



## Press 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.

In the trial of Hashim Thaçi, Bashkim Smakaj, Isni Kilaj, Fadil Fazliu, and Hajredin Kuçi on the alleged illegal influencing of witnesses, the Single Trial Judge on 22 May admitted into evidence an expert report submitted by the Defence finding that it was relevant to the case, that the expert in question qualified as an expert and that it was authentic as the author of the report was obvious. The Single Trial Judge also noted that the Prosecution did not object to the admission of the report and reminded that the methodological issues in dispute between the parties, and the applicability of the expert's opinions, are matters that go to the weight to be accorded to the expert report and testimony, which will be assessed by the Single Trial Judge in light of all the evidence admitted during the trial.

As a reminder, the Single Trial Judge had asked the parties to be prepared to file their final trial briefs by 19 June 2026, or on short notice thereafter.

In the Thaçi et al. war crimes and crimes against humanity case, the public redacted version of the Prosecution's final trial brief dated 20 January became public and can be accessed on the Specialist Chambers website.

Public filings at the Specialist Chambers are made accessible to the public immediately after they have been issued. Judges also ensure that filings that had previously been classified as confidential are made public as soon as possible or that public redacted versions are issued at the earliest possible moment.

