MILITARY COMMISSIONS TRIAL JUDICIARY GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AE 0028.009 (GOV)

v.

Government Notice of Updated Interpreter Support Plan

ENCEP NURJAMAN; MOHAMMED NAZIR BIN LEP; MOHAMMED FARIK BIN AMIN

1 February 2022

1. Timeliness

This notice is timely filed pursuant to AE 0028.007 (TJ), Order, stating that "[n]o later than 1 February 2022, the Government will provide an updated Interpreter Support Plan for the 28 February–4 March 2022 hearing."

2. Procedural History

On 10 January 2022, the Government filed a notice informing the Commission that only two interpreters were available for the upcoming 28 February–4 March 2022 hearing, an Indonesian interpreter and a Malay interpreter.¹ On 19 January 2022, the Commission ordered the Government to file an updated interpreter support plan no later than 1 February 2022, identifying "at least 2 interpreters for each language who will be available to support the Commission during the upcoming hearing either from [Naval Station Guantanamo Bay] NSGB, Cuba or remotely from a location in the National Capital Region."² The Commission further ordered that "[a]ll interpreters will possess appropriate security clearances and [be] screened for potentially disqualifying work histories."³

¹ See AE 0028.006 (GOV), Government Notice Regarding Status of Commission Interpreter Support, filed 10 January 2022.

² See AE 0028.007 (TJ) at 3.

 $^{^3}$ Id.

In the same order, the Commission ordered the Government to coordinate with the Office of Military Commissions (OMC) for an analysis of the Malaysian interpretation of the 30–31 August hearing by an interpreter who does not work for the Prosecution or the Defense.⁴ The Commission ordered that the assessment will be provided to all Parties no later than 8 February 2022.⁵

3. Notice

The Government hereby provides an updated interpreter support plan to interpret the proceedings of the Commission scheduled to commence on 28 February 2022. OMC has employed four part-time interpreters to support this Commission,⁶ but two of these interpreters are not available for the upcoming hearing. Despite OMC's efforts to identify additional interpreters to support the 28 February–4 March 2022 hearing, it has been unable to identify two additional interpreters with appropriate security clearances.⁷

The Commission interpreters previously identified in Attach. B and Attach. C of AE 0028.006 (GOV) remain the only available interpreters for the 28 February–4 March 2022 hearing. Additionally, although the Malay Commission Interpreter identified in Attach. C of AE 0028.006 (GOV) is qualified to perform simultaneous interpretation, based on an analysis of the 30–31 August hearing completed by an interpreter who does not work for the Prosecution or the Defense, OMC recommends utilizing this interpreter for consecutive interpretation for a

⁴ *Id*.

⁵ *Id*.

⁶ On 10 January 2022, the Government noticed the Commission that OMC identified five interpreters with appropriate security clearances who could potentially provide Indonesian or Malay interpreter support at future hearings. *See* AE 0028.006 (GOV) at 2. One of these interpreters, identified in Attach. F of AE 0028.006 (GOV), is not located in the National Capitol Region (NCR) and is unable to travel to the National Capital Region or NSGB for the foreseeable future. Therefore, OMC does not intend on relying on this interpreter for future hearings.

⁷ OMC has identified three additional part-time interpreters; however these three interpreters do not yet have the requisite security clearances necessary to support this Commission.

⁸ In accordance with the Commission's order, OMC tasked an interpreter who does not work for the Prosecution or the Defense to conduct an analysis of the Malaysian interpretation of the 30–31 August hearing. *See* AE 0028.007 (TJ) at 3. The assessment is attached hereto, under

period of time until the Commission is comfortable with her skills in real-time commissions setting. Thus, for the hearing scheduled to commence on 28 February 2022, there will be an Indonesian Commission Interpreter that can provide simultaneous interpretation and a Malay Commission Interpreter that can provide consecutive interpretation. The Indonesian Commission Interpreter is qualified as a simultaneous interpreter in both Indonesian and Malay; however, he can obviously only interpret one of those languages at a time.

The Government recognizes that due to the scarcity of part-time Malay and Indonesian interpreters with appropriate security clearances—unlike other Military Commissions that employ part-time Arabic Interpreters—depending on the date of a hearing, two Malay and two Indonesian interpreters may not always be available to support the Commission. As a result, OMC is in the process of contracting for four full-time Commission Interpreter positions for two Malay interpreters and two Indonesian interpreters to support this Commission. Because of the uncertain timeline involved in obtaining clearances for new hires who do not have clearances, it is too speculative to estimate when fully cleared full time interpreters will be available to assist the Commission.

4. Attachments

- A. Certificate of Service, dated 1 February 2022
- B. Assessment of Malaysian Interpretation of the 30–31 August Hearing (filed under seal)

Respectfully submitted,

//s//

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seal, in compliance with the Commission's order that it be filed with the Commission and provided to all Parties no later than 8 February 2022. *See id*; Attach. B.

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ATTACHMENT A

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 1st day of February 2022, I filed **AE 0028.009 (GOV)**, Government Notice of Updated Interpreter Support Plan, with the Office of Military Commissions Trial Judiciary and I served copies on all counsel of record.

Respectfully submitted,

//s//

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ATTACHMENT B Filed Under Seal

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APPELLATE EXHIBIT 0028.009 (Gov)

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Attachment B

APPELLATE EXHIBIT 0028.009 (Gov) is located in the original record of trial.

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