



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 Closing Evidentiary Proceedings

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THE SINGLE TRIAL JUDGE, pursuant to Articles 21(2), (4)(d) and 40(2) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office and Rules 116(4)(d), 134 and 135 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers,¹ hereby issues this order.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 3 August 2026, the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("SPO") gave notice, in accordance with the time-limit set out in the Third Scheduling Order,² that it would not seek leave to supplement the evidentiary proceedings.³

II. APPLICABLE LAW

2. Rule 134 provides that, after ruling on motions for rebuttal and rejoinder evidence, or absent any such motions, the Single Trial Judge shall announce that the evidentiary proceedings are closed, invite the SPO and the Defence to file Final Trial Briefs, and schedule a hearing for closing statements.

III. DISCUSSION

A. CLOSURE OF EVIDENTIARY PROCEEDINGS

3. The evidentiary proceedings are declared to be closed pursuant to Rule 134(a).

4. The Registry shall file a consolidated list of all items admitted into the evidentiary record by **Friday, 14 August 2026**.

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, F00974, Single Trial Judge, [Third Scheduling Order](#), 3 August 2026, public.

³ KSC-BC-2023-12, CRSPD341, *Email from SPO to Single Trial Judge re F00974*, 3 August 2026, 20:03 (notified 4 August 2026), confidential.

B. FINAL TRIAL BRIEFS, REPLIES AND CLOSING STATEMENTS

5. Pursuant to Rule 134(b) and (d), and in accordance with the provisional deadlines set out in the Third Scheduling Order:

- (i) Final Trial Briefs, if any, shall be filed by **Monday, 24 August 2026, at 4 p.m.**;
- (ii) Reply Briefs,⁴ if any, shall be filed by **Friday, 4 September 2026**; and
- (iii) Hearings for closing statements are scheduled for **10, 11 and 14 September 2026**.⁵

6. As sentence will be determined as part of the Trial Judgment if any of the Accused is found guilty,⁶ the Parties are invited, if they wish, to make any submissions concerning sentencing in their briefs and/or closing statements.

7. Any requests by the Accused to attend the closing statements *via* video-conference shall be made by way of written filing by **Friday, 14 August 2026**.

8. Estimates of the time required for closing statements shall be provided by **Monday, 31 August 2026**. Any visual aids intended for use during closing statements shall be communicated through the Registry's Court Management Unit by **Monday, 7 September 2026**.

C. REVIEW OF MR THAÇI'S DETENTION CONDITIONS

9. The Single Trial Judge recalls that he decided to review Mr Thaçi's detention conditions upon the close of the presentation of evidence in this case.⁷ To this end, the Registrar is ordered to submit a report on the implementation

⁴ KSC-BC-2023-12, F00642, Single Trial Judge, [Decision on the Conduct of Proceedings](#), 22 December 2025, public, para. 44.

⁵ KSC-BC-2023-12, F00974, Single Trial Judge, [Third Scheduling Order](#), 3 August 2026, public, para. 10.

⁶ KSC-BC-2023-12, F00890/RED, Single Trial Judge, [Public Redacted Version of Order on the Further Conduct of Proceedings](#), 4 May 2026, public, paras 30, 31(i).

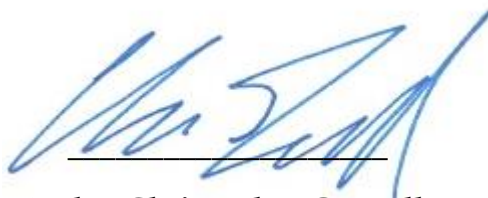
⁷ KSC-BC-2023-12, F00675/RED, Single Trial Judge, [Public Redacted Version of Second Decision on Review of Hashim Thaçi's Detention Conditions](#), 16 January 2026 (date of public redacted version, 16 March 2026), public, para. 28.

of the restrictions on Mr Thaçi's non-privileged visits since her last report by **Wednesday, 19 August 2026**. The SPO shall thereafter make submissions on the continued need for restrictions by **Wednesday, 26 August 2026**. The Defence for Mr Thaçi ("Thaçi Defence") may respond, if it so wishes, by **Wednesday, 2 September 2026**.

IV. DISPOSITION

10. For the above reasons, the Single Trial Judge hereby:

- a. **ANNOUNCES** that the evidentiary proceedings are closed;
- b. **ORDERS** the Registry to file a consolidated list of all items admitted into the evidentiary record by **Friday, 14 August 2026**;
- c. **ORDERS** the Parties to file any Final Trial Briefs by **Monday, 24 August 2026, at 4 p.m.** and any Reply Briefs by **Friday, 4 September 2026**;
- d. **SCHEDULES** the hearing for the closing statements for **10, 11 and 14 September 2026**;
- e. **ORDERS** the Parties to comply with the directions set out in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the present order; and
- f. **ORDERS** the Registry, the SPO and the Thaçi Defence, if it wishes, to file submissions on the review of Mr Thaçi's detention conditions as set out in paragraph 9 of the present order.



Judge Christopher Gosnell
Single Trial Judge

Dated this Wednesday, 5 August 2026

At The Hague, the Netherlands.