



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.

On 12 October, the Single Trial Judge in the *Thaçi et al.* case on the alleged influencing of witnesses scheduled the pronouncement of the judgment to take place on 17 November starting at 10:00 in the morning. The judgment will be pronounced in public and can be followed from the public gallery in The Hague as well as through the streaming function on the Specialist Chamber's website in the three languages of the court, Albanian, Serbian and English.

To attend the hearing from the public gallery in The Hague, pre-registration is required. Interested persons can pre-register by sending an email to PUBLIC@scp-ks.org providing the first and surname as well as the birth date and ID number of the persons who would like to register. The deadline is 27 October at 16:00 in the afternoon. I would like to emphasize that only those who receive a confirmation email will be permitted to attend the hearing from the public gallery. Confirmations will be sent about two weeks prior to the hearing.

In the case of Hashim *Thaçi*, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi, the Trial Panel in two separate decisions on 12 and 13 October approved lesser redacted versions of the transcripts of three witness statements finding that the remaining redactions continue to be necessary and proportionate and are consistent with the effective protection of the rights of the Accused.

On 14 October a decision issued by the Trial Panel in October of last year became public. In this decision, the Trial Panel granted in part a request by the *Thaçi* Defence to summons a witness to testify in court. The Trial Panel denied the Defence's request that Victims' Counsel should serve the witness with the summons and instead ordered the Registrar to do so. The Panel also requested the Registrar to organise any additional issues concerning the testimony of the witness.

On 8 October a previous decision by the Trial Panel became public in which it granted in part a request of the Krasniqi Defence to admit into evidence a witness statement in written form and associated exhibits. The Panel denied the request for admission of the witness statement in written form only and asked the Krasniqi Defence to notify the Panel by 6 November 2025 if it intended to call the relevant witness to appear in court for cross-examination.

