



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEĆA KOSOVA

File number: KSC-BC-2023-10

Before: The President of the Specialist Chambers
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

Date: 3 September 2024

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Decision Assigning Trial Panel I

Judges of Trial Panel I:

Judge Roland Dekkers

Judge Mappie Veldt-Foglia

Judge Gilbert Bitti

Judge Vladimir Mikula (reserve)

Counsel for Sabit Januzi:

Jonathan Elystan Rees

Specialist Prosecutor's Office:

Kimberly P. West

Counsel for Ismet Bahtijari:

Felicity Gerry

Counsel for Haxhi Shala:

Toby Cadman

THE PRESIDENT of the Specialist Chambers (“President”), acting pursuant to Articles 33(1)(b) and 40(1) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office, Rules 98(3) and 115 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“Rules”) and Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules on the Assignment of Specialist Chambers Judges from the Roster of International Judges (“Rules on Assignment”), herewith assigns Trial Panel I following the “Notification Pursuant to Rule 98(3) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence” by the Pre-Trial Judge, that a complete case file of the present case will be ready for transmission to a Trial Panel on 4 September 2024 (“Notification”).¹

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 2 October 2023, the Pre-Trial Judge confirmed the indictment against Mr Sabit Januzi and Mr Ismet Bahtijari, a redacted version of which was made public on 12 October 2023.²
2. On 5 October 2023, Mr Januzi and Mr Bahtijari were arrested in Kosovo pursuant to an arrest warrant issued by the Pre-Trial Judge on 2 October 2023³ and were transferred to the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers in The Hague, the Netherlands, on 6 October 2023.⁴
3. On 4 December 2023, the Pre-Trial Judge confirmed the indictment against

¹ F00464, Notification Pursuant to Rule 98(3) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, 3 September 2024.

² See F00008, Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment, 2 October 2023 (strictly confidential and *ex parte*); F00008/RED/COR, Corrected Version of Public Redacted Version of the Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment, 12 October 2023.

³ See F00009/A01, Arrest Warrant for Sabit Januzi, 2 October 2023 (confidential); F00009/A03, Arrest Warrant for Mr Ismet Bahtijari, 2 October 2023 (confidential). Public redacted versions of the arrest warrants were issued on 12 October 2023. See F00009/A01/RED and F00009/A03/RED.

⁴ See F00014, Notification of the Reception of Ismet Bahtijari in the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers with one Strictly Confidential and *Ex Parte* Annex, 6 October 2023; F00015, Notification of the Reception of Sabit Januzi in the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers with one Strictly Confidential and *Ex Parte* Annex, 6 October 2023. The notifications were made public on 10 November 2023.

Mr Haxhi Shala, a redacted version of which was made public on 30 January 2024.⁵

4. On 11 December 2023, Mr Shala was arrested in Kosovo pursuant to an arrest warrant issued by the Pre-Trial Judge on 4 December 2023⁶ and was transferred to the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers in The Hague, the Netherlands, on 12 December 2023.⁷

5. On 8 February 2024, the Pre-Trial Judge granted a request by the Specialist Prosecutor's Office to join the case of Mr Januzi and Bahtijari with that of Mr Shala.⁸

6. On 3 September 2024, the Pre-Trial Judge filed the Notification.⁹

II. 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 TRIAL PANEL I, COMPOSED OF:

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to the present case upon transmission of the case file on 4 September 2024.

⁵ KSC-BC-2023-11/F00005, Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment, 4 December 2023; KSC-BC-2023-11/F00005/RED, Public Redacted Version of Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment, 30 January 2024.

⁶ See KSC-BC-2023-11/F00006/A01, Arrest Warrant for Haxhi Shala, 4 December 2023 (confidential). A public redacted version of the arrest warrant was issued on 28 February 2024. See F00006/A01/RED.

⁷ See KSC-BC-2023-11/F00011, Notification of the Reception of Haxhi Shala in the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers with one Strictly Confidential and *Ex Parte* Annex, 12 December 2023. The notification was made public on the same day.

⁸ F00161, Decision on Request for Joinder and Amendment of the Indictment, 8 February 2024 (confidential). A public redacted version was filed on the same day. See F00161/RED.

⁹ See Notification.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Trendafilova', written over a horizontal line.

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

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