

In:	KSC-BC-2020-04
	The Specialist Prosecutor v. Pjetër Shala
Before:	Trial Panel I
	Judge Mappie Veldt-Foglia, Presiding Judge
	Judge Roland Dekkers
	Judge Gilbert Bitti
	Judge Vladimir Mikula, Reserve Judge
Registrar:	Fidelma Donlon
Date:	9 July 2024
Language:	English
Classification:	Public

Scheduling order for the pronouncement of the judgment

To be notified to:

**Specialist Prosecutor** Kimberly P. West **Counsel for the Accused** Jean-Louis Gilissen

**Registry** Fidelma Donlon Victims' Counsel Simon Laws **TRIAL PANEL I** (Panel) hereby renders this scheduling order for the pronouncement of the judgment.

## I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 15, 16 and 17 April 2024,<sup>1</sup> the Parties and Victims' Counsel made their closing statements before the Panel, after which the Presiding Judge declared that the case was closed.<sup>2</sup>

## II. APPLICABLE LAW

2. The Panel notes Article 43(2) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office (Law), and Rules 158(1) and 159(1) and (2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (Rules).

## III. ANALYSIS

3. The Panel notes that pursuant to Article 43(2) of the Law, the judgment shall be announced by the Panel in public, following deliberations held by the Panel on the charges in the indictment, in accordance with Rule 158(1) of the Rules.

4. The Panel further notes that Rule 159(1) of the Rules stipulates that the judgment shall be pronounced within ninety (90) days of the closing of the case pursuant to Rule 136 of the Rules, unless the specific circumstances of the case require additional time.

KSC-BC-2020-04, Transcript of Hearing, 15 April 2024, public, pp. 4077-4169; Transcript of Hearing, 16 April 2024, public, pp. 4170-4281; Transcript of Hearing, 17 April 2024, public, pp. 4282-4374.
KSC-BC-2020-04, Transcript of Hearing, 17 April 2024, public, p. 4374, lines 9-10.

Lastly, according to Rule 159(2) of the Rules, the judgment, or a summary 5. thereof, shall be pronounced in public in the name of the people of Kosovo, and in the presence of the Accused, unless exceptional circumstances justify his or her absence.

The Panel has decided, pursuant to Rule 159(1) and (2) of the Rules, to render the 6. judgment on Tuesday, 16 July 2024, at 14:00 hours, within ninety (90) days of the closing of the case pursuant to Rule 136 of the Rules, in public session.

## IV. DISPOSITION

- 7. For the above-mentioned reasons, the Panel hereby:
  - SCHEDULES the pronouncement of the judgment for Tuesday, a. 16 July 2024, at 14:00 hours, in public session;
  - **ORDERS** Mr Pjetër Shala to be physically present in the courtroom at b. the seat of the Specialist Chambers; and
  - AUTHORISES the Registrar to organise, at the start of the hearing, the c. taking of photographs for one minute and a half.

Judge Mappie Veldt-Foglia **Presiding Judge** 

Judge Gilbert Bitti

Dated this Tuesday, 9 July 2024

At The Hague, the Netherlands.

Judge Roland Dekkers