



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

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

Before: Single Trial Judge

Judge Christopher Gosnell

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

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Order for Additional Submissions

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THE SINGLE TRIAL JUDGE, pursuant to Articles 21 and 40(2) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office and Rules 116(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers,¹ hereby issues the following order.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 29 April 2026, the Single Trial Judge issued the "Order on the Further Conduct of Proceedings", informing the parties that they were to be prepared to file their final trial briefs by 19 June 2026,² pending the outcome of a Court of Appeals Panel decision on Witness 8's evidence ("Interlocutory Appeal").³ This provisional deadline, at the request of the Defence for Fadil Fazliu ("Fazliu Defence"), was subsequently extended to 3 July 2026.⁴

2. On 30 June 2026, the Court of Appeals Panel rendered its "Decision on Specialist Prosecutor's Appeal Against Decision on Admission of Expert Evidence of Witness 8", granting the Prosecution's appeal in part and remanding the issue of the admissibility of Witness 8's evidence to the Single Trial Judge in accordance with its directions.⁵

3. On the same day, the Single Trial Judge informed the Parties, via email correspondence, that they should be prepared to file any additional submissions

¹ All references to "Article" and "Rule" shall be understood, unless otherwise indicated, as referring to the Law and Rules.

² KSC-BC-2023-12, F00890, Single Trial Judge, *Order on the Further Conduct of Proceedings* ("Order on the Further Conduct of Proceedings"), 29 April 2026, confidential (public redacted version filed on 4 May 2026), paras 26 and 31(f).

³ KSC-BC-2023-12, F00888/RED, Single Trial Judge, *Public Redacted Version of Decision on Prosecution Request for Leave to Appeal Decision F00825*, 6 May 2026, public.

⁴ KSC-BC-2023-12, F00936, Single Trial Judge, *Decision on Fazliu Request for Extension of Time Limit to Submit its Final Trial Brief* ("Decision F00936"), 15 June 2026, public, paras 8 and 11(b).

⁵ KSC-BC-2023-12, IA009-F00005/RED, Court of Appeals Panel, *Public Redacted Version of Decision on Prosecution Request for Leave to Appeal Decision F00825* ("Appeals Decision"), 30 June 2026, public, paras 99-100.

arising from the Appeals Decision, if they so wish, by Friday, 3 July 2026 at 4 p.m.⁶

II. APPLICABLE LAW

4. Pursuant to Rule 116(1), and in accordance with the requirements of Articles 21 and 40(2), the Single Trial Judge shall adopt procedures as are necessary to facilitate the fair and expeditious conduct of proceedings.

III. DISCUSSION

5. The Single Trial Judge considers that he would be assisted by the Parties' supplemental submissions in relation to the criteria set out in the Appeals Decision, in particular as summarised at paragraph 99. The Parties are invited to make such submissions by no later than **Monday, 6 July 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**

6. Furthermore, the Single Trial Judge hereby vacates the deadlines in relation to the submission of the Parties' final trial briefs and any deadlines arising therefrom as set out in paragraph 31 (f), (g) and (h) of the Decision on the Further Conduct of Proceedings and paragraph 11(b) and (c) of Decision F00936.

7. A further scheduling order will be issued in due course, once the Single Trial Judge issues a decision on the admissibility of Witness 8's evidence as directed by the Appeals Decision.

⁶ KSC-BC-2023-12, CRSPD325, Single Trial Judge, *Email from Single Trial Judge to Parties re Communication to the Parties re IA009_F00005*, 30 June 2026, confidential.

IV. DISPOSITION

8. For the above reasons, the Single Trial Judge hereby:
- a. **INVITES** the Parties to file submissions as indicated at paragraph 5 by no later than **Monday, 6 July 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**; and
 - b. **VACATES** the deadlines as indicated at paragraph 6.



Judge Christopher Gosnell
Single Trial Judge

Dated this Wednesday, 1 July 2026
At The Hague, the Netherlands.