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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, and the opportunity to ask questions.

On 26 May 2022, the Pre-Trial Judge ordered the continued detention of Mr Thaçi and Mr Veseli.

In both cases, the Pre-Trial Judge found a continued risk that the Accused might flee and use their influence in Kosovo to seek support of former subordinates who may be willing to give them access to funds and means to travel. The Pre-Trial Judge further saw a continued risk that the Accused would obstruct proceedings and commit further crimes due to the persisting climate of witness intimidation and interference in Kosovo.

The Pre-Trial Judge found that the risks of obstructing the progress of proceedings and of committing further crimes could not be sufficiently mitigated by any additional measures outside the Specialist Chambers Detention Facility.

On 1 June 2022, in the case against Mr Salih Mustafa, the Trial Panel appointed a financial expert to calculate the material damages and economic loss suffered by the alleged victims in this case. The report by the financial expert is to be submitted by 23 June 2022.

The Trial Panel further admitted two expert reports into evidence on 3 June 2022, which provide a forensic medical, psychological and physiological assessment of damages and injuries suffered by victims.

The Panel also issued orders setting timelines for the SPO to file any request to present additional evidence in rebuttal if it so wishes, and for the Defence to file its request to present evidence in rejoinder.



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Journalist Questions
No questions asked.



