



NEWS RELEASE

Application on behalf of Mr Abdelbaset Ali Mohmed Al-Megrahi

The Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission confirmed today that it has received an application to review the conviction in the case of Abdelbaset Ali Mohmed Al-Megrahi.

Mr Megrahi was convicted in 2001 of the murder of the 259 passengers and crew on board Pan American World Airways flight PA 103 from London to New York, and 11 residents of Lockerbie on 21 December 1988. He subsequently appealed his conviction and his appeal was refused by the High Court in 2002.

Mr Megrahi previously applied to the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission for a review of his conviction in 2003, and his case was referred by the Commission to the High Court for a new appeal in 2007. Mr Megrahi subsequently abandoned his appeal in 2009.

Gerard Sinclair, the Chief Executive of the SCCRC, said today:- *“ As it does in every case the Commission will now give careful consideration to this new application.*

I previously indicated last month that there are several important matters which will affect the timescale within which the Commission will be able to deal with this fresh application and subsequently, if there is to be a further review of this conviction, any such review will take some time to complete”.

No further comment will be made by the Commission at this time.

Notes for Editors

The Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission was established as an independent body on 1 April 1999 to review alleged miscarriages of justice in Scottish convictions and/or sentences. Under section 194A–L of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, as inserted by section 25 of the Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997, the Commission may refer a case to the High Court if it believes that a miscarriage of justice may have occurred and that it is in the interests of justice that a reference should be made.

The Commission issued a press release on the 6 May 2014 detailing the various preliminary matters which may require to be addressed before the Commission

could accept the application for a full review, details of which can be accessed at - (<http://www.sccrc.org.uk/ViewFile.aspx?id=612>)

The Commission will disclose the fact that a case has been referred to the High Court, and will provide a short summary of the reasons for this. However, as the Commission operates under statutory non-disclosure provisions, the Commission does not consider it to be appropriate to disclose any additional information about such cases. The Commission will not release any information about cases in which no referral has been made or in respect of cases under review.

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