

## Court Update June 5, 2025

On June 5, 2025, the Court held a status hearing in *United States v. Abu Agila Mohammad Mas'ud Kheir Al-Marimi*. A test group of 14 victims were able to gain audio access to listen to the proceedings via the Court's Zoom link from their remote locations throughout the United States and in Europe. The Court and the government expressed the goal that audio access to next court proceeding will be available to a much greater number of victims.

To further that goal, the government updated the Court regarding a type of Zoom for Government (ZFG) platform known as an "event." The government is proposing to use Zoom "events" moving forward as a more secure solution than the "webinar" platform that was used for the June 5 hearing, which could only be authenticated manually. The government and ZFG plan to meet with the Court's IT staff in the next few weeks to explain and demonstrate the ZFG "event" platform, which involves the use of two-factor authentication codes unique to each participant. The government also updated the Court concerning its impending questionnaire to be sent to victims shortly, which will allow the government to verify additional victims who will be able to have remote access to future proceedings, as well as gather information to refine the future victim access plan for listening to and watching evidentiary proceedings at fixed site locations in the United States and overseas.

Separately, **the Court set a trial date of April 20, 2026**. In setting the April 2026 date, the Court and parties cited to the complex nature of the case, the amount of time required to adequately prepare for pretrial proceedings, and for trial, the voluminous discovery, including the evidence located in other countries. The parties will file a joint proposed pretrial schedule with the Court on or before June 26, 2025, that will include deadlines for anticipated motions and a proposed date for the next status conference.

There is currently no next hearing set in the case. We will inform you of the next hearing date promptly once the Court sets it.