In: KSC-BC-2020-06

Specialist Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep

Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi

Before: Pre-Trial Judge

Judge Nicolas Guillou

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

Filing Participant: Counsel for Kadri Veseli

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Veseli Defence Notification pursuant to Decision KSC-BC-2020-06-F/00206

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I. RELEVANT PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

- 1. In his decision on the *Joint Defence Request for Extension of Time Limit,*¹ the Pre-Trial Judge ordered the Parties to submit detention review observations "ten days after notification of the [...] decision of the Court of Appeals Panel" on the denial of interim release for all the accused in this case.
- 2. On 30 April 2021, the Appeals Panel denied Mr Kadri Veseli's appeal on interim release.² Mr Veseli thus remains in the custody of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers.

II. NOTIFICATION

- 3. The Defence for Mr Kadri Veseli ("Defence") hereby notifies the Pre-Trial Judge that, without prejudice to any future application for interim release, it will not make submissions on detention review at this stage.
- 4. More particularly, the Defence notes Rule 57(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers as it stands after the third revision of the Rules and reserves its right to petition the Pre-Trial Judge "at any time [....] where a change in circumstances since the last review has occurred".³

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¹ KSC-BC-2020-06/F00206.

² IA001-F00005.

³ Before petitioning the Pre-Trial Judge with such a request, the Defence wishes to analyse, inter alia, the Registrar's reports on the execution of the custodial visit ordered by virtue of Decision F/00271 and to seek further information from persons in Kosovo.