



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.

Today's briefing covers developments in the proceedings since shortly before the start of the judicial recess period in late July.

In the Salih Mustafa case, the Defence and the Prosecution filed their final trial briefs on 21 and 22 July. Closing statements in the case are scheduled for 13-15 September.

In the case against Hashim Thaçi and co-accused, on 22 July, the Pre-Trial Judge issued a decision granting, in part, Thaçi's motion alleging defects in the latest version of the indictment against the accused in this case.

In this decision, the Judge ordered the Specialist Prosecutor to add the names of relevant direct perpetrators and victims, as well as relevant locations to certain paragraphs of the indictment and to file a further amended indictment by 30 September. The decision is available online.

In the same case, the Pre-Trial Judge extended Kadri Veseli's detention on 26 July and the Court of Appeals denied appeals against decisions on detention by Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi on 29 July and 2 August.

On 15 August, the Supreme Court Panel, consisting of Judges Ekaterina Trendafilova (presiding), Christine van den Wyngaert and Michael Bohlander, dismissed Mr Veseli's request for protection of legality in relation to a decision by the Court of Appeals Panel of 31 March, which upheld the Pre-Trial Judge's decision continuing Mr Veseli's detention.





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On 11 August 2022, Pre-Trial Judge Guillou issued a second decision on victims' participation in the case against Pjetër Shala, admitting one new applicant to the proceedings as a participating victim. There are now two participating victims in this case, represented by the same Victims' Counsel.

The SPO filed its amended lists of witnesses and exhibits in the Shala case on 29 July.

In the case of Hysni Gucati and Nasim Haradinaj, following notices from both accused in June that they would be appealing the trial judgment, the deadline for their written appeals submissions is 19 August.

The public redacted version of the trial judgment in the Gucati and Haradinaj case is now available in Albanian. The judgment along with all the updated information about this case can be found on the case pages of the KSC website.

Journalist Questions

No questions asked.

