

**MILITARY COMMISSIONS TRIAL JUDICIARY  
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA**

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| <p>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</p> <p>v.</p> <p>ABD AL HADI AL-IRAQI</p> | <p><b>AE 034</b></p> <p><b>Government Notice</b><br/>Of Newly Designated Official as Convening<br/>Authority for Military Commissions</p> <p>18 March 2015</p> |
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Mr. Vaughn A. Ary has resigned his position as Convening Authority for Military Commissions, effective 21 March 2015. On 18 March 2015, the Department of Defense (“DoD”) announced that the Secretary of Defense designated the Honorable Paul L. Oostburg-Sanz as Acting Convening Authority for Military Commissions, effective 23 March 2015. *See Attachment B.*

Attachments:

- A. Certificate of Service, dated 18 March 2015.
- B. Secretary of Defense Memorandum, dated 18 March 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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# ATTACHMENT A

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on the 18th day of March 2015, I filed **AE 034, Government Notice** of Newly Designated Official as Convening Authority for Military Commissions with the Office of Military Commissions Trial Judiciary and served a copy on counsel of record.

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# **ATTACHMENT B**



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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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MAR 18 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE  
GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Designation of the Honorable Paul L. Oostburg Sanz as the Acting Convening Authority for Military Commissions

Pursuant to chapter 47A of title 10, U.S.C., section 948h, the Honorable Paul L. Oostburg Sanz is designated as the Acting Convening Authority for Military Commissions. This designation is effective as of March 23, 2015, and will continue until a new convening authority is designated. In his role as the Acting Convening Authority, in accordance with the applicable Rules for Military Commission, provisions of the Regulation for Trial by Military Commission, and applicable judicial orders, Mr. Oostburg Sanz is to receive legal advice relating to military commissions solely from an appropriately designated Legal Advisor to the Convening Authority and members of the appropriately designated Legal Advisor's staff as necessary.

cc:  
Legal Advisor to the Convening Authority for Military Commissions  
Chief Prosecutor, Office of the Chief Prosecutor  
Chief Defense Counsel, Office of the Chief Defense Counsel  
Chief Judge, Military Commissions Trial Judiciary



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