TRANSLATION

"THE ACCUSED HAD EXPLOSIVES STORED IN THE AIRPORT TO EXPLODE ALL MALTA"

- some of the Maltese witnesses are going to be heard in Malta
- n Maltese printing press owner drops version of the prosecution
- a Maltese witness is given discreat protection

Journalist: Joe Mifsud reports from Camp Zelst.

The main witness Libyan Abdul Maglt Jiacha insisted with the American and Scottish investigators that the two Libyans Lamin Fhimah and Al Megrahi had stored a large quantity of explosives in the offices of the Libyan Arab Airlines in the Malta sirport, that could have exploded all Malta.

A proof of what the Libyan is saying does not exist and the prosecution will be in a difficult position to proof this this because the office being referred to was a very accessible one, small and there was no place to store the quantity of explosives.

The American investigators are going to have a hard job to prove how Jiacka that had been meeting them since August before the tragedy on the 21st of December 1988, had been informed of what was going to happen, because he either let the tragedy happen when he could have avoided it or else it is not true that he had solld information that is said that he had.

The key Libyan witness had been taken to the American Embassy in Malta by a Maltese national at the time working at Air Malta and today lives in St. Paul's Bay. This Maltese witness that the prosecuction wants to keep her name confidential (hidden), recleved payment for translations of the declarations made by Magit Jiacha. This newspaper managed tofind out who this person is and they are informed that she is being given very discreat protection.

In the office of the Scottish Attorney General started with discussions so that a number of Maltese witnesses will be heard in Malta through satellite. For this purpose arrangements will be made for parts of the Mediterranean Conference Centre will be used for the Maltese will witness in direct transmission that the Scottish Judges will be able to see, the prosecution and the defence here in Camp Zeist.

It seems that the first Maltese witness are going to be called to witness on the 17th of July. Before these persons Professor Anthony Busuttil will witness before them. Profs Busuttil lead the inquiry of the patalogists of Lockerbie when the tragedy took place.

An import witness of the defence is expected to be an owner of the printing press in San Gwann. This witness can stop or drop a crucial proof that the prosecution is presenting in the jury of the two Libyans.

A note in the diary of one of the accused Libyans in the 15th December 1988 page is going to be used

by the prosection to show how the plan was being done for the explosion of the Pan Am plane.

The note says (on the diary) to remember to take the tags. All the notes on the diary page are in Arabic language except for this note about the tags.

The prosecution is sustaining that it was a note to remind the Libyan Lamin Fhimah so that he will take the tags to later on - on the the 21st of December he would fix tags to luggage and send it to the Frankfurt flight.

Interesting is the alibal by the defence for the version being given by the prosection. Lamin Fhimah says that he had got to know the printing press owner that has a printing press in San Gwann and they had discussed the possibility that he work of the national Libyan company will be printed there.

For this purpose Fhimah had to take a sample of the tags for the printing press owner to give him a quotation of how much will cost thousands of these tags.

According to Fhimah was for this purpose that he put a note in his diary to remember to do this. Another note that is in the diary is to remember to go to the printing press with the tag. This note is written down together with a list of other things that Fhimah had to do.

The Maltese printing press owner is expected to be called by the defence to give his version of the facts. The defence has 117 witnesses to back their case to prove that the two Libyans are innocent.

At the moment the prosecution is investigating about the persons that put forward the defence.

On the 23rd May the jury is expected to meet - the jury where the witnesses about the case will continue to be heard.

