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Update

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

In the Thaçi at al. case, the Pre-Trial Judge yesterday scheduled a hearing on 22 February 2022. During the hearing, the parties will be given an opportunity to address certain questions posed by the Pre-Trial Judge following the SPO's proposed handling of confidential information and contacts with witnesses.

In the Pjetër Shala case, the Court of Appeals Panel on 11 February rejected all but one ground of Mr. Shala's appeal against the Pre-Trial Judge's decision ordering Mr. Shala's continued detention. The Appeals Panel ordered the Pre-Trial Judge to request further information from the Registrar on the detention regime of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and to invite the Defence to inquire about the willingness and capacity of Belgium to implement any conditions of release.

In accordance with the Court of Appeals Panel's decision, the Pre-Trial Judge on 14 February ordered the Registrar to provide further information on the detention regime by 22 February and the Defence to file its submission for the next detention review, including the outcome of their inquiries with Belgium, by 2 March.

Also in the Shala case, the Court of Appeals Panel on 11 February denied Mr. Shala's "Appeal Against Decision on Motion Challenging the Establishment and Jurisdiction of the Specialist Chambers."

You can find the two decisions by the Court of Appeals Panel and the Pre-Trial Judge's decision and order on the KSC website.

Journalist Questions

No questions asked.



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