



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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**“Report of the Registrar pursuant to Second Decision on Veseli Defence Request for Temporary Release on Compassionate Grounds” (F00403), dated 16 July 2021**

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1. On 7 July 2021, Mr Kadri Veseli ('Mr Veseli') requested a custodial visit to Kosovo on compassionate grounds.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the decision of the Pre-Trial Judge on Mr Veseli's request ('Decision'),<sup>2</sup> the Registrar hereby reports to the Pre-Trial Judge on the implementation of the Decision.

## I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

2. On 7 July 2021, Mr Veseli requested that he be afforded an immediate custodial visit to Kosovo on compassionate grounds, for a period of seven days, due to the death of his father ('Request').<sup>3</sup> The Specialist Prosecutor<sup>4</sup> and the Registrar<sup>5</sup> filed submissions on the Request the same day.

3. On 8 July 2021, the Pre-Trial Judge issued the Decision on Mr Veseli's request, authorising Mr Veseli's temporary transfer to a secure facility in Kosovo, where he would remain in the custody of the Specialist Chambers ('SC') and under escort at all times, for a maximum period of three days and under certain conditions.<sup>6</sup> The Pre-Trial Judge also ordered, *inter alia*, that Mr Veseli only be transported from the secure facility to visit his mother [REDACTED] and that he only be permitted to have visits with pre-identified immediate family members, with the approval of the chief custody officer and upon presentation of proof of identity, both at [REDACTED] and the SC's secure facility.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00383, Urgent Request for a Custodial Visit on Compassionate Grounds ('Request'), 7 July 2021, confidential and *ex parte*. A public redacted version was filed on 12 July 2021.

<sup>2</sup> F00386, Second Decision on Veseli Defence Request for Temporary Release on Compassionate Grounds ('Second Decision'), 8 July 2021, confidential and *ex parte*, para. 21. A public redacted version was issued on 16 July 2021.

<sup>3</sup> Request, para. 13.

<sup>4</sup> F00384, Urgent Prosecution Response to Urgent Veseli Request for Custodial Visit, 7 July 2021, confidential and *ex parte*. This filing was reclassified as public on 16 July 2021.

<sup>5</sup> F00385, Registrar's Submissions on Urgent Request for a Custodial Visit on Compassionate Grounds, 7 July 2021, confidential and *ex parte*. A public redacted version was filed on 15 July 2021.

<sup>6</sup> Decision, para. 15.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid*.

4. The Pre-Trial Judge ordered 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 custodial visit's completion.<sup>8</sup>

5. On 9 July 2021, Mr Veseli requested a modification of the conditions governing his custodial visit to Kosovo, asking that he be permitted: i) to visit his father's graveside; and ii) to visit with 13 other second degree relatives in addition to his immediate family members.<sup>9</sup> The Specialist Prosecutor<sup>10</sup> and the Registrar<sup>11</sup> responded the same day, and Mr Veseli replied to those submissions.<sup>12</sup>

6. On 9 July 2021, the Pre-Trial Judge granted Mr Veseli's request to visit his father's graveside under certain conditions, and granted, in part, an extension of the immediate circle of family members with whom Mr Veseli could meet, also under certain conditions.<sup>13</sup>

## II. REPORT

7. The secure and temporary transfer of Mr Veseli to Kosovo for the purpose of a custodial visit following the death of his father took place between 10 and 12 July 2021. The Registry provided the Pre-Trial Judge with regular updates throughout the custodial visit, as specified in the Decision.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Decision, para. 21.

<sup>9</sup> F00388, Urgent Veseli Defence Request for Modification of Decision KSC-BC-2020-06/F00386, 9 July 2021, confidential and *ex parte*. A public redacted version was filed on 12 July 2021.

<sup>10</sup> F00389, Urgent Prosecution Response to Urgent Veseli Request for Modification, 9 July 2021, confidential and *ex parte*. This filing was reclassified as public on 16 July 2021.

<sup>11</sup> F00390, Registrar's Submissions on Urgent Request for Veseli Defence Request for Modification of Decision KSC-BC-2020-06/F00386, 9 July 2021, confidential and *ex parte*. A public redacted version was filed on 15 July 2021.

<sup>12</sup> F00391, Urgent Veseli Defence Reply to the Registrar's Observations on the Modification of the Terms for the Second Custodial Visit, 9 July 2021, confidential and *ex parte*.

<sup>13</sup> F00392, Decision on Veseli Defence Request for Modification of Decision KSC-BC-2020-06/F00386, 9 July 2021, confidential and *ex parte*, para. 14. A public redacted version was issued on 16 July 2021.

<sup>14</sup> Decision, para. 21.

8. On 10 July 2021, Mr Veseli was transferred to a secure facility in Kosovo, where he remained in the custody of the SC and under escort at all times. In addition, health precautions in line with COVID-19 protocols were observed.

9. Upon his arrival in Kosovo on 10 July 2021, Mr Veseli visited his father's graveside in the company of an escorting officer. Immediately thereafter, Mr Veseli was transported to visit his mother [REDACTED].

10. [REDACTED], Mr Veseli first visited with his mother, and then with two small groups of authorised visitors, after verification of identity. The first group of visitors consisted of six immediate family members and a second-degree relative.<sup>15</sup> The second group of visitors consisted of four immediate family members. Mr Veseli was not permitted to be alone with his mother or any of the above family members at any time, and no unauthorised persons were permitted to have contact with Mr Veseli during the visit. Visits [REDACTED] were conducted in the sight and within the hearing of the chief custody officer and/or escorting officer(s), with the assistance of a SC interpreter.

11. The next day, at the secure facility, Mr Veseli had in-person visits with two small groups of authorised visitors, upon verification of identity. [REDACTED]. Visits at the secure facility were conducted in the sight and within the hearing of the chief custody officer and/or escorting officer(s), with the assistance of a SC interpreter.

12. The first group of visitors consisted of three second-degree relatives and an immediate family member.<sup>16</sup> The second group of visitors consisted of four immediate family members. No unauthorised persons were permitted to meet or otherwise have contact with Mr Veseli at the secure facility.

13. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED].

14. As ordered by the Pre-Trial Judge, Mr Veseli did not have access to communication devices or other means of communication, including pen and paper,

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<sup>15</sup> See Decision, para. 13.

<sup>16</sup> Ibid.

other than as facilitated by the SC. In addition, Mr Veseli was not permitted to pass or receive any items from any person without prior inspection of escorting officer(s) and, where necessary, a SC interpreter.

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

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

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

### III. CLASSIFICATION

18. 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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