



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
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In: KSC-BC-2020-06

**The Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli,
Rexhep Selimi, and Jakup Krasniqi**

Before: Trial Panel II

Judge Charles L. Smith III, Presiding Judge

Judge Christoph Barthe

Judge Guénaél Mettraux

Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

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TRIAL PANEL II ("Panel"), pursuant to Articles 21(d), 22(6) and 40(2) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("Law") and Rules 9(5)(a), 114(2), 119(1)-(4) and 130(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers ("Rules"), hereby renders this order.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 15 April 2025, the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("SPO") filed a notice announcing the closing of its case.¹
2. On 23 April 2025, the Panel ordered: (i) the Defence teams for the four Accused (collectively, "Defence") to file its joint Rule 130 motion ("Rule 130 Motion") by Monday, 2 June 2025, or within 14 days of the Panel's last ruling on admission of evidence, whichever is later; and (ii) the SPO to file its consolidated response ("Rule 130 Response") by Tuesday, 1 July 2025, or within 30 days of the Rule 130 Motion, whichever is later.²
3. On 29 May 2025, the Panel issued its last ruling on the admission of evidence related to the SPO's case, and ordered: (i) the Defence to file its joint motion pursuant to Rule 130 no later than Thursday, 12 June 2025; and (ii) the SPO to file its consolidated response thereto no later than Monday, 14 July 2025.³

II. DISCUSSION

4. The Panel notes that any Rule 130 Response is currently due by Monday, 14 July 2025.⁴

¹ F03121, Specialist Prosecutor, *Prosecution Notice Pursuant to Rule 129*, 15 April 2025.

² Transcript of Hearing, 23 April 2025, p. 26176, lines 8-13.

³ F03216, Panel, *Decision on Prosecution Motion for Admission of Obstruction Related Materials*, 29 May 2025, confidential, paras 70, 72(j).

⁴ See above para. 3.

5. The Panel further notes that Victims' Counsel submitted that: (i) Victims' Counsel is ready to call witnesses on behalf of victims participating in the proceedings in the weeks commencing 7 and 14 July 2025;⁵ and (ii) this may not be possible the week commencing 21 July 2025.⁶

6. The Panel is of the view that, should it deny in whole or in part the upcoming Rule 130 Motion, it is in the interests of facilitating the fair and expeditious conduct of the proceedings that the presentation of live evidence on behalf of participating victims commence as soon as practicable, and accounts for the availability of Victims' Counsel's expert witnesses.

7. Without prejudice to the Panel's adjudication of the Defence's upcoming Rule 130 Motion, the Panel therefore finds it appropriate to: (i) *proprio motu* reduce the time limit previously set for the SPO to file its Rule 130 Response to Monday, 7 July 2025; and (ii) order Victims' Counsel to be prepared to start calling witnesses on behalf of participating victims on Wednesday, 16 July 2025, should the Panel deny in whole or in part the upcoming Rule 130 Motion.

8. In this regard, the Panel indicates that it currently intends to render its ruling on the Rule 130 Motion on the week commencing Monday, 14 July 2025.

9. The Panel further orders Victims' Counsel to submit an updated estimate of the duration of his case, should the Panel deny in whole or in part the upcoming Rule 130 Motion, and taking into consideration the Defence's cross-examination estimates,⁷ no later than Friday, 4 July 2025.

10. With the same aim of promoting the fair and expeditious conduct of the proceedings, should the Panel deny in whole or in part the Rule 130 Motion, and without prejudice to the Panel's adjudication of that motion, the Panel orders each

⁵ F03209, Victims' Counsel, *Victims' Counsel's Submission of Witness and Exhibit Lists and Related Requests*, 28 May 2025, with Annexes 1-2, confidential, para. 14. *See also* Transcript of Hearing, 23 April 2025, p. 26158, lines 22-23.

⁶ Transcript of Hearing, 23 April 2025, p. 26158, line 25 to p. 26159, line 1.

⁷ *See* Transcript of Hearing, 23 April 2025, p. 26177, lines 14-20.

Defence team to be prepared to: (i) notify the Panel pursuant to Rule 119(1) whether it intends to present a Defence case, should the Panel deny in whole or in part the Rule 130 Motion, no later than Wednesday, 16 July 2025; and (ii) submit the list of witnesses it intends to call and the list of proposed exhibits it intends to present pursuant to Rule 119(2), and comply with the other requirements of Rule 119(2), should the Panel deny in whole or in part the Rule 130 Motion, no later than Monday, 21 July 2025.


11. Without prejudice to the Panel's adjudication of the Rule 130 Motion, the Panel informs the Parties and participants that, should it deny in whole or in part that motion, the Panel intends to hold the Defence Preparation Conference pursuant to Rule 119(3) during the week commencing Monday, 21 July 2025.

III. DISPOSITION

12. For the above-mentioned reasons, the Panel hereby:

- a) **REDUCES**, *proprio motu*, the time limit previously set for the SPO to file the Rule 130 Response to **Monday, 7 July 2025**;
- b) **ORDERS** Victims' Counsel to submit an updated estimate of the duration of his case, should the Panel deny in whole or in part the Rule 130 Motion, no later than **Friday, 4 July 2025**;
- c) **INDICATES** that the Panel's ruling on the Rule 130 Motion will be rendered on the week commencing **Monday, 14 July 2025**;
- d) **ORDERS** Victims' Counsel to be prepared to start calling witnesses on behalf of participating victims on **Wednesday, 16 July 2025**, should the Panel deny in whole or in part the Rule 130 Motion;
- e) **ORDERS** each Defence team to be prepared to: (i) notify the Panel pursuant to Rule 119(1) whether it intends to present a Defence case,

- should the Panel deny in whole or in part the Rule 130 Motion, no later than **Wednesday, 16 July 2025**; and (ii) submit the list of witnesses it intends to call and the list of proposed exhibits it intends to present pursuant to Rule 119(2), and comply with the other requirements of Rule 119(2), should the Panel deny in whole or in part the Rule 130 Motion, no later than **Monday, 21 July 2025**;
- f) **INFORMS** the Parties and participants that, should the Panel deny in whole or in part the Rule 130 Motion, the Panel intends to hold the Defence Preparation Conference pursuant to Rule 119(3) during the week commencing **Monday, 21 July 2025**; and
- g) **EMPHASIZES** that this scheduling order is issued to promote the fair and expeditious conduct of the proceedings and is without prejudice to the Panel's adjudication of the Rule 130 Motion.



Judge Charles L. Smith, III
Presiding Judge

Dated this Thursday, 5 June 2025

At The Hague, the Netherlands.