



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
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In: KSC-BC-2023-12

Before: **Single Trial Judge**
Judge Christopher Gosnell

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

Filing Participant: Registrar

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File Name: **The Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Bashkim Smakaj,
Isni Kilaj, Fadil Fazliu and Hajredin Kuçi**

Classification: Confidential and *Ex Parte*

Notification of Bashkim Smakaj's Transfer to Kosovo

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1. On 3 February 2026, the Single Trial Judge ordered Mr Bashkim Smakaj's ('Mr Smakaj') provisional release from detention in Kosovo, subject to strict conditions ('Decision').¹ The Single Trial Judge also ordered the Registrar to make all practical arrangements regarding Mr Smakaj's release as expeditiously as possible.²
2. The Registrar hereby notifies the Single Trial Judge that Mr Smakaj was transferred to Kosovo on the morning of 10 February 2026. Mr Smakaj arrived in Kosovo at approximately 12:50 and was provisionally released from the custody of the Specialist Chambers ('SC') at approximately 13:45.
3. Mr Smakaj was provided with the necessary information related to the implementation of the conditions applicable to his release, including the local police station that will be managing his weekly reporting, and a designated SC contact person to whom he can convey, (i) for onward transmission, any requests to the Single Trial Judge for a change in residence and/or travel outside of Kosovo, and (ii) the address where he will reside while present on the territory of the Netherlands, for the purpose of attending court hearings.
4. The Registrar further confirms that, in accordance with the Single Trial Judge's Decision, the Registry has retained two passports of Mr Smakaj's and his national ID card. Specialist Counsel for Mr Smakaj confirmed to the Registry that Mr Smakaj does not have any other travel documents.³

¹ KSC-BC-2023-12, F00719, Sevent Decision on Review of Detention of Bashkim Smakaj, 4 February 2026, confidential and *ex parte* ('Decision').

² Decision, para. 62(e).

³ Email from Specialist Counsel to Immediate Office of the Registrar, 'RE: Letter from the Registrar', 4 February 2026 at 16:52, and Email from Specialist Counsel to Immediate Office of the Registrar, 'RE: Letter from the Registrar', 9 February 2026 at 12:33.

5. This filing is submitted as confidential and *ex parte* pursuant to Rule 82(4) of the Rules.⁴ The Registrar has no objections to the reclassification of this filing as public.

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Dr Fidelma Donlon

Registrar

Tuesday, 10 February 2026

At The Hague, The Netherlands

⁴ Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules').