



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS  
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS  
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEĆA KOSOVA

**File number:** KSC-CC-2024-23

**Before:** **The Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court**

Judge Vidar Stensland, Presiding

Judge Roumen Nenkov

Judge Romina Incutti

**Registrar:** Fidelma Donlon

**Date:** 18 April 2024

**Language:** English

**File name:** Referral by Sabit Januzi, Ismet Bahtijari and Haxhi Shala to the Constitutional Court Panel Concerning the violation of their fundamental rights guaranteed by Article 30 and 31 of the Kosovo Constitution and Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights

**Classification:** Public

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## Decision on the Working Language and Further Proceedings

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### Applicants

Sabit Januzi

Ismet Bahtijari

Haxhi Shala

### Specialist Prosecutor

Kimberly P. West

1. On 3 April 2024, Mr Sabit Januzi, Mr Ismet Bahtijari and Mr Haxhi Shala (“Applicants”) lodged with the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court a referral, dated 3 April 2024 (“Referral”),<sup>1</sup> under Articles 30 and 31 of the Constitution of Kosovo (“Constitution”) Article 49(2) and (3) of the Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office (“Law”) and Rules 4(b) and (c), 21 and 29 of the Rules of Procedure for the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court (“Rules”). The Applicants are represented by Mr Jonathan Elystan Rees and Mr Huw Bowden for Mr Januzi, Ms Felicity Gerry and Mr James O’Keefe for Mr Bahtijari, and Mr Toby Cadman and Mr John Cubbon for Mr Shala.

2. On 5 April 2024, the President of the Specialist Chambers, pursuant to Article 33(3) of the Law, assigned the above Panel to rule on the Referral.<sup>2</sup>

3. Under Article 20 of the Law and Rule 5 of the Rules, the Panel shall decide the working languages for its proceedings. As the Applicants have made the Referral in English, the working language of the present proceedings shall be English with official translation or interpretation provided by the Registry into the official languages of the Specialist Chambers.

4. Further, the Panel does not consider it necessary, at present, to request any additional information or submissions pursuant to Rule 15(2) of the Rules.

FOR THESE REASONS,

The Constitutional Court Panel

*Decides* that the working language of the present proceedings shall be English with official translation or interpretation provided by the Registry into the

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<sup>1</sup> F00001, Referral by 1) Sabit Januzi, 2) Ismet Bahtijari and 3) Haxhi Shala to the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court Concerning the Constitutional Validity of KSC-BD-25/Rev1 (Revised Legal Aid Regulations), 3 April 2024.

<sup>2</sup> F00002, Decision to Assign Judges to a Constitutional Court Panel, 5 April 2024.

official languages of the Specialist Chambers, namely, Albanian, Serbian and English.



**Judge Vidar Stensland**  
**Presiding Judge**

Done in English on Thursday, 18 April 2024  
At The Hague, the Netherlands