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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 *Thaçi et al* case, on 30 September, the Specialist Prosecutor filed a confirmed amended indictment, pursuant to two earlier decisions by the Pre-Trial Judge in July and September.

In his decision of 22 July, the Judge had 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 on 29 September, the Judge granted the Prosecution's request to remove allegations of crimes committed against at least one victim at a house in or around Ferizaj/Uroševac.

A public redacted version of the amended indictment can be read on the KSC website.

In the same case, the Prosecution notified the Pre-Trial Judge on Monday of certain procedural steps completed in relation to the disclosure of material to the Defence under Rule 102(3). This was one of the required procedural steps for which the Pre-Trial Judge has established deadlines prior to transmitting the case for trial.

To provide some background, the rules specify that the Prosecution needs to share with the Defence all of the material supporting the indictment, the witness statements and exhibits which the Prosecution intends to use at trial, as well as potentially exculpatory evidence.

In addition to these items, the Prosecution must also give notice to the Defence under Rule 102(3) of all other material in its possession. This gives the Defence the opportunity to request any of these items which the Defence considers relevant to its case.

On 3 October, the Prosecution confirmed that it has finalised its processing of Defence requests for disclosure under Rule 102(3), requested protective measures where appropriate, and disclosed all material under this Rule not subject to protective measures.

On 3 October, the Registry filed its seventh Report to the Pre-Trial Judge on Victims' Applications for Participation in the Proceedings in the *Thaçi et al* case. So far, 32 victims have been admitted to participate in the proceedings in this case, and the process for victims to apply remains open.

In the *Pjetër Shala* case, the Trial Panel has scheduled trial preparation conferences from 18-20 October, with 21 October as a reserve day. The Trial Panel has requested written submissions from the Prosecution, the





Defence, Victims' Counsel and Registry on issues such as investigations, disclosure and the conduct of trial proceedings.

Public hearings are streamed with a 45-minute delay on the KSC website in Albanian, Serbian and English. Interested members of the public in The Hague can also follow hearings from the court's public gallery.

Journalist Questions

No questions were asked

