

National Jurisprudence summary

German case no. AK 47/19

Decision of the Federal Court of Justice that the remand detention period must be continued. During the period of the offence from 29 April 2011 to July 2012 the defendant was in charge of the “investigations” unit of Branch 251 of the General Intelligence Directorate, having the rank of colonel. As head of this unit, which established the systematic use of torture methods, he must be seen as a joint principal in accordance with the general principles, even if he was not personally involved at the implementation stage and did not order every single act of torture (crimes against humanity).