In: KSC-BC-2023-12

The Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Bashkim Smakaj,

Isni Kilaj, Fadil Fazliu and Hajredin Kuçi

Before: Pre-Trial Judge

Judge Marjorie Masselot

**Registrar:** Fidelma Donlon

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# Order in Relation to the Upcoming Detention Review of Isni Kilaj

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**THE PRE-TRIAL JUDGE,**¹ pursuant to Article 41(10) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("Law") and Rule 57(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers ("Rules"), hereby issues the following decision.

## I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

- 1. On 5 June 2025, the Pre-Trial Judge ordered Isni Kilaj's ("Mr Kilaj") continued detention ("Third Review Decision").<sup>2</sup>
- 2. On 19 June 2025, the Defence for Mr Kilaj ("Kilaj Defence") appealed the Third Review Decision ("Appeal").<sup>3</sup>

## II. APPLICABLE LAW

3. Pursuant to Article 41(10) of the Law and Rule 57(2) of the Rules, until a judgment is final or until release, upon expiry of two (2) months from the last ruling on detention on remand, the Pre-Trial Judge or Panel seized with the case shall examine whether reasons for detention on remand still exist, and render a ruling by which detention on remand is extended or terminated.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, F00015, President, <u>Decision Assigning a Pre-Trial Judge</u>, 6 June 2024, public.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, F00324, Pre-Trial Judge, <u>Third Decision on Review of Detention of Isni Kilaj,</u> 5 June 2025, public.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> KSC-BC-2023-12, IA004/F00001, Kilaj Defence, Kilaj Appeal Against Third Decision on Review of Detention of Isni Kilaj (F00324), 19 June 2025, confidential.

#### III. DISCUSSION

- 4. Noting that the Kilaj Defence is due to file submissions, if any, on the review of Mr Kilaj's detention by 27 June 2025,<sup>4</sup> and in light of the pending Appeal, the Pre-Trial Judge invites the Kilaj Defence to file a submission on the record indicating whether Mr Kilaj waives his right to the bi-monthly review of his detention, as currently scheduled, pending the outcome of the Appeal. Should Mr Kilaj consent, the Kilaj Defence shall include in its filing a written waiver, personally signed by Mr Kilaj, confirming that he waives his right to the bi-monthly review of detention.
- 5. Should Mr Kilaj not waive his right, he may proceed to make submissions on 27 June 2025, or indicate that he requests the Pre-Trial Judge to review his detention by 5 August 2025, as currently scheduled.<sup>5</sup> In this case, the Pre-Trial Judge will proceed with the review of his detention in accordance with Article 41(10) of the Law.

#### IV. DISPOSITION

6. For the above-mentioned reasons, the Pre-Trial Judge hereby:

**ORDERS** the Kilaj Defence to make the relevant submissions as specified in paragraph 4 above, by **Friday**, **27 June 2025**.

Judge Marjorie Masselot Pre-Trial Judge

Dated this Wednesday, 25 June 2025

At The Hague, the Netherlands.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Third Review Decision, para. 47(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Kilaj Defence may make submissions on 27 June 2025 or, following the submissions of the Specialist Prosecutor, on 14 July 2025; *see* Third Review Decision, para. 47(b) and (c).