



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
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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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'Report of the Registrar pursuant to Decision on Veseli Defence Request for Temporary Release on Compassionate Grounds', filing F00294 dated 12 May 2021

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1. On 28 April 2021, Mr Kadri Veseli ('Mr Veseli') requested immediate temporary release on compassionate grounds.¹ Pursuant to the decision of the Pre-Trial Judge on Mr Veseli's request ('Decision'),² the Registrar hereby reports to the Pre-Trial Judge on the implementation of the Decision.

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

2. On 28 April 2021, Mr Veseli requested immediate temporary release on compassionate grounds for a period of seven days to visit his father in grave condition ('Request').³ The Registrar filed submissions on the Request the same day ('Registry Submissions').⁴

3. On 29 April 2021, the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO') responded to the Request ('SPO Response'), and Mr Veseli replied to the Registry Submissions and the SPO Response.⁵

4. On 30 April 2021, the Pre-Trial Judge issued the Decision on Mr Veseli's request, authorising Mr Veseli's temporary transfer to Kosovo for a custodial visit for a maximum duration of four days, including travel, and under certain conditions.⁶

5. The Pre-Trial Judge requested the Registry to provide regular updates throughout the custodial visit and to file a report on the implementation of the Decision within a week of the visit's completion.⁷

¹ KSC-BC-2020-06, F00265, Urgent Veseli Defence Request for Temporary Release on Compassionate Grounds ('Request'), 28 April 2021, confidential and *ex parte*. A public redacted version was issued on 6 May 2021.

² F00271, Decision on Veseli Defence Request for Temporary Release on Compassionate Grounds ('Decision'), 30 April 2021, confidential and *ex parte*, para. 24. A public redacted version was issued on 11 May 2021.

³ Request, paras 1, 9-12, 29.

⁴ F00267, Registrar's Submissions on Veseli Defence Request for Temporary Release on Compassionate Grounds, 28 April 2021, confidential and *ex parte*. A confidential redacted version was filed the following day.

⁵ F00268, Prosecution Response to Urgent Veseli Release Request ('SPO's Response'), 29 April 2021, confidential and *ex parte*.

⁶ Decision, para. 18(a)-(l).

⁷ Decision, para. 24.

6. On 3 May 2021, Mr Veseli requested a modification of the conditions set forth in the Decision in order to visit his mother, who is confined to her bed on account of severe infirmity.⁸ The Pre-Trial Judge granted the request on 4 May 2021.⁹

II. REPORT

7. The secure and temporary transfer of Mr Veseli to Kosovo for the purpose of a custodial visit took place between 2 and 5 May 2021. The Registry provided the Pre-Trial Judge with regular updates throughout the custodial visit.

8. On 2 May 2021, Mr Veseli was transferred to a secure facility in Kosovo, where he remained at all times in the custody of the Specialist Chambers. Mr Veseli was escorted and in sight of escorting officer(s) at all times. In addition, health precautions in line with COVID-19 protocols were observed.

9. Mr Veseli visited his father on two occasions [REDACTED], as well as his mother [REDACTED].

10. Mr Veseli also received [REDACTED] visits from other immediate family members [REDACTED], following approval of the chief custody officer and upon proof of identity. [REDACTED]. Mr Veseli was not permitted to meet or otherwise have contact with any other persons.

11. [REDACTED].

12. On 5 May 2021, Mr Veseli was transferred back to the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers in The Hague, the Netherlands.

13. Mr Veseli abided by the instructions of the chief custody officer and the escorting officers. [REDACTED].

14. Cooperation with external partners was highly effective and ensured a successful operation.

⁸ F00274, Urgent Veseli Defence Request for Modification of Decision KSC-BC-2020-06/F00271, 3 May 2021, confidential and *ex parte*, paras 8-9. A public redacted version was issued on 6 May 2021.

⁹ F00276, Decision on Veseli Defence Request for Modification of Decision KSC-BC-2020-06/F00271, 4 May 2021, confidential and *ex parte*. A public redacted version was issued on 11 May 2021.

15. The Registrar confirms that the relevant security measures were observed in carrying out the custodial conditions imposed by the Pre-Trial Judge in the Decision.

III. CLASSIFICATION

16. This report is filed as confidential and *ex parte* pursuant to Rule 82(4) of the Rules. The Registrar will file a public redacted version of this report.

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