



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 21 June, the President of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers assigned a Court of Appeals Panel to decide on the appeals filed by Hysni Gucati and Nasim Haradinaj against the trial judgment of 18 May. The Panel is composed of the Judges Michèle Picard, Kai Ambos and Nina Jørgensen.

On 22 June, Presiding Judge Michèle Picard scheduled a pre-appeal conference to take place next week, on 5 July, at 14:00. During a pre-appeal conference, a person in custody pending appeal is given the opportunity to raise issues in relation to detention, including the person's mental and physical condition in a public hearing.

On 22 June, the Pre-Trial Judge ordered the continued detention of Mr Pjetër Shala, having found that the risks of flight and of obstructing the progress of proceedings, or committing further crimes continue to exist. The Pre-Trial Judge further found that it is only through the communication monitoring framework applicable at the Specialist Chambers Detention Facilities that Mr Shala's communications can be restricted in a manner that sufficiently mitigates these risks.

In other news, the outreach event with the KSC President that was planned on 4 July in Gjilan/Gnjilane will now take place entirely online, given the preference expressed among a large group of participants for joining this event via zoom. The President has postponed her trip to Kosovo until after the summer period.

Journalist Questions

No questions asked.

