



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEĆA KOSOVA

In: KSC-BC-2020-06
The Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi

Before: Pre-Trial Judge
Judge Nicolas Guillou

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

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Notification of Arrest of Kadri Veseli Pursuant to Rule 55(4)

Specialist Prosecutor's Office

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1. Pursuant to Rule 55(4) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers ('Rules')¹, when a person is arrested in Kosovo pursuant to an arrest warrant issued by the Specialist Chambers, the competent authorities shall promptly notify the Registrar, who shall immediately inform the President, the Panel, and the Parties. The Registrar hereby informs of the arrest of Mr Kadri Veseli ('Mr Veseli') in Kosovo by the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO').
2. On 26 October 2020, the Pre-Trial Judge issued a strictly confidential and *ex parte* decision² confirming charges against Mr Veseli for crimes against humanity punishable under Articles 13 and 16(1)(a) of the Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('Law')³ and war crimes punishable under Articles 14(1)(c) and 16(1)(a) of the Law.
3. On 26 October 2020, the Pre-Trial Judge also issued a strictly confidential and *ex parte* decision granting the SPO's request for an arrest warrant and transfer order ('Decision on Arrest and Transfer').⁴ In the Decision on Arrest and Transfer, the Pre-Trial Judge directed the SPO to serve and execute the arrest warrant in Kosovo.⁵
4. At approximately 11:45 on 5 November 2020, the SPO informed the Registrar that Mr Veseli was arrested by the SPO in Kosovo on 5 November 2020.
5. The Registrar will submit a report on the arrest and transfer of Mr Veseli to the Pre-Trial Judge before the initial appearance, in accordance with the Decision on Arrest and Transfer.⁶

¹ Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, as amended on 29 and 30 April 2020.

² Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment Against Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi, KSC-BC-2020-06/F00026, 26 October 2020, strictly confidential and *ex parte*.

³ Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office, 3 August 2015.

⁴ Decision on Request for Arrest Warrants and Transfer Orders, KSC-BC-2020-06/F00027, 26 October 2020, strictly confidential and *ex parte*.

⁵ KSC-BC-2020-06/F00027, para. 49(c).

⁶ KSC-BC-2020-06/F00027, para. 49(g).

6. This notification is submitted as strictly confidential and *ex parte* consistent with the current classification of the Decision on Arrest and Transfer.

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Registrar

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At The Hague, the Netherlands