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The Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli,

Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi

Before: Trial Panel II

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with Confidential Ex Parte Annex 1'

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 14 February 2025, the Defence for Mr Hashim Thaçi (the "Defence") filed

the Urgent Thaçi Defence Request for Temporary Release on Compassionate

Grounds.¹ At the request of the Trial Panel,² the Defence hereby supplements the

Request with additional medical reports related to the hospitalisation of Mr Haxhi

Thaçi between [REDACTED] February 2025.3

2. The Defence notes that it has attempted to obtain further information from the

doctor who authored the report of [REDACTED] February 2025 following the request

from the Trial Panel, including any further comments on his findings of a "critically

serious overall condition."4 This was however not possible, due to the fact that

February 17th marks the day of Kosovo Independence and is therefore a public

holiday in Kosovo; the doctor is still on leave today and therefore unable to provide

any further reports before the deadline set by the Trial Panel for these supplementary

submissions.

II. SUBMISSIONS

3. Mr Haxhi Thaçi's health has deteriorated since Trial Panel issued the Decision

on the Urgent Thaçi Defence Request for Temporary Release on Compassionate

Grounds on 31 January 2025.5 His degraded medical condition, including

[REDACTED], led to his renewed hospitalisation between [REDACTED] February

¹ KSC-BC-2020-06/F02927, *Urgent Thaçi Defence Request for Temporary Release on Compassionate Grounds* with Confidential *Ex Parte* Annexes 1 and 2, 14 February 2025 ("Request").

² Email from CMU of 17 February 2025 at 13:34 titled "[Case 06] - Thaçi Defence to Supplement F02927".

³ Annex 1, Medical reports of Mr Haxhi Thaçi dated [REDACTED] February 2025 ("Medical Reports"). The Defence hereby submits a copy of the remaining medical documentation provided to Mr Haxhi Thaçi following his hospitalisation, which, it is understood, were relied upon in the Specialist Report of [REDACTED] February 2025 (KSC-BC-2020-06/F02927/A02). The Defence was not able to obtain [REDACTED].

⁴ KSC-BC-2020-06/F02927/A02, Specialist Report of [REDACTED] February 2025.

⁵ KSC-BC-2020-06/F02887, Decision on Thaçi Defence Third Urgent Request for Temporary Release on Compassionate Grounds, 31 January 2025 (a public redacted version was filed on 11 February 2025).

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2025. The Defence submits additional Medical Reports detailing his symptoms and diagnosis.

4. As indicated in the Reports, Mr Haxhi Thaçi was hospitalised on [REDACTED] February 2025 with complaints of [REDACTED].⁶ He was diagnosed with [REDACTED].⁷ The [REDACTED],⁸ *i.e.* [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED]⁹ related the [REDACTED] diagnosed in the Specialist Report of [REDACTED] February 2025.¹⁰ The [REDACTED] of Mr Mr Haxhi Thaçi led to the observation of [REDACTED] diagnosed in the Specialist Report of [REDACTED] February 2025,¹¹ *i.e.*: [REDACTED],¹² *etc.* The [REDACTED],¹³ also described as [REDACTED] in the Specialist Report of [REDACTED] February 2025.¹⁴ Mr Haxhi Thaçi was discharged on [REDACTED] February 2025 with treatments prescribed by [REDACTED], and invited to "consult as needed at any time".¹⁵

5. These medical reports must be read with the reports annexed to the Request,¹⁶ and confirm the deteriorated health of Mr Haxhi Thaçi. His recent [REDACTED] is particularly alarming in light of his advanced age and multiple systemic health issues,¹⁷ as described above, justifying Mr Hashim Thaçi's temporary release on compassionate grounds, to allow him to visit and comfort his father and close relatives.

⁶ Medical Reports, p. 10.

⁷ Medical Reports, p. 10.

⁸ Medical Reports, p. 10.

⁹ Medical Reports, p. 11.

 $^{^{10}}$ KSC-BC-2020-06/F02927/A02, Specialist report of [REDACTED] February 2025.

¹¹ *Ibid*.

¹² Medical Reports, pp. 4, 12.

¹³ Medical Reports, pp. 4, 12.

¹⁴ KSC-BC-2020-06/F02927/A02, Specialist report of [REDACTED] February 2025.

¹⁵ Medical Reports, p. 13.

¹⁶ KSC-BC-2020-06/F02927/A01, Medical Report of [REDACTED] February 2025; KSC-BC-2020-06/F02927/A02, Specialist Report of [REDACTED] February 2025.

¹⁷ KSC-BC-2020-06/F02927/A02, Specialist report of [REDACTED] February 2025.

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III. **CLASSIFICATION**

6. This filing is classified as confidential and ex parte as it refers to sensitive

medical information concerning Mr Thaçi's father. A public redacted version will be

filed in due course.

IV. **CONCLUSION**

7. For the above reasons, the Defence maintains its request that the Trial Panel

order the immediate temporary release of Mr Thaçi on compassionate grounds, for a

period of one (1) day, to allow him to visit his father, in the presence of [REDACTED],

at [REDACTED].

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