



UNITED NATIONS APPEALS TRIBUNAL TRIBUNAL D'APPEL DES NATIONS UNIES

Case No. 2021-1643

Hazem Al-Mussader
(Appellant)
v.
Commissioner-General
of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for
Palestine Refugees in the Near East
(Respondent)

ORDER No. 447 (2022)

1. On 4 November 2021, the Dispute Tribunal of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA Dispute Tribunal or UNRWA DT) issued Judgment No. UNRWA/DT/2021/054 in the case of *El Mussader v. Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East*.¹ The UNRWA Dispute Tribunal found against Mr. Al-Mussader (the Appellant).
2. On 15 December 2021, the Appellant, represented by the UNRWA Legal Office Staff Assistance (LOSA), filed an appeal against the UNRWA DT Judgment and a motion to introduce additional evidence with the United Nations Appeals Tribunal (Appeals Tribunal or UNAT).
3. On 7 February 2022, by Order No. 442 (2022), the UNAT denied the Appellant's motion to introduce additional evidence.

¹ While the UNRWA DT spelled the Applicant's name as "El Mussader", we adopt the English spelling of "Al-Mussader" that is used in the Appellant's submissions to the Appeals Tribunal.

4. On 9 February 2022, the Appellant filed a motion for withdrawal of appeal. The Commissioner-General filed his comments on the motion, dated 14 February 2022, in which he presented no objection thereto.

5. Article 18bis of the UNAT Rules of Procedure allows the President of the UNAT to make any order which appears to be appropriate for the fair and expeditious management of the case and to do justice to the parties. The Appeals Tribunal has consistently held that “a party may withdraw an appeal simply by giving notice and need not necessarily provide any further justification”.²

6. The appeal is yet to be set down for hearing, the Appellant is legally represented, and the Respondent does not oppose its withdrawal.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion for withdrawal of Mr. Al-Mussader’s appeal is **GRANTED** and the case shall be closed.

Original and Authoritative Version: English

Dated this 9th day of March 2022
in Auckland, New Zealand.

(Signed)
Judge Graeme Colgan,
President

Entered in the Register on this 9th day
of March 2022 in New York, United States.

(Signed)
Weicheng Lin,
Registrar

² See *Kusuma v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 211 (2015), quoting *Amar v. Secretary-General of the United Nations*, Order No. 73 (2011), and cites therein.