

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 Rexhep Selimi

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**Defence Request for an Extension of Time for
Submissions on the Review of Detention**

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1. On 26 November 2021, the Pre-Trial Judge rejected the application for interim release of Mr. Selimi.¹ In the same decision, the Pre-Trial Judge ordered Mr. Selimi “to file submissions on the next review of detention by no later than Friday, 17 December 2021”.² On 8 December 2021, the Defence filed an appeal against this decision.³ A decision on this appeal is not expected until after the winter recess.
2. Pursuant to Rule 9(5)(a) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (“Rules”), the Defence hereby requests a variation of the time limit set by the Pre-Trial Judge to file submissions on the next review of detention in order that such submissions be provided, if necessary, within ten (10) days of receipt of the decision issued by the Court of Appeals Panel in respect of the pending Appeal.
3. Good cause exists for the requested extension. Any future Defence submissions, if required, on a review of detention would substantially benefit from the receipt and consideration of the Appeals Decision. In addition, such extensions of time for detention review submissions have previously been granted on this basis by the Pre-Trial Judge.⁴
4. Considering that the requested extension requires the waiver of the Accused’s right to have his detention reviewed on a two-monthly basis in accordance with Article 41(10) of the Law No.05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office and Rule 57(2) of the Rules, the Defence confirms that, exceptionally, Mr. Selimi waives his right of review of the detention.
5. Therefore, the Defence respectfully requests the Pre-Trial Judge to find that good cause exists pursuant to Rule 9(5)(a) of the Rules for a variation of the time and to order that the submissions on review of detention, should they be necessary, be filed within ten (10) days of receipt of the relevant Appeals Decision.

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¹ F00580, Decision on Remanded Detention Review and Periodic Review of Detention of Rexhep Selimi, 26 November 2021.

² Ibid, para. 85

³ IA015-F00001, Selimi Defence Appeal against “Decision on Remanded Detention Review and Periodic Review of Detention of Rexhep Selimi” with Confidential Annexes 1-2, 8 December 2021.

⁴ F00206, Decision on Joint Defence Request for Extension of Time Limit, 24 February 2021.



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