



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

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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Scheduling Order for Closing Statements

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

1. Closing statements in this case are scheduled for 10, 11 and 14 September 2026.² Consistent with previous practice,³ the Single Trial Judge sets out this schedule for closing statements based on the Parties' own time-estimates and pursuant to the procedures prescribed by Rule 135.

2. The times allocated for the Parties' closing statements are as follows:

- SPO: 3 hours
- Taçi Defence: 2 hours
- Smakaj Defence: 1.5 hours
- Kilaj Defence: 2 hours
- Fazliu Defence: 2 hours
- Kuçi Defence: 45 minutes

3. Rule 135(4) provides for "responses" by the SPO, and for "comments" on such "responses" by the Defence. The time for "responses" and "comments" is allocated as follows:

- SPO: 1 hour
- Taçi Defence: 30 minutes
- Smakaj Defence, Kilaj Defence, Fazliu Defence and Kuçi Defence: 15 minutes each

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, F00975, Single Trial Judge, *Order Closing Evidentiary Proceedings*, 5 August 2026, public, para. 10(d).

³ KSC-BC-2020-06, F03639, Trial Panel II, *Notice Regarding the Close of Evidentiary Proceedings*, 18 December 2025, public.

4. The Parties are advised that hearings on 10, 11 and 14 September 2026 will commence at 9:30 a.m. and may continue until 5:15 p.m.⁴ The Single Trial Judge may pose questions to the Parties at any time.



Judge Christopher Gosnell
Single Trial Judge

Dated this Monday, 7 September 2026

At The Hague, the Netherlands.

⁴ Unless otherwise ordered, breaks will be held at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.