



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

CASE

INFORMATION SHEET

Case No.
KSC-BC-2023-10

Specialist Prosecutor versus:



Sabit Januzi



Ismet Bahtijari



Haxhi Shala

Current stage:
PRE-TRIAL

ACCUSED/CHARGES

SABIT JANUZI

Date of birth: 29/04/1966

Alleged position(s) during the period covered by the indictment:

- A Kosovar national born in Bërvenik/Brvenik, Kosovo.

ISMET BAHTIJARI

Date of birth: 27/02/1963

Alleged position(s) during the period covered by the indictment:

- A Kosovar national born in Fushticë e Poshtme/ Donja Fuštica, Kosovo.

HAXHI SHALA

Date of birth: 17/03/1970

Alleged position(s) during the period covered by the indictment:

- A Kosovar national born in Banje, Malisheve, Kosovo.

Description of charges

According to the currently confirmed indictment, "Witness 1" is a person who has or is likely to provide information to the Special Investigative Task Force, SPO, and/or to any KSC Panel about any crimes or offences falling under KSC jurisdiction. The indictment states that between at least 5 April 2023 and 12 April 2023, Shala, in co-perpetration with other individuals, including Sabit Januzi and Ismet Bahtijari, coordinated as a group before and after in-person approaches made to Witness 1 by Januzi and Bahtijari. The indictment further states that, upon instructions from Haxhi Shala, Januzi and Bahtijari individually met with Witness 1 on two separate occasions in order to induce him to withdraw evidence or refrain from providing evidence in official proceedings before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, including by use of serious threat and the promise of a benefit.

Modes of responsibility

Direct commission/Attempt to commit crimes
Co-perpetration/Agreement to commit crimes
Assistance in the crimes

Counts

1. Obstructing official persons in performing official duties, by serious threat (criminal offence against public order)
2. Obstructing official persons in performing official duties, by participating in the common action of a group (criminal offence against public order)
3. Intimidation during criminal proceedings (criminal offence against the administration of justice and public administration)

TIMELINE

Following their arrest by the Specialist Prosecutor, Sabit Januzi and Ismet Bahtijari were transferred to the KSC Detention Unit in The Hague on 6 October 2023 while Haxhi Shala was transferred on 12 December 2023.

Initially, these were two separate cases: one against Januzi and Bahtijari (case number KSC-BC-2023-10) and the other against Haxhi Shala (KSC-BC-2023-11).

In December 2023, the SPO requested to join these two cases, and the Pre-Trial Judge granted the request in February 2024. Afterwards, the joined case was assigned the number KSC-BC-2023-10.

WHO IS WHO IN THIS CASE?

PRE-TRIAL JUDGE



Judge Nicolas Guillou

SPECIALIST PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE (LEAD COUNSEL)



Joshua Hafetz



Tazneen Shahabuddin

DEFENCE TEAMS (LEAD COUNSEL)



Jonathan Rees (for S. Januzi)



Felicity Gerry (for I. Bahtijari)

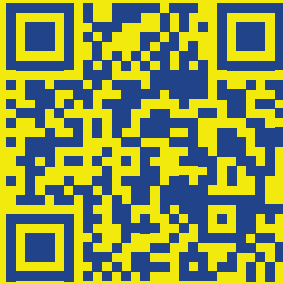


Toby Cadman (for H. Shala)

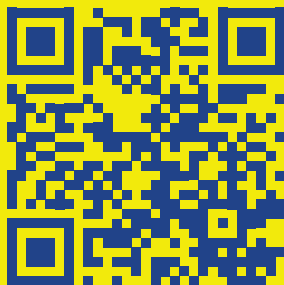
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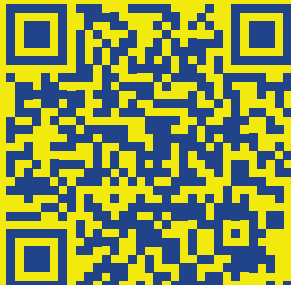
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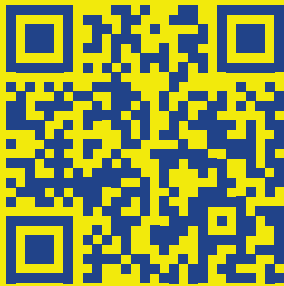
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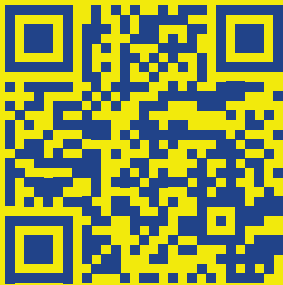
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