



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 and the opportunity to ask questions.

In the Salih Mustafa trial, the thirteenth witness called by the Defence took the stand last Friday, 22 April, testifying mostly in public session.

The trial of Salih Mustafa commenced on 15 September 2021 with the opening statements of the Specialist Prosecutor and the Victims' Counsel. The Office of the Specialist Prosecutor called a total of 13 witnesses to testify in court and closed their case on 4 February this year.

The Defence commenced with the presentation of their case on 22 March and has called thirteen witnesses so far. Under the KSC Rules of Procedure and Evidence both the prosecution and the defence are given the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses called by the other party.

There are currently eight participating victims in this case, and they are represented as a single group by Victims' Counsel supported by members of her legal team.

Last Monday, 25 April, the Trial Panel in the Salih Mustafa case issued an order requesting the Ministry of Justice provide further submissions on potential modalities for victims to receive compensation while remaining anonymous should the trial result in a conviction.

The next hearing in the Salih Mustafa trial is scheduled for 11 May.

In the Gucati and Haradinaj case, last Thursday, 21 April, the Trial Panel issued two decisions on the review of detention for each of the accused. In these decisions, the





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Trial Panel ordered the continued detention of Mr. Gucati and the continued detention of Mr. Haradinaj.

Journalist Questions

No questions asked.

