Revealed: ICC prosecutor Luis Morteno Ocampo’s link to friend of the Gadaffis

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A huge leak of documents has revealed that Luis Moreno Ocampo, the former chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), passed sensitive information to a possible war crimes suspect who was secretly paying him for advice.

Moreno Ocampo had agreed a contract worth $3m over three years to “protect” and advise an influential Libyan billionaire who had close links with the murderous regime of the late Colonel Muammar Gadaffi. Yet Moreno Ocampo had indicted Gadaffi and his son Saif al-Islam for war crimes in 2011 before leaving his job at the ICC to embark on a lucrative career in private practice.

The revelations come from a cache of 40,000 documents obtained by the French investigative website Mediapart and seen by The Sunday Times and members of the European Investigative Collaborations.

Moreno Ocampo had tipped off Hassan Tatanaki — his billionaire client who was educated at King’s College London — that he was being carefully watched by war crimes investigators after receiving the information from a former colleague at the ICC.

The former chief prosecutor also arranged for one of the court’s most senior press officers to work for Tatanaki secretly.

Moreno Ocampo denies receiving any intelligence from the ICC and says he did nothing to undermine the work of the court in Libya. He says he was hired by Tatanaki to advise on measures that would help end the civil war in Libya. Tatanaki, who was not indicted for war crimes, declined to comment.