



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

File number: KSC-CA-2024-03

Before: The President of the Specialist Chambers
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

Date: 3 September 2024

Language: English

Classification: Confidential

Decision Assigning a Court of Appeals Panel

Judges of the Court of Appeals Panel:

Judge Michèle Picard

Judge Kai Ambos

Judge Nina Jørgensen

Specialist Prosecutor's Office:

Kimberly P. West

Counsel for Pjetër Shala:

Jean-Louis Gilissen

Victims' Counsel:

Simon Laws

THE PRESIDENT of the Specialist Chambers (“President”), noting Articles 33(1)(c) and 46(1) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office, Rules 172 and 173(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules on Assignment of Specialist Chambers Judges from the Roster of International Judges (“Rules on Assignment”), herewith assigns a Court of Appeals Panel to decide on Mr Pjetër Shala’s appeal in relation to the trial judgment issued by Trial Panel I in his case pursuant to the “Defence Notice of Appeal” (“Notice of Appeal”).¹

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 16 July 2024, Trial Panel I rendered the “Trial Judgment and Sentence with One Confidential Annex”, wherein it, *inter alia*, found Mr Shala guilty of arbitrary detention, torture and murder as a war crime and sentenced him to 18 years of imprisonment, with credit for time served.²
2. On 19 July 2024, Mr Shala requested an extension of time to file his Notice of Appeal (“Request”).³
3. On 24 July 2024, the Court of Appeals Panel, granted the Request, in part, and ordered that Mr Shala file his Notice of Appeal by 2 September 2024.⁴
4. On 8 August 2024, the Court of Appeals Panel denied Mr Shala’s request for a further extension of time.⁵

¹ F00010, Defence Notice of Appeal, 2 September 2024.

² KSC-BC-2020-04/F00847, Trial Judgment and Sentence with One Confidential Annex, 16 July 2024 (confidential), paras 1121-1123.

³ F00001, Application for Variation of the Time Limit for Filing the Defence Notice of Appeal with confidential Annex 1, 19 July 2024.

⁴ F00006, Decision on Defence Motion for Variation of Time Limit to File Notice of Appeal, 24 July 2024.

⁵ F00009, Decision on Defence Further Request for Variation of Time Limit to File Notice of Appeal, 8 August 2024.

5. On 2 September 2024, Mr Shala filed the Notice of Appeal.

II. CLASSIFICATION

6. The Notice of Appeal is classified as confidential and the present decision will therefore bear the same classification in accordance with Rule 82(4) of the Rules, until it is reclassified in due course consistent with Rule 3(4) of the Rules on Assignment.

III. ASSIGNMENT

7. Having considered the criteria set forth in Rule 4(2) of the Rules on Assignment, including relevant experience and expertise as well as availability at this time,

THE PRESIDENT HEREBY ASSIGNS:

Judge Michèle Picard

Judge Kai Ambos

Judge Nina Jørgensen

to the Court of Appeals Panel to decide on the appeal against the Trial Judgment.



**Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova,
President of the Specialist Chambers**

Dated this Tuesday, 3 September 2024
At The Hague,
The Netherlands