

In: KSC-BC-2020-07

The Prosecutor v. Hysni Gucati and Nasim Haradinaj

Before: Pre-Trial Judge

Judge Nicolas Guillou

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

Date: 15 December 2020

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Decision Rescheduling the Date for the Initial Appearance of Mr Haradinaj

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THE PRE-TRIAL JUDGE,¹ pursuant to Article 39(4) of the Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("Law") and Rules 87(6) and 92(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers ("Rules"), hereby renders this decision.

- 1. On 14 December 2020, further to the confirmation of an indictment against Hysni Gucati and Nasim Haradinaj ("Mr Haradinaj"),² the Pre-Trial Judge issued a decision setting, *inter alia*, the date for their initial appearances.³
- 2. On 15 December 2020, Counsel for Mr Haradinaj submitted a request for the postponement of his client's initial appearance, so that he is accorded more time to discuss the indictment with Mr Haradinaj and to prepare for the hearing.⁴
- 3. In light of the aforementioned reasons, the Pre-Trial Judge hereby:
 - a) **DECIDES** to convene the hearing on the initial appearance of Mr Haradinaj on **Friday**, **18 December 2020**, **at 14:00 hours**; and
 - b) **ORDERS** Counsel for Mr Haradinaj to submit a public redacted version of his postponement request (F00077) or to indicate that it may be classified as public.

Judge Nicolas Guillou

Pre-Trial Judge

Dated this Tuesday, 15 December 2020 At The Hague, the Netherlands.

¹ KSC-BC-2020-07, F00061, President, Decision Assigning a Pre-Trial Judge, 29 October 2020, public.

² KSC-BC-2020-07, F00074, Pre-Trial Judge, *Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment*, 11 December 2020, strictly confidential and *ex parte*. The confirmed Indictment charges Mr Gucati and Mr Haradinaj with offences under Articles 387, 388, 392 and 401 of the KCC, by virtue of Article 15(2) of the Law. F00075/A02, Specialist Prosecutor, *Redacted Indictment*, 14 December 2020, public.

³ KSC-BC-2020-07, F00076, Pre-Trial Judge, *Decision Setting the Date for the Initial Appearance and Related Matters*, 14 December 2020, public.

⁴ KSC-BC-2020-07, F00077, Defence for Mr Haradinaj, *Urgent Request to Postpone the Initial Appearance to December 18*, 2020, 14 December 2020 (filed on 15 December 2020), confidential, para. 4 (pp. 2-3).