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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 case of Salih Mustafa, the trial proceedings have continued this week. The Defence for Mr Mustafa has so far called 12 witnesses to testify. The great majority of their testimony has taken place in public session.

The next hearing in this case is scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, 22 April, starting at 9:30.

In the Pjetër Shala case, President Trendafilova on 19 April 2022 assigned a Constitutional Court Panel to rule on the referral, filed by the Defence of Mr Shala on 14 April 2022, relating to alleged violations of the accused's fundamental rights. The Constitutional Court Panel consists of Judges Vidar Stensland, Roumen Nenkov and Romina Incutti.

Also in the case of Mr Shala, the Pre-Trial Judge during a status conference on 14 April issued a number of oral orders, including on the procedural calendar in this case. Among other things, The Pre-Trial Judge ordered the SPO to complete all its pre-trial disclosure obligations by 27 May 2022.

He further ordered the Defence to submit its pre-trial brief, should they choose to submit one, by 15 August 2022. A pre-trial brief shall indicate the accused's defence in general terms, the charge and matters disputed and the list of potential witnesses without prejudice to any subsequent amendment.

The Pre-Trial Judge concluded his oral order by setting a new tentative date for transmission of the case file to a trial panel to 31 August 2022.



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Journalist Questions No questions asked.



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