



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.

Following the verdict in the *Thaçi et al.* war crimes case, the Trial Panel on 2 October reaffirmed its decision to issue a reparation order in the case, rather than refer victims to civil litigation in Kosovo. The Trial Panel also maintained the deadlines set in its order of 16 September 2026 and set additional deadlines concerning the presentation of evidence in forthcoming reparation proceedings. More details are available in the decision.

There are 156 victims participating in the proceedings in this case.

In the same case, as a reminder, the Appeals Panel on 29 September granted in part a request by the Defence to extend the deadline for submitting notices of appeal. The notices of appeal should now be submitted by 27 November 2026. Under the Law and the Rules, the judgment and the sentence can be appealed on the basis of an alleged error of fact or law. After filing a notice of appeal, parties have 60 days to file a more detailed appeal brief.

In the same case, on 7 October, the Registrar notified the Trial Panel that she had approved Mr Mentor Beqiri as Co-Counsel for Jakup Krasniqi, following a request from Mr Krasniqi's Lead Counsel.

The KSC notes that amendments were adopted on 6 October in a second reading by the Kosovo Assembly to the Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutors Office. We have no comment at this time.

The Kosovo Specialist Chambers is fully focused on its mandate to provide fair, impartial and independent judicial proceedings, and to ensure the protection of witnesses and victims.

