



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.

Last Wednesday, 28 February, the Trial Panel in the *Thaçi et al.* trial informed the parties about extra hearing days scheduled in the case until the end of 2024.

An updated court schedule for the *Thaçi et al.* trial until the end of 2024 is now available on the KSC webpage Court Calendar.

Following the completion of the testimony of the 48th witness called by the Prosecution on 28 February, the trial adjourned for the week. The next hearing in this case is scheduled for Monday, 18 March, at 09:00.

In the *Pjetër Shala* trial, as previously reported, closing statements have been scheduled for 15-19 April 2024.

Mr. Shala is charged with four counts of war crimes (arbitrary detention, cruel treatment, torture and murder). The alleged crimes took place between approximately 17 May 1999 and 5 June 1999 against persons detained at the Kukës Metal Factory in Albania, allegedly used by the KLA. There are eight victims participating in the proceedings.

During the trial, 22 witnesses testified in court: 10 called by the Prosecution, 2 called by Victims' Counsel, and 10 called by the Defence.

On 9 February, the Trial Panel closed the evidentiary proceedings in the trial, and ordered the parties to submit their final trial briefs, together with the statement on the impact of the alleged crimes on the participating victims by 25 March.





Journalist Questions

There were no questions asked.

