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MEDIA STATEMENT

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EMBARGO: None

SUBJECT: PUBLIC VIOLENCE AND ABSENT WITHOUT OFFICIAL LEAVE TRIAL CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE AT THE MILITARY COURT AT HEIDELBERG

The public violence charges were struck off the roll by the court. The trial of thirty five members who are charged for AWOL which is currently taking place in Heidelberg has been postponed to 04 March 2015. Director Military Prosecutions intends to provisionally withdraw charges against the accused. However, these charges may be reinstated whenever the Director Military Prosecutions is ready to do so. In essence this means that both these charges, being public violence and AWOL, may be reinstated by the state at any time.

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