UNMIK does not have any objection to the Defence request.

**GRANTS** the Motion and **MODIFIES** the conditions set in its Decision on Provisional Release as follows:

The Accused is allowed to leave his place of residence in consultation with UNMIK every Saturday between 10.00 and 18.00 in order to visit his parents in Gexhe.

Done in English and French, the English version being authoritative.

Dated this fourteenth day of October 2008

At The Hague

The Netherlands

Alphons Orie Presiding Judge

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