In: KSC-BC-2020-06

The Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli,

Rexhep Selimi, and Jakup Krasniqi

Before: Trial Panel II

Judge Charles L. Smith, III, Presiding Judge

Judge Christoph Barthe

Judge Guénaël Mettraux

Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

Filing Participant: Victims' Counsel

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Public Redacted Version of Victims' Counsel's Notification of death of Victim 02/06

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to Article 22(1) and (6) of the Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office (Law No. 05/L-053) ("Law"), and Rule 114(4)(a) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers ("Rules"), Victims' Counsel notifies the Panel of the death of Victim 02/06.

II. CLASSIFICATION

2. This submission is classified as confidential and ex parte pursuant to Rule 82(3) and (4) as it contains confidential information and information from filings with the same classification. A public redacted version has been filed simultaneously.

III. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- 3. Victim 02/06 was admitted to participate in the proceedings as a victim on 21 April 2021 as a result of having suffered physical and mental harm from his detention.¹
- 4. Victim 02/06 also had the status of a witness in this case under the pseudonym [REDACTED].²

IV. SUBMISSIONS

5. On 15 June 2024, Victims' Counsel was informed by [REDACTED] that Victim 02/06 had passed away. The SPO confirmed to Victims' Counsel that Victim 02/06 died on [REDACTED].3

¹ KSC-BC-2020-06/F00257, First Decision on Victims' Participation, 21 April 2021, paras 46, 56, 85(a).

² KSC-BC-2020-06/F00631/RED/A02/COR/CONF/RED/1, Annex 2 to Public Redacted version of 'Submission of Pre-Trial Brief, with witness and exhibit lists', KSC-BC-2020-06/F00631, dated 17 December 2021, Confidential Redacted List of Witnesses, p. 1, no. 14. See also, KSC-BC-2020-06/F01199/A01, ANNEX 1 to Victims' Counsel and SPO joint filing in compliance with F01153, 12

³ A recent filing indicates that the SPO will seek to have his evidence admitted through Rule 155 in due course. KSC-BC-2020-06/F02400, Confidential Redacted Version of 'Prosecution submissions concerning the completion of its case' with confidential Annex 1 and confidential redacted Annex 2, 21 June 2024, para. 40 and fn. 33.

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- 6. The background to the delay in Victims' Counsel being in possession of this information is explained [REDACTED].⁴
- 7. Since coming into possession of this information, Victims' Counsel has attempted to establish if there is a close relative of V02/06 who may wish to apply to participate as a victim as his successor. As of today, no such application is planned.

V. Conclusion

8. Victims' Counsel hereby informs the Panel of V02/06's death.

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⁴ [REDACTED].

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