



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

File number: KSC-BC-2023-12

Before: The President of the Specialist Chambers
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

Date: 12 November 2025

Language: English

Classification: Public

Decision Assigning a Single Trial Judge

Single Trial Judge:
Judge Christopher Gosnell

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Counsel for Fadil Fazliu:
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Counsel for Hajredin Kuçi:
Alexander Admiraal

THE PRESIDENT of the Specialist Chambers (“President”), acting pursuant to Articles 25(2), 33(1)(b) and 40(1) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office, Rules 98(3) and the third sentence of 115(1) 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 a Single Trial Judge 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 12 November 2025 (“Notification”).¹

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 29 November 2024, the Pre-Trial Judge confirmed the indictment against Messrs Hashim Thaçi, Bashkim Smakaj, Isni Kilaj, Fadil Fazliu and Hajredin Kuçi, a redacted version of which was made public on 6 December 2024.²

2. On 5 October 2023, Messrs Bashkim Smakaj, Isni Kilaj and Fadil Fazliu were arrested in Kosovo pursuant to an arrest warrant issued by the Pre-Trial Judge³ and were transferred to the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers in The Hague, the Netherlands, on 5 December 2024.⁴ On the same day, Mr Kuçi was served a

¹ F00541, Notification Pursuant to Rule 98(3) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, 11 November 2025.

² See F00036, Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment, 29 November 2024 (confidential); F00055, Submission of public redacted version of Confirmed Indictment with public Annex 1, 6 December 2024.

³ See F00037, Decision on Request for Arrest Warrants and Related Matters, 29 November 2024 (strictly confidential and ex parte). A public redacted version of this decision was issued on 19 December 2024, see F00037/RED.

⁴ See F00042, Notification of Arrest of Bashkim Smakaj Pursuant to Rule 55(4), 5 December 2024; F00043, Notification of Arrest of Isni Kilaj Pursuant to Rule 55(4), 5 December 2024; F00045, Notification of Arrest of Fadil Fazliu Pursuant to Rule 55(4), 5 December 2024.

summons to appear⁵ and Mr Thaçi was served a warrant of arrest.⁶

3. On 11 November 2025, the Pre-Trial Judge filed the Notification.

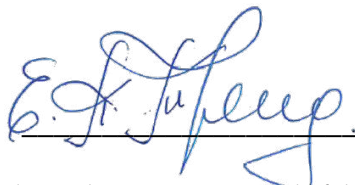
II. ASSIGNMENT

4. The President notes Article 25(2) of the Law and that the charges against all Accused in this case are not classified as serious crimes under Article 22 of the Kosovo Criminal Procedure Code and that a Trial Panel may therefore consist of a single judge. Having further 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 AS SINGLE TRIAL JUDGE

Judge Christopher Gosnell

to the present case upon transmission of the case file on 12 November 2025.



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

Dated this Wednesday, 12 November 2025
At The Hague,
The Netherlands

⁵ See F00046, Notification of Service of Summons to Appear on Hajredin Kuçi, 5 December 2024.

⁶ See F00048, Notification of Service of Arrest Warrant on Hashim Thaçi Pursuant to Rule 55(4), 5 December 2024.