



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS  
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**In:** KSC-BC-2023-10  
**The Specialist Prosecutor v. Sabit Januzi, Ismet Bahtijari and Haxhi Shala**

**Before:** Pre-Trial Judge  
Judge Marjorie Masselot

**Registrar:** Dr Fidelma Donlon

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**Registrar's Update on Defence Team Funding**  
**with one confidential and *ex parte* Annex**

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## I. BACKGROUND

1. On 27 February 2024, the Pre-Trial Judge instructed the Registrar to file weekly updates, starting on 1 March 2024, on the situation concerning the funding of the Defence teams for Mr Sabit Januzi ('Mr Januzi'), Mr Ismet Bahtijari ('Mr Bahtijari') and Mr Haxhi Shala ('Mr Shala') by the Ministry of Justice of Kosovo pursuant to Law No. 05/L-054.<sup>1</sup> The Registrar hereby provides her twenty-seventh update.

2. Following requests for legal aid by Mr Shala and Mr Bahtijari, on 17 May 2024, the Registrar informed the Pre-Trial Judge that Mr Toby Cadman had been conditionally assigned as Counsel to Mr Shala and that Dr Felicity Gerry had been conditionally assigned as Counsel to Mr Bahtijari.<sup>2</sup> As a result, no further updates are anticipated at this time concerning the funding of those two Defence Teams. The Defence Office is in regular contact with Counsel to ensure that they have all of the necessary information and assistance that may be required under the Legal Aid Regulations.<sup>3</sup>

3. With respect to Mr Januzi, an update on the status of Defence funding is provided below.

## II. REGISTRAR'S UPDATE CONCERNING FUNDING

4. Following further correspondence between the Deputy Registrar and Mr Rees, on 27 August 2024, Mr Rees indicated his willingness to finalise the contracting process and provided the necessary outstanding documents.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> KSC-BC-2023-10, CRSPD27, Email from the Pre-Trial Judge to CMU on Message to the Deputy Registrar regarding F00175 and F0181, 27 February 2024, confidential.

<sup>2</sup> F00297, Registrar's Update on Defence Team Funding with 5 confidential and *ex parte* Annexes, 17 May 2024, confidential, paras 5-7.

<sup>3</sup> Legal Aid Regulations, KSC-BD-25-Rev1, 22 February 2024, public.

<sup>4</sup> Annex 1, confidential and *ex parte*.

5. On 29 August 2024, the contract was signed by Mr Rees and the Registrar, and the latter conditionally assigned Mr Rees as Counsel to Mr Januzi.<sup>5</sup> Consequently, Mr Januzi is now able to receive legal aid from the Specialist Chambers.

6. As a result, no further updates are anticipated at this time concerning the funding of Mr Januzi's Defence Team. The Defence Office will ensure that Counsel has all of the necessary information and assistance that may be required under the Legal Aid Regulations.

### III. CLASSIFICATION

7. Pursuant to Rule 82(3) and (4) of the Rules,<sup>6</sup> the Registrar submits this filing as confidential as it refers to other filings with the same classification. In addition, its Annex is submitted as confidential and *ex parte*, as it refers to other filings with the same classification and contains internal Registry communications with individual Counsel.

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<sup>5</sup> KSC-BC-2023-10, F00454, Notification of Conditional Assignment of Counsel and Approval of Co-Counsel for Sabit Januzi with three confidential Annexes, 30 August 2024, public.

<sup>6</sup> Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020, public ('Rules').