

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION

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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Case No. 8:03-cr-77-T-30TBM

SAMI AMIN AL-ARIAN  
SAMEEH HAMMOUDEH  
GHASSAN ZAYED BALLUT  
HATIM NAJI FARIZ

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**ORDER**

This cause came on for consideration *sua sponte*. On March 13, 2002, the Judicial Conference of the United States approved an amendment to its current policy prohibiting remote public access to criminal case file documents. The Judicial Conference's amendment applies to high profile criminal cases in which public interest is so high that requests for copies of file documents impose extraordinary demands on court resources. This Court having received the consent of counsel from the United States, Sami Amin Al-Arian, Sameeh Hammoudeh, Ghassan Zayed Ballut, and Hatim Naji Fariz, and having concluded that remote public access is warranted in this case given the intense public and media interest and the demands that such interest have and will continue to impose on the Court's resources.

It is therefore ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

1. All documents filed in this case are to be submitted to the Court in a written, paper version bearing an original signature, accompanied by an electronic version on a 3 1/2" disk in portable document format (PDF).

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2. The electronic version of any document is to be posted on a website created for this case as soon as practicable after the original document has been docketed, unless the document is filed under seal.

3. Signatures on the electronic versions are to be indicated by the symbol “/s/.”

4. No sealed document will appear on the website until that document is unsealed or redacted by Order of this Court.

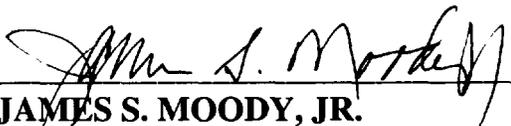
5. All Orders will be similarly issued in both a paper original and electronic format.

6. All filed paper documents with original signatures constitute the official Court record.

7. This Order will not cover any documents submitted by defense counsel or the government under the Protective Order entered by this Court on September 12, 2003, which is in no respect altered or amended by this Order.

8. Further, subpoenas, correspondence, transcripts, scheduling notices and any other materials that are either not recorded on the docket sheet or not routinely available to the public for copying will not be posted on the website.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Tampa, Florida on this 23 day of <sup>Dec.</sup>~~November~~, 2003.

  
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**JAMES S. MOODY, JR.**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

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