



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

File number: KSC-SC-2025-06

Before: The President of the Specialist Chambers
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

Date: 25 July 2025

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Decision Assigning a Supreme Court Panel

Judges of the Supreme Court Panel:

Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova
Judge Christine van den Wyngaert
Judge Daniel Fransen

Specialist Prosecutor's Office:

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Counsel for Pjetër Shala:

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Victims' Counsel:

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THE PRESIDENT of the Specialist Chambers (“President”), noting Articles 33(1)(d), 33(6) and 48(6) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office (“Law”), Rule 193 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 Supreme Court Panel to decide on the “Defence Request for an Extension of Time and Word Limit for its Request for Protection of Legality” (“Request”).¹

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 16 July 2024, Trial Panel I rendered the “Trial Judgment”, wherein it, *inter alia*, convicted Pjetër Shala (“Mr Shala”) of the war crimes of arbitrary detention, torture and murder, and sentenced him to a single sentence of 18 years of imprisonment, with credit for time served.²
2. On 14 July 2025, the Court of Appeals Panel issued the “Appeal Judgment” wherein it, *inter alia*, affirmed Mr Shala’s conviction, in part, for the war crimes of arbitrary detention, torture, and murder, and set aside Mr Shala’s single sentence of 18 years imprisonment imposed by the Trial Panel and reduced it to a single sentence of 13 years, with credit for time served.³
3. On 23 July 2025, the Defence for Mr Shala filed the Request before the President.

¹ F00001, Defence Request for an Extension of Time and Word Limit for its Request for Protection of Legality, 23 July 2025.

² KSC-BC-2020-04/F00847, Trial Judgment and Sentence with one confidential annex, 16 July 2024 (confidential), paras 1037-1039, 1086, 1103-1108, 1121-1122, 1124.

³ KSC-CA-2024-03/F00069, Appeal Judgment, 14 July 2025 (confidential), para. 938. A public redacted version of the Appeal Judgment was issued on the same day (KSC-CA-2024-03/F00069/RED).

II. ASSIGNMENT

4. Having considered Article 33(6) of the Law and 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,

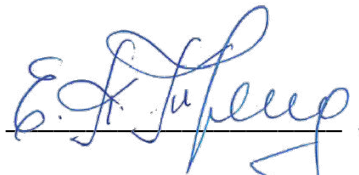
THE PRESIDENT HEREBY ASSIGNS

Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova, Presiding

Judge Christine van den Wyngaert

Judge Daniel Fransen

to the Supreme Court Panel to decide on the Request and any request for protection of legality in this case, once filed, as well as any related matter(s).



Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

President of the Specialist Chambers

Dated this Friday, 25 July 2025
At The Hague, the Netherlands