



STL spokesman Youssef said, "Any knowing disclosure of confidential information or material originating from the STL, which violates the rules of the Tribunal, can be subject to judicial proceedings for contempt." He refused to comment on whether the court was investigating whether or not such a "knowing disclosure" took place.

As to why the paper – which is openly hostile toward the court and perceived locally as something of a Hezbollah mouthpiece – published the names, Saqr said it was "of course" an attempt to intimidate them. He said that if these men are indeed witnesses, they may now decide to either change their testimonies or recant them completely. Such an eventuality would "pose a problem for the prosecution and sabotage the work of the Tribunal."