

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

Before: Trial Panel I

Judge Mappie Veldt-Foglia, Presiding Judge

Judge Roland Dekkers

Judge Gilbert Bitti

Judge Vladimir Mikula, Reserve Judge

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Filing Participant: Specialist Counsel for Ismet Bahtijari

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(Lesser redacted version of F00599RED) BAHTIJARI request on classification

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is an application for F00596 filing on plea agreements to remain classified as confidential until the next hearing.

III. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

2. On 13 November the SPO filed F00596 and indicated that a publicly redacted version would be filed.

II. APPLICABLE LAW

3. Classification is a matter for the Trial Chamber pursuant to Rules 82 to 84.

III. SUBMISSIONS

4. The defence are still collecting final statements from witnesses. Translations were received this week and it is hoped they will be signed next week.
5. It is Mr Bahtijari's request is to keep his guilty plea confidential unless and until witness statements are signed [REDACTED].
6. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that F00596 remain confidential for the brief period of time until the next hearing when of course his plea will become a matter of public record.
7. The request relates to the whole filing as anything else would give rise to speculation. Alternatively, at least his plea agreement.

IV. CLASSIFICATION

8. This document is filed as confidential at this stage.

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At The Hague