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## **Update**

Welcome to the weekly press briefing of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, where we aim to provide you with an update on the latest developments at the court and a look ahead at next week.

At last Friday's pre-trial hearing in the case of Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi, the Pre-Trial Judge ordered the prosecution to file its pre-trial brief by 17 December. The pre-trial brief includes a summary of the evidence that the prosecution intends to present against the accused in relation to each of the alleged crimes.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, in the Salih Mustafa case, the fifth witness called by the prosecution testified about the organisation and structure of the KLA in the area of Zllash/Zlaš and surroundings. The witness testified under protective measures including voice and face distortion and was questioned by the prosecution, victims' counsel, the defence and by the judges on the Trial Panel.

The Hysni Gucati and Nasim Haradinaj trial continues today and tomorrow with the testimony of the third witness, an SPO staff member who started testimony on Thursday last week. The witness has been testifying about his contacts with individuals whose names appeared in the documents allegedly published by the Accused. On Monday, the Trial Panel granted the SPO's request to call an additional, fourth witness. The witness is also an SPO staff member and expected to start testimony on Friday. Both witnesses will testify without protective measures.

In other news, the Kosovo Specialist Chambers Outreach team gave an online lecture to law students in Pristina last week, answering several questions about the court and the ongoing proceedings.



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The KSC regularly conducts similar events in-person and online, across Kosovo with citizens, young people, civil society and others to provide information about the court, listen to people's comments and concerns and answer questions.

**Journalist Questions**There were no questions asked

