



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
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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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Decision on Joint Defence Request for Extension of Time Limit

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THE PRE-TRIAL JUDGE,¹ pursuant to Rule 9(5)(a) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“Rules”), hereby renders this decision.

1. On 22 January 2021, the Pre-Trial Judge rejected the applications for interim release of each of the Accused in this case.² The decisions of the Pre-Trial Judge were subsequently appealed by the Accused.³
2. On 16 February 2021, the Pre-Trial Judge ordered the Defence for each of the Accused to provide their submissions on whether reasons for continued detention still exist (“Submissions on Detention”) by Friday, 26 February 2021.⁴
3. On 23 February 2020, the Defence for the Accused filed a joint request for an extension of the time limit to provide their respective Submissions on Detention, if necessary, until ten days of receipt of the relevant decision issued by the Court of Appeals Panel on their respective pending appeals (“Request for Extension of

¹ KSC-BC-2020-06, F00001, President, *Decision Assigning a Pre-Trial Judge*, 23 April 2020, public.

² KSC-BC-2020-06, F00177/RED, Pre-Trial Judge, *Public Redacted Version of Decision on Hashim Thaçi’s Application for Interim Release*, 22 January 2021, public; F00178, Pre-Trial Judge, *Decision on Kadri Veseli’s Application for Interim Release*, 22 January 2021, public; F00179/RED, Pre-Trial Judge, *Public Redacted Version of Decision on Rexhep Selimi’s Application for Interim Release*, 22 January 2021, public; F00180/RED, Pre-Trial Judge, *Public Redacted Version of Decision on Jakup Krasniqi’s Application for Interim Release*, 22 January 2021, public.

³ KSC-BC-2020-06/IA001, F00001, Defence for Kadri Veseli, *Defence Request to Appeal the “Decision on Kadri Veseli’s Application for Interim Release”*, 1 February 2021, public; KSC-BC-2020-06/IA002, F00001/RED, Defence for Jakup Krasniqi, *Public Redacted Version of Krasniqi Defence Appeal Against Decision on Jakup Krasniqi’s Application for Interim Release*, KSC-BC-2020-06/IA002-F00001, dated 3 February 2021, 3 February 2021, public, with Annex 1, public; KSC-BC-2020-06/IA003, F00001/RED, Defence for Rexhep Selimi, *Public Redacted Version of Appeal against Decision on Rexhep Selimi’s Application for Interim Release*, KSC-BC-2020-06/IA003-F00001, dated 3 February 2021, 3 February 2021, public; KSC-BC-2020-06/IA004, F00001/RED, Defence for Hashim Thaçi, *Public Redacted Version of Thaçi Defence Appeal against the “Decision on Hashim Thaçi’s Application for Interim Release”*, 3 February 2021, public, with Annexes 1-2, public.

⁴ KSC-BC-2020-06, Transcript, 16 February 2021, p. 318, lines 17-23.

Time”).⁵ They submit that good cause exists for the requested extension, as the Submissions on Detention would benefit from being made following receipt and consideration of the decisions of the Court of Appeals Panel on their respective appeals.⁶

4. Pursuant to Rule 9(5)(a) of the Rules, the Pre-Trial Judge may, *proprio motu* or upon a showing of good cause, extend or reduce any time limit prescribed by the Rules or set by the Pre-Trial Judge.

5. Having considered the reasons put forward by the Defence for each of the Accused, specifically the fact that their Submissions on Detention would benefit from considering the impending decisions of the Court of Appeals Panel, the Pre-Trial Judge finds that good cause has been shown, warranting the requested extension of time. In this context, the Pre-Trial Judge further notes that the Accused have waived their right to have their detention reviewed before the expiry of the two-month time limit set out in Law No.05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office and the Rules.⁷

6. For the above-mentioned reasons, the Pre-Trial Judge hereby:

GRANTS the Request for Extension of Time and **VARIES** the time limit for the Defence for each of the Accused to make their respective submissions on whether reasons for the continued detention of the Accused still exist until **ten days after notification of the respective decision of the Court of Appeals Panel** on their pending appeals against the Pre-Trial Judge’s decisions denying interim release.

⁵ KSC-BC-2020-06, F00205, Defence for Hashim Thaçi, Defence for Kadri Veseli, Defence for Rexhep Selimi, Defence for Jakup Krasniqi, *Joint Defence Request for an Extension of Time*, 23 February 2021, public.

⁶ Request for Extension of Time, paras 4, 6.

⁷ Request for Extension of Time, para. 5.

Responses and replies to these submissions shall follow the timeline set out in Rule 76 of the Rules.



Judge Nicolas Guillou
Pre-Trial Judge

Dated this Wednesday, 24 February 2021
At The Hague, the Netherlands.