



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

File number: KSC-CA-2022-01

Before: The President of the Specialist Chambers
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

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Decision Assigning a Court of Appeals Panel

Judges of the Court of Appeals Panel:

Judge Michèle Picard

Judge Kai Ambos

Judge Nina Jørgensen

Specialist Prosecutor's Office:

Jack Smith

Counsel for Hysni Gucati:

Jonathan Elystan Rees

Counsel for Nasim Haradinaj:

Toby Cadman

THE PRESIDENT of the Specialist Chambers (“President”), noting Articles 33(1)(c) and 46 of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office, Rules 172 and 173(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules on Assignment of Specialist Chambers Judges from the Roster of International Judges (“Rules on Assignment”), herewith assigns a Court of Appeals Panel to decide on the “Haradinaj Defence Notice of Appeal of Trial Judgement” and the “Public Redacted Version of Gucati Notice of Appeal re Trial Judgment KSC-BC-2020-07/F00611 [...]”(collectively “Notices of Appeal”).¹

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 18 May 2022, Trial Panel II rendered the “Trial Judgment”, wherein it, *inter alia*, convicted Messrs Hysni Gucati and Nasim Haradinaj of obstructing official persons in performing official duties by serious threat and participation in the common action of a group, intimidation during criminal proceedings and violating the secrecy of proceedings through unauthorised revelation of secret information, identities and personal data of protected witnesses.² The Trial Panel sentenced Messrs Gucati and Haradinaj to four and a half years of imprisonment and a fine of 100 euros.³

2. On 20 June 2020, Messrs Gucati and Hardinaj filed their Notices of Appeal.

¹ F00008, Haradinaj Defence Notice of Appeal of Trial Judgement, 20 June 2022; F00009/RED, Public Redacted Version of Gucati Notice of Appeal re Trial Judgment KSC-BC-2020-07/F00611 (“Judgment”) Pursuant to Art.46(1)(a), (b) and (c) of the Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office (“Law”) and Rule 176(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“Rules”), 20 June 2022.

² KSC-BC-2020-07/F00611, Trial Judgment, 18 May 2022 (confidential), para. 1015. A public redacted version of the Trial Judgment was filed on the same day. See KSC-BC-2020-07/F00611/RED, Public Redacted Version of the Trial Judgment, 18 May 2022.

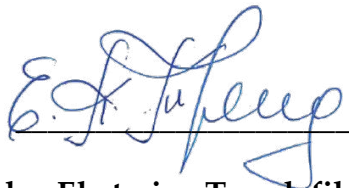
³ Trial Judgment, para. 1017.

III. ASSIGNMENT

3. Having considered the criteria set forth in Rule 4(2) of the Rules on Assignment, including relevant experience and expertise as well as availability at this time,

THE PRESIDENT HEREBY ASSIGNS:**Judge Michèle Picard****Judge Kai Ambos****Judge Nina Jørgensen**

to the Court of Appeals Panel to decide on the appeals against the Trial Judgment.



**Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova,
President of the Specialist Chambers**

Dated this Tuesday, 21 June 2022
At The Hague,
The Netherlands