



## 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.

The trial in the case of Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi resumed on Monday, 25 September, with the testimony of the 26<sup>th</sup> witness called by the Prosecution. According to a short summary read out in court, this witness and their family members were detained by members of the KLA in 1998, after which some of the witness's family members were murdered. The witness testified under protective measures, with voice and face distortion, and was questioned by the Prosecution, Victim's Counsel and the Defence.

On Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> witness called by the Prosecution commenced their testimony, which continued on Wednesday and was conducted entirely in closed session. The trial adjourned yesterday for the week, and hearings will resume on 9 October.

On 21 September, the Trial Panel in the same case granted a request by the Selimi Defence that a lesser redacted confidential version of the decision confirming the indictment be issued so as to reflect the lesser redacted versions available of the indictment and the SPO pre-trial brief.

In the Pjetër Shala trial, the first witness called by the Defence, Mr. Bardhyl Mahmuti, completed his testimony last Thursday. Trial hearings in the Shala case resume next Monday, 2 October at 9:30, and are scheduled throughout the week.

In other news, The Kosovo Specialist Chambers Outreach team visited Kosovo last week where they met with law students and civil society in Pristina and Vrbovac. Since 2018, the Outreach team has met with over 3,300 people all over Kosovo, providing information about the court, listening to people's views and answering their questions.

And on 24 September, the Kosovo Specialist Chambers participated in the Hague Just Peace Open Day, opening its doors to interested members of the public who were able to visit the court, follow a presentation about the KSC mandate and proceedings, and ask questions.

## Journalist Questions

There were no questions asked.

