

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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## Public Redacted Version of Decision on Periodic Review of Detention of Jakup Krasniqi

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THE PRE-TRIAL JUDGE, pursuant to Article 41(6), (10) and (12) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("Law") and Rules 56(2) and 57(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers ("Rules"), hereby renders this decision.

## Ī. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On 4 November 2020, further to the confirmation of an indictment ("Confirmation Decision"),<sup>2</sup> Jakup Krasniqi ("Mr Krasniqi" or "Accused") was arrested pursuant to a decision and an arrest warrant issued by the Pre-Trial Judge.3

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00001, President, Decision Assigning a Pre-Trial Judge, 23 April 2020, public.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00026, Pre-Trial Judge, Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment Against Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi, 26 October 2020, strictly confidential and ex parte. A confidential redacted version was filed on 19 November 2020, F00026/CONF/RED. A public redacted version was filed on 30 November 2020, F00026/RED. The Specialist Prosecutor submitted the confirmed indictment in F00034, Specialist Prosecutor, Submission of Confirmed Indictment and Related Requests, 30 October 2020, confidential, with Annex 1, strictly confidential and ex parte, and Annexes 2-3, confidential; F00045/A03, Specialist Prosecutor, Further Redacted Indictment, 4 November 2020, public; F00134, Specialist Prosecutor, Lesser Redacted Version of Redacted Indictment, KSC-BC-2020-06/F00045/A02, 4 November 2020, 11 December 2020, confidential. A further corrected confirmed indictment was submitted on 3 September 2021, strictly confidential and exparte with confidential redacted (F00455/CONF/RED/A01) and public redacted (F00455/RED/A01) versions. On 17 January 2022, the SPO submitted a confidential, corrected, and lesser redacted version of the confirmed indictment, F00647/A01. A confirmed amended indictment was filed on 29 April 2022, strictly confidential and ex parte (F00789/A01), with confidential redacted (F00789/A02) and public redacted (F00789/A05) versions. On 30 September 2022, the SPO submitted a confirmed further amended indictment ("Confirmed Indictment"), strictly confidential and ex parte (F00999/A01), with confidential redacted (F00999/A02) and public redacted (F00999/A03) versions, as ordered by the Pre-Trial Judge (F00895, Pre-Trial Judge, Decision on Motion Alleging Defects in the Form of the Amended Indictment, 22 July 2022, public, para. 49(e); F00993, Pre-Trial Judge, Decision on the Prosecution Request to Amend the Indictment, 29 September 2022, confidential, para. 24(b); a public redacted version was filed on the same day, F00993/RED).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00027/RED, Pre-Trial Judge, Public Redacted Version of the Decision on Request for Arrest Warrants and Transfer Orders, 26 October 2020, public; F00027/A07/COR/RED, Public Redacted Version of Corrected Version of Arrest Warrant for Jakup Krasniqi, 26 October 2020, public; F00044, Registrar, Notification of Arrest of Jakup Krasniqi Pursuant to Rule 55(4), 4 November 2020, public.

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2. On 22 January 2021, the Pre-Trial Judge rejected Mr Krasniqi's application for

interim release ("First Detention Decision").4

3. On 30 April 2021, the Court of Appeals upheld the First Detention Decision

("First Court of Appeals Decision").5

4. On 25 June 2021, the Pre-Trial Judge ordered Mr Krasniqi's continued

detention ("Second Detention Decision").6

5. On 1 October 2021, the Court of Appeals issued the decision on Mr Krasniqi's

appeal against the Second Detention Decision ("Second Court of Appeals

Decision"), in which it, inter alia, remanded the Second Detention Decision to the

Pre-Trial Judge for further consideration in order to assess whether the Kosovo

Police can effectively enforce the conditions proposed by the Accused or any

further condition identified by the Pre-Trial Judge as necessary to mitigate the

identified risks.8

6. On 13 October 2021, the Pre-Trial Judge ordered the Registrar to provide

information on the detention regime applicable to Mr Krasniqi at the Detention

Facilities of the Specialist Chambers ("Registrar Order"). On 20 October 2021, the

Registrar provided the information requested pursuant to the Registrar Order. 10

<sup>4</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00180, Pre-Trial Judge, Decision on Jakup Krasniqi's Application for Interim Release,

22 January 2021, confidential. A public redacted version was issued on 26 January 2021, F00180/RED.

<sup>5</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, IA002/F00005, Court of Appeals, *Decision on Jakup Krasniqi's Appeal Against Decision on Interim Release*, 30 April 2021, confidential. A public redacted version was issued on the same day, IA002/F00005/RED.

<sup>6</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00371, Pre-Trial Judge, *Decision on Review of Detention of Jakup Krasniqi*, 25 June 2021, confidential. A public redacted version was issued on 30 June 2021, F00371/RED.

<sup>7</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, IA006/F00005, Court of Appeals, *Decision on Jakup Krasniqi's Appeal Against Decision on Review of Detention*, 1 October 2021, confidential. A public redacted version was issued on the same day, IA006/F00005/RED.

<sup>8</sup> Second Court of Appeals Decision, paras 56-58.

<sup>9</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00522, Pre-Trial Judge, *Order to the Registrar to Provide Information on the Detention Regime*, 13 October 2021, confidential, para. 7.

<sup>10</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00536, Registrar, *Registry Submissions Pursuant to the Order to Provide Information on the Detention Regime (F00522)*, 20 October 2021, confidential. A public redacted version was filed on 29 November 2021, F00536/RED.

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7. On 26 October 2021, the Kosovo Police, further to an order by the Pre-Trial

Judge,11 provided information regarding: (i) the authority and capability of the

Kosovo Police to restrict the movements of individuals subject to conditional

release, monitor and restrict such individuals' communications, administer house

arrest, and the enforceability of conditions attaching to interim release; and

(ii) previous instances of enforcing conditions attaching to the interim release or

detention of persons accused of severe crimes ("KP Submissions").12

8. On 26 November 2021, the Pre-Trial Judge issued a decision whereby he

confirmed the Second Detention Decision and ordered Mr Krasniqi's continued

detention ("Third Detention Decision").13

9. On 25 March 2022, the Court of Appeals upheld the Third Detention Decision

("Third Court of Appeals Decision").14

10. On 13 May 2022, the Pre-Trial Judge ordered Mr Krasniqi's continued

detention ("Fourth Detention Decision").15

11. On 25 May 2022, the Defence appealed the Fourth Detention Decision.<sup>16</sup>

12. On 21 June 2022, further to a request by, inter alios, Mr Krasniqi, who also

waived the right to have his detention reviewed before the expiry of the two-

<sup>11</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00513, Pre-Trial Judge, *Order to the Kosovo Police to Provide Information*, 8 October 2021, public, with Annex 1, confidential.

<sup>12</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00548, Kosovo General Police Directorate, *Answer to the Request Number KSC-BC-2020-06, Dated 13 October 2021*, 26 October 2021, confidential. The translation into English of said submission was issued on 3 November 2021, F00548/eng.

<sup>13</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00582, Pre-Trial Judge, *Decision on Remanded Detention Review Decision and Periodic Review of Detention of Jakup Krasniqi*, 26 November 2021, confidential. A public redacted version was issued on 8 December 2021, F00582/RED.

<sup>14</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, IA016/F00005, Court of Appeals, *Decision on Jakup Krasniqi's Appeal Against Decision on Remanded Detention Review and Periodic Review of Detention*, 25 March 2022, confidential. A public redacted version was issued on the same day, IA016/F00005/RED.

<sup>15</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00801, Pre-Trial Judge, *Decision on Periodic Review of Detention of Jakup Krasniqi*, 13 May 2022, confidential and *ex parte*. A confidential redacted version was issued on the same day, F00801/CONF/RED. A public redacted version was issued on 24 May 2022, F00801/RED.

<sup>16</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, IA020/F00001, Specialist Counsel, *Krasniqi Defence Appeal Against Decision on Periodic Review of Detention of Jakup Krasniqi*, 25 May 2022, confidential, with Annex 1, public. A public redacted version was filed on 9 August 2022, IA020/F00001/RED.

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month time limit set out in Article 41(10) of the Law and Rule 57(2) of the Rules,<sup>17</sup>

the Pre-Trial Judge varied the time limits for submissions on the review of

Mr Krasniqi's detention.<sup>18</sup>

13. On 2 August 2022, the Court of Appeals upheld the Fourth Detention

Decision ("Fourth Court of Appeals Decision").19

14. On 19 September 2022, the Pre-Trial Judge ordered Mr Krasniqi's continued

detention ("Fifth Detention Decision").<sup>20</sup>

15. On 24 October 2022, the Specialist Prosecutor's Office ("SPO") filed its

submissions on the review of Mr Krasniqi's detention ("SPO Submissions"). 21 On

31 October 2022, the Defence responded ("Defence Response").<sup>22</sup>

II. SUBMISSIONS

16. The SPO submits that, absent any change in circumstances since the Fourth

Court of Appeals Decision, upholding the Fourth Detention Decision, the

requirements under Article 41(6) of the Law remain satisfied.<sup>23</sup> In particular, the

SPO submits that: (i) the Pre-Trial Judge's finding of a continued grounded

suspicion that Mr Krasniqi has committed crimes within the SC's subject-matter

<sup>17</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00833, Specialist Counsel, *Krasniqi Defence Request for Extension of Time for Submissions on Fourth Detention Review*, 9 June 2022, public, para. 4, with Annex 1, confidential.

<sup>18</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00851, Pre-Trial Judge, Decision on Defence Requests for Extension of Time for Submissions on Fourth Review of Detention, 21 June 2022, public, para. 10.

<sup>19</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, IA020/F00005, Court of Appeals, *Decision on Jakup Krasniqi's Appeal Against Decision on Periodic Review of Detention*, 2 August 2022, confidential. A public redacted version was issued on the same day, IA020/F00005/RED.

<sup>20</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00978, Pre-Trial Judge, *Decision on Periodic Review of Detention of Jakup Krasniqi*, 19 September 2022, confidential. A public redacted version was issued on 23 September 2022, F00978/RED.

<sup>21</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F01053, Specialist Prosecutor, *Prosecution Submissions on Detention Review of Mr Krasniqi*, 24 October 2022, confidential. A public redacted version was filed on 27 October 2022, F01053/RED.

<sup>22</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F01074, Specialist Counsel, *Krasniqi Defence Response to Prosecution Submissions on Detention Review of Mr Krasniqi (F01053)*, 31 October 2022, public.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> SPO Submissions, paras 1-2, 5-6, 8.

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jurisdiction continues to stand;<sup>24</sup> (ii) the risks previously identified, namely of

flight, obstruction to progress of proceedings of the Specialist Chambers ("SC"),

and/or committing further crimes similar to those charged, continue to exist;25

(iii) no alternative measures to detention exist that would sufficiently mitigate

these risks;<sup>26</sup> and (iv) the continued detention of Mr Krasniqi remains

proportionate.27

17. The Defence requests that Mr Krasniqi be released subject to such conditions

as the Pre-Trial Judge may deem appropriate.<sup>28</sup> The Defence argues, in particular,

that the SPO misinterprets the standard for the risk assessment pursuant to

Article 41(6)(b) of the Law,<sup>29</sup> and that there is no evidence of any attempt by (or on

behalf of) Mr Krasniqi to interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the SC

proceedings.<sup>30</sup> Moreover, it avers that detention is no longer proportionate in light

of its length hitherto.31

III. APPLICABLE LAW

18. Pursuant to Article 41(6) of the Law, the SC shall only order the detention of

a person when there is a grounded suspicion that the person has committed a

crime within the jurisdiction of the SC, and there are articulable grounds to believe

that the person: (i) is a flight risk; (ii) will destroy, hide, change or forge evidence

of a crime; or specific circumstances indicate that the person will obstruct the

progress of criminal proceedings; or (iii) will repeat the criminal offence, complete

an attempted crime or commit a crime which he or she has threatened to commit.

<sup>24</sup> SPO Submissions, para. 6 (referring to Fifth Detention Decision, para. 24).

<sup>25</sup> SPO Submissions, paras 1, 7-9.

<sup>26</sup> SPO Submissions, paras 1-2, 10-11.

<sup>27</sup> SPO Submissions, paras 2, 12-13.

<sup>28</sup> Defence Response, para. 14.

<sup>29</sup> Defence Response, paras 2, 9.

<sup>30</sup> Defence Response, paras 2, 10.

<sup>31</sup> Defence Response, paras 2, 11, 13-14.

19. Pursuant to Article 41(10) of the Law and Rule 57(2) of the Rules, until a

judgment is final or until release, upon the expiry of two (2) months from the last

ruling on detention on remand, the Pre-Trial Judge or Panel seized with the case

shall examine whether reasons for detention on remand still exist and render a

ruling by which detention on remand is extended or terminated.

20. Pursuant to Article 41(12) of the Law, in addition to detention on remand, the

following measures may be ordered to ensure the presence of the accused, to

prevent reoffending or ensure successful conduct of criminal proceedings:

summons, arrest, bail, house detention, promise not to leave residence, prohibition

on approaching specific places or persons, attendance at police station or other

venue, and diversion.

21. Pursuant to Rule 56(2) of the Rules, the Panel shall ensure that a person is not

detained for an unreasonable period prior to the opening of the case and, in case

of an undue delay caused by the Specialist Prosecutor, the Panel, having heard the

Parties, may release the person under conditions as deemed appropriate.

IV. DISCUSSION

A. APPLICABLE STANDARD

22. In examining whether the reasons for detention on remand still exist,

pursuant to Article 41(10) of the Law and Rule 57(2) of the Rules, the Pre-Trial

Judge adopts the standard established in previous decisions.<sup>32</sup>

**GROUNDED SUSPICION** 

23. As regards the threshold for continued detention, Article 41(6)(a) of the Law

requires at the outset a grounded suspicion that the detained person has committed a

<sup>32</sup> See, among many others, Third Detention Decision, para. 28, with further references.

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crime within the SC's jurisdiction. This is a *conditio sine qua non* for the validity of the

detained person's continued detention.<sup>33</sup>

24. According to the SPO, the Pre-Trial Judge's finding of a continued grounded

suspicion that Mr Krasniqi has committed crimes within the SC's subject-matter

jurisdiction, continues to stand absent any change in circumstances.<sup>34</sup> The Defence

has not made submissions regarding this criterion in the Defence Response.

25. The Pre-Trial Judge recalls that, in the Confirmation Decision, it was

determined that, pursuant to Article 39(2) of the Law, there is a well-grounded

suspicion that Mr Krasniqi is criminally liable for a number of crimes against

humanity (persecution, imprisonment, other inhumane acts, torture, murder and

enforced disappearance) and war crimes (arbitrary detention, cruel treatment,

torture and murder) under Articles 13, 14(1)(c) and 16(1)(a) of the Law.35

Moreover, the Pre-Trial Judge recalls that a well-grounded suspicion has also been

established with regard to the new charges brought by the SPO against

Mr Krasniqi with the requested amendments to the indictment.<sup>36</sup> These findings

were made on the basis of a standard exceeding the grounded suspicion threshold

required for the purposes of Article 41(6)(a) of the Law.<sup>37</sup>

26. Accordingly, and absent any change in circumstances in this regard since the

Confirmation Decision and the confirmation of the amendments to the

<sup>33</sup> ECtHR, *Merabishvili v. Georgia* [GC], no. 72508/13, <u>Judgment</u>, 28 November 2017, para. 222, with further references.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> SPO Submissions, para. 6 (referring to Fifth Detention Decision, para. 24).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Confirmation Decision, para. 521(a)(i)-(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Fourth Detention Decision, para. 38; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 24; KSC-BC-2020-06, F00777, Pre-Trial Judge, *Decision on the Confirmation of Amendments to the Indictment*, 22 April 2022, strictly confidential and *ex parte*, para. 183. A confidential redacted version (F00777/CONF/RED) and a public redacted version (F00777/RED) were filed, respectively, on 22 April 2022 and 6 May 2022. The requested amendments are detailed at para. 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> See, for example, KSC-BC-2020-04, F00007/RED, Pre-Trial Judge, *Public Redacted Version of the Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment Against Pjetër Shala*, 12 June 2020, public, para. 35.

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indictment,<sup>38</sup> the Pre-Trial Judge finds that the requirement set forth in Article 41(6)(a) and (10) of the Law continues to be met.

## C. Necessity of Detention

27. Once the threshold in Article 41(6)(a) of the Law is met, the grounds that would justify the deprivation of a person's liberty must be articulable in the sense that they must be specified in detail.<sup>39</sup> The Pre-Trial Judge further recalls that, on the basis of the available evidence, the specific articulable grounds must support the "belief" that any of the risks under the three limbs of Article 41(6)(b) of the Law exists, denoting an acceptance of the possibility, not the inevitability, of a future occurrence. In other words, the standard to be applied is less than certainty, but more than a mere possibility of a risk materialising. Lastly, when deciding on whether a person should be released or detained, the Pre-Trial Judge must consider alternative measures to prevent the risks in Article 41(6)(b) of the Law.

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<sup>38</sup> See fn. 36 above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, IA001/F00005, Court of Appeals, *Decision on Kadri Veseli's Appeal Against Decision on Interim Release*, 30 April 2021, public, paras 18-19; First Detention Decision, para. 18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> See chapeau of Article 41(6)(b) of the Law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> First Detention Decision, para. 18; *see also* KSC-BC-2020-05, F00127, Trial Panel I, *Fourth Decision on Review of Detention*, 25 May 2021, public, para. 17, with further references.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> First Court of Appeals Decision, para. 26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> As regards the obligation to consider "alternative measures", see KSC-CC-PR-2017-01, F00004, Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court, Judgment on the Referral of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Adopted by Plenary on 17 March 2017, 26 April 2017, public, para. 114. See also ECtHR, Buzadji v. the Republic of Moldova [GC] ("Buzadji v. the Republic of Moldova [GC]"), no. 23755/07, Judgment, 5 July 2016, para. 87 in fine; Idalov v. Russia [GC], no. 5826/03, Judgment, 22 May 2012, para. 140 in fine.

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1. Risk of Flight

28. According to the SPO, absent any change in circumstances since the Fifth

Detention Decision, Mr Krasniqi continues to pose a risk of flight, as he still has

an incentive and the means to evade the proceedings.44

29. The Defence replies, in particular, that: (i) the passage of almost two years

since Mr Krasniqi's arrest is itself a change in circumstances which should be

considered in the present detention review;<sup>45</sup> and (ii) Mr Krasniqi's good conduct

and the absence of any real risk shown by the SPO over the last two years

constitute sufficient proof that there is no basis for Mr Krasniqi's continued

detention.46

30. Having examined, as they currently stand, the factors and circumstances

regarding a risk of flight invoked in the decisions reviewing Mr Krasniqi's

detention, the Pre-Trial Judge remains satisfied that they continue to exist. More

specifically, the Pre-Trial Judge considers that Mr Krasniqi: (i) has been made

aware of the charges against him and the possibility of a serious sentence in the

event of a conviction;<sup>47</sup> and (ii) even though Mr Krasniqi is now retired and no

longer holds public positions, 48 he continues to play a significant role in Kosovo

on the basis of the previous positions he occupied.<sup>49</sup> With respect to the latter, the

Pre-Trial Judge recalls the Court of Appeals findings that the Pre-Trial Judge did

not err in finding that Mr Krasniqi continues to enjoy an influential position in

Kosovo due to his former functions.<sup>50</sup> Hence, the Pre-Trial Judge still considers

<sup>44</sup> SPO Submissions, para. 8 (referring to Fifth Detention Decision, paras 29-30).

<sup>45</sup> Defence Response, para. 11 (referring to ECtHR, Neumeister v. Austria, no. 1936/63, <u>Judgment</u> ("Neumeister v. Austria"), 27 June 1968, p. 35, para. 10.

<sup>46</sup> Defence Response, para. 12.

<sup>47</sup> First Detention Decision, para. 29; Second Detention Decision, para. 29; Third Detention Decision, para. 37; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 42; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 29.

<sup>48</sup> See also First Detention Decision, para. 36.

<sup>49</sup> Second Detention Decision, para. 36; Third Detention Decision, para. 37; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 42; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 29.

<sup>50</sup> First Court of Appeals Decision, para. 52; Second Court of Appeals Decision, para. 27.

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that, despite two years having passed since Mr Krasniqi's arrest,51 there is the

incentive and means to evade proceedings. In particular, the influence

Mr Krasniqi continues to derive from these roles may assist him in evading SC

proceedings by, for instance, securing access to relevant information, and

obtaining funds and means to travel.<sup>52</sup> Thus, and contrary to the Defence's

submissions,53 the Pre-Trial Judge's findings in this regard are neither based solely

on the severity of the crimes charged, nor on generalisations.

31. In light of the above, and notwithstanding the counter-balancing factors

identified in the First Detention Decision,54 the Pre-Trial Judge finds that a

moderate risk of flight in relation to Mr Krasniqi continues to exist.

2. Risk of Obstructing the Progress of SC Proceedings

32. According to the SPO, a risk of obstruction remains, considering that

Mr Krasniqi maintains his position of influence, and considering, inter alia:

(i) prior statements made by him; (ii) an already established [REDACTED]; and

(iii) his increasing insight into evidence underpinning the charges against him.<sup>55</sup>

The SPO further submits that these factors must be considered in the persisting

climate of witness intimidation and interference in criminal proceedings involving

KLA members.<sup>56</sup>

33. The Defence argues that there continues to be no convincing evidence of any

attempt by, or on behalf of, Mr Krasniqi to interfere with witnesses or to otherwise

<sup>51</sup> With respect to the case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) cited by the Defence in this regard (*see* fn. 45 above), the Pre-Trial Judge considers that, according to the ECtHR, the time spent in detention thus far is only one of many factors to be taken into account (*see* ECtHR, *Neumeister* 

v. Austria, p. 35, para. 10).

<sup>52</sup> Fourth Detention Decision, para. 42; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 29.

<sup>53</sup> Defence Response, para. 12.

<sup>54</sup> First Detention Decision, para. 30.

<sup>55</sup> SPO Submissions, para. 8 (referring to Fifth Detention Decision, paras 33-37).

<sup>56</sup> SPO Submissions, para. 8.

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obstruct SC proceedings.<sup>57</sup> Moreover, the Defence avers that the passage of two years of detention on remand diminishes any risk of interference with

witnesses or of other obstruction of SC proceedings.<sup>58</sup>

34. The Pre-Trial Judge recalls his previous findings that there is a risk of Mr Krasniqi obstructing SC proceedings based on, *inter alia*, his position of influence, his public statements criticising the SC, the content of a 24 April 2020

Facebook post targeting "collaborators" and [REDACTED].59

35. Furthermore, as a former political leader and former KLA deputy

commander, Mr Krasniqi still holds a position of influence in Kosovo,60 which,

[REDACTED], allows for the reasonable conclusion that it is possible 61 for

Mr Krasniqi to [REDACTED].62

36. The Pre-Trial Judge maintains his view that there is a persisting climate of intimidation of witnesses and interference with criminal proceedings against

former KLA members in Kosovo, which, even though not determinative in and of

itself, provides the context against which Mr Krasniqi's [REDACTED] and his

position of influence must be considered.63 In this regard, the Pre-Trial Judge

recalls that in relation to the assessment of previously proposed conditions of

interim release, the Court of Appeals confirmed that the persisting climate of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Defence Response, paras 2, 10 (referring to First Court of Appeals Decision, para. 25).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Defence Response, para. 13 (*referring to ECtHR*, *Clooth v. Belgium*, no. 12718/87, <u>Judgment</u> ["*Clooth v. Belgium*"], 12 December 1991, paras 43, 45-46).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> First Detention Decision, paras 36, 39; Second Detention Decision, paras 35, 37; Third Detention Decision, paras 42-43. *See also* Fourth Detention Decision, para. 48; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 33; Second Court of Appeals Decision, para. 30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> First Court of Appeals Decision, para. 52; Second Detention Decision, para. 36; Second Court of Appeals Decision, para. 27; Third Detention Decision, para. 44; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 49; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 34.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> The Pre-Trial Judge recalls that the standard to be applied is less than certainty, but more than a mere possibility of a risk materialising, *see* para. 27 above, *referring to* First Court of Appeals Decision, para. 26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Second Detention Decision, para. 38; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 49; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 34.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> First Detention Decision, para. 38; Second Detention Decision, para. 38; Third Detention Decision, para. 45; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 50; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 35.

witness intimidation and interference in Kosovo are relevant "contextual considerations".64 As regards the Defence's argument that there is no evidence of any attempt of interference or obstruction by, or on behalf of, Mr Krasniqi,65 the Pre-Trial Judge still considers that whether the Accused has not been previously accused of involvement in witness interference does not alleviate the risk of obstruction.66 In particular, the Pre-Trial Judge recalls that the risk of obstruction need not materialise in an Accused personally tampering with evidence or exerting influence or pressure on witnesses. It suffices that an Accused instigates others or contributes in any way to the materialisation of that risk.<sup>67</sup>

37. Furthermore, the Pre-Trial Judge remains persuaded that protective measures in place are not entirely sufficient to mitigate the risk of obstruction, considering that, notwithstanding the adoption of numerous decisions on protective measures, [REDACTED] and, irrespective of these measures, [REDACTED].68 Moreover, as previously established,69 in view of the fact that Mr Krasniqi is [REDACTED] and continues to play a significant role in Kosovo, his increased insight into the evidence underpinning the serious charges against him - in particular following the filing of the SPO's pre-trial brief and witness list after the Third Detention Decision<sup>70</sup> – increased the risk of obstruction. Lastly, the Pre-Trial Judge recalls

<sup>64</sup> See KSC-BC-2020-06, IA015/F00005, Court of Appeals, Decision on Rexhep Selimi's Appeal Against Decision on Remanded Detention Review and Periodic Review of Detention, 25 March 2022, confidential, para. 43. A public redacted version was filed on the same day, IA015/F00005/RED.

<sup>65</sup> Defence Response, paras 2, 10.

<sup>66</sup> Third Court of Appeals Decision, footnote 73; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 50; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 35.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Fourth Detention Decision, para. 50; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 35; KSC-BC-2020-06, IA003/F00005, Court of Appeals, Decision on Rexhep Selimi's Appeal Against Decision on Interim Release, 30 April 2021, confidential, para. 59. A public redacted version was filed on the same day, IA003/F00005/RED.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Second Detention Decision, para. 39; Second Court of Appeals Decision, paras 34-35; Third Detention Decision, para. 46; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 51; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 36.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> Fourth Detention Decision, para. 51; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 36.

<sup>70</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00631, Specialist Prosecutor, Submission of Pre-Trial Brief with Witness and Exhibit Lists, 17 December 2021, confidential, with Annexes 1-3, strictly confidential and ex parte. A public redacted version with confidential redacted Annexes 1-3 was filed on 21 December 2021, F00631/RED.

that Mr Krasniqi has been or will soon be provided with further details as to the case against him, in particular following the filing of a lesser redacted version of the witness list,71 the witness list including the mode of questioning and presentation times,<sup>72</sup> the amended witness and exhibit lists,<sup>73</sup> and the provisional list of the first 40 witnesses the SPO intends to call at trial, which is due on 18 November 2022.74

38. Lastly, with respect to the Defence's argument regarding the length of detention on remand and the cited case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) in this regard, 75 the Pre-Trial Judge considers that the cited ECtHR case concerned proceedings in which the accused actively impeded the investigations, which was the basis for keeping him in detention. 76 Thus, with the passage of time and the completion of important investigative measures, the basis for keeping the accused in detention eroded.<sup>77</sup> The Pre-Trial Judge is of the view that the cited ECtHR case is therefore not comparable to the present case, in particular because: (i) as set out in paragraphs 34-37 above, the finding that a risk of obstruction exists in the present case is not solely based on the needs of the investigations;<sup>78</sup> and (ii) the needs of the investigation are, in the present case, not invoked in a "general and abstract fashion".79

A corrigendum with two strictly confidential and ex parte Annexes and one confidential Annex was submitted on 24 February 2022, F00709.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00885, Specialist Prosecutor, Prosecution Submission of Corrected and Lesser Redacted Witness List, 18 July 2022, public, with Annex 1, strictly confidential and ex parte, and Annex 2, confidential. See also Fifth Detention Decision, para. 36.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F00948, Specialist Prosecutor, Prosecution Submission of Revised Witness List ("Revised Witness List"), 2 September 2022, public, with Annex 1, strictly confidential and ex parte, and Annexes 2-3, confidential. See also Fifth Detention Decision, para. 36.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F01078, Specialist Prosecutor, Prosecution Submission of Amended Witness and Exhibit Lists, 2 November 2022, confidential, with Annexes 1 and 3, strictly confidential and ex parte, and Annexes 2 and 4, confidential.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, Transcript of Hearing, 8 September 2022, public, p. 1584, lines 9-12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> Defence Response, para. 13 (referring to ECtHR, Clooth v. Belgium, paras 43, 45-46).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> ECtHR, Clooth v. Belgium, paras 12-13, 43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> ECtHR, Clooth v. Belgium, paras 41-46.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> See on this, ECtHR, Clooth v. Belgium, in particular para. 43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> See on this, ECtHR, Clooth v. Belgium, in particular para. 44.

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39. In light of the above, the Pre-Trial Judge finds that the risk that Mr Krasniqi

will obstruct SC proceedings continues to exist.

3. Risk of Committing Further Crimes

40. For the same reasons as set out in relation to the risk of obstructing

proceedings, the SPO avers that the risk of Mr Krasniqi committing further crimes

continues to exist.80

41. The Defence has not made submissions on this point in the Defence Response.

42. The Pre-Trial Judge recalls that, even though the existence of a risk of

obstruction does not automatically translate into a risk of committing further

crimes, the factors underpinning the former are of relevance to the assessment of

the latter in the circumstances of the present case.81 It is further recalled that it

suffices that Mr Krasniqi instigates or assists others to commit such crimes, or

contributes in any other way to their commission; he does not need to physically

execute such acts.82

43. Turning to the facts under consideration, the Pre-Trial Judge recalls his

previous findings that, besides the climate of witness intimidation, Mr Krasniqi:

(i) has [REDACTED];83 (ii) has a position of influence in Kosovo which could allow

him to [REDACTED];84 and (iii) has (or will soon have) an increased account of the

SPO's case against him, in particular following the filing of a lesser redacted

version of the witness list, the witness list including the mode of questioning and

presentation times, the amended witness and exhibit lists, and the provisional list

<sup>80</sup> SPO Submissions, para. 8 (referring to Fifth Detention Decision, paras 38-43).

81 First Detention Decision, para. 42; Second Detention Decision, para. 42; Third Detention Decision,

para. 50; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 54; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 40.

<sup>82</sup> First Detention Decision, para. 42; Second Detention Decision, para. 42; Third Detention Decision, para. 50; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 54; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 40.

83 Fourth Detention Decision, para. 55; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 41.

84 Fourth Detention Decision, para. 55; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 41.

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of the first 40 witnesses the SPO intends to call at trial, which is due on

18 November 2022.85

44. On this basis, and having examined the circumstances as they currently stand,

the Pre-Trial Judge considers that there continues to be a risk that Mr Krasniqi

will, under any form of responsibility, commit crimes similar to the underlying

acts charged against those perceived as being opposed to the KLA, including

witnesses who have provided or could provide evidence in the case and/or are

due to appear before the SC.

45. Accordingly, the Pre-Trial Judge concludes that the risk remains that

Mr Krasniqi will commit further crimes.

4. Other Defence Challenges

46. As regards the Defence's claims that "the mechanical reiteration of the same,

limited evidence every two months for two years by the SPO, does not provide a

compelling justification for extending Mr Krasniqi's detention beyond the current

period", 86 the Pre-Trial Judge recalls the Court of Appeals findings according to

which: (i) the Pre-Trial Judge is not required to make findings on the factors

already decided upon in the initial ruling on detention; and (ii) what is crucial is

that the Pre-Trial Judge is satisfied that, at the time of the review decision, grounds

for continued detention still exist.87 With respect to the findings in the preceding

paragraphs, and as stated therein, the Pre-Trial Judge emphasises that the above-

made conclusions on the risks have been drawn based on an examination of the

factors and circumstances as they currently stand.

85 See para. 37 and fns 71-74 above. See also Fifth Detention Decision, para. 41.

86 Defence Response, paras 10, 14.

<sup>87</sup> See, in particular, KSC-BC-2020-07, IA002-F00005, Court of Appeals, *Decision on Nasim Haradinaj's Appeal Against Decision Reviewing Detention*, 9 February 2021, public, para. 55; Second Court of Appeals Decision, paras 14-17.

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5. Conclusion

47. The Pre-Trial Judge concludes that there remains a moderate risk that

Mr Krasniqi will flee, and that there remains a risk that Mr Krasniqi will obstruct

the progress of proceedings, or commit further offences against those perceived

as being opposed to the KLA, including witnesses who have provided or could

provide evidence in the case and/or are due to appear before the SC. The Pre-Trial

Judge will assess below whether these risks can be adequately addressed by any

conditions for his release.

D. CONDITIONAL RELEASE

48. The SPO submits that all reasonable, realistic alternatives to detention in the

SC Detention Facilities have already been duly considered and rightfully rejected.

According to the SPO, no alternative measures would sufficiently mitigate all the

risks under Article 41(6)(b) of the Law, posed by the Accused.88

49. The Defence does not propose specific alternatives or conditions in the

Defence Response.

50. As found in previous detention decisions, the Pre-Trial Judge considers that

the risk of flight can be sufficiently mitigated on the basis that Mr Krasniqi has

committed himself to return to the SC whenever summonsed, not to change his

place of residence and report regularly to the relevant authorities.89 This

conclusion is underscored by the guarantees provided by the Kosovo Police that

they are authorised and capable of ensuring that an individual subject to

conditional release reports to the Kosovo Police, surrenders documents allowing

<sup>88</sup> SPO Submissions, paras 10-11 (*referring to* Third Court of Appeals Decision, paras 33, 42; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 70; Fourth Court of Appeals Decision, paras 29-35, 39; Fifth Detention Decision, paras 50-53).

<sup>89</sup> First Detention Decision, para. 48; Second Detention Decision, para. 49; Third Detention Decision, para. 67; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 65; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 49.

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him to travel, and returns to the SC whenever ordered to do so by the Pre-Trial Judge for the purposes of the proceedings in relation to him. 90

51. Turning to the risks of obstructing the progress of SC proceedings and committing further crimes, the Pre-Trial Judge recalls, at the outset: (i) his previous finding that neither the previously proposed conditions nor any additional measures ordered proprio motu could sufficiently mitigate the existing risks;91 and (ii) that this finding was recently upheld by the Court of Appeals.92

52. With regard to potential additional measures, the Pre-Trial Judge further recalls that: (i) the obligation for the Pre-Trial Judge to inquire and evaluate, proprio motu, all reasonable conditions and not just those raised by the Defence, is not limitless; and (ii) he is not required to raise all possible conditions proprio motu, if these were neither widely used in the context of interim release nor raised by the Parties.93 In the absence of any intervening developments regarding this matter, the Pre-Trial Judge still considers that, on the basis of the available information as to the capacity of the Kosovo Police to implement monitoring measures, no (additional) measures, which could be reasonably considered, could sufficiently mitigate the identified risks.94

53. The Pre-Trial Judge recalls that the measures in place at the SC Detention Facilities, viewed as a whole, provide robust assurances against unmonitored visits and communications with family members and pre-approved visitors with a view to minimising the risks of obstruction and commission of further crimes.95

<sup>90</sup> Third Detention Decision, para. 67; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 65; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 49; KP Submissions, pp. 2-4, 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> Fourth Detention Decision, paras 66-71; Fifth Detention Decision, paras 50-53.

<sup>92</sup> Fourth Court of Appeals Decision, para. 39.

<sup>93</sup> Third Court of Appeals Decision, para. 42; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 70; Fourth Court of Appeals Decision, para. 37; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 51.

<sup>94</sup> See also Third Court of Appeals Decision, para. 42; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 70; Fourth Court of Appeals Decision, para. 39; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 51.

<sup>95</sup> Third Detention Decision, para. 77; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 71; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 52.

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Moreover, they offer a controlled environment where a potential breach of

confidentiality could be more easily identified and/or prevented. Recalling that

it is within the Pre-Trial Judge's discretion to compare the conditions (previously)

proposed by the Defence, or any other possible conditions, with the conditions in

the SC Detention Facilities, 97 the Pre-Trial Judge remains persuaded that it is only

through the communication monitoring framework applicable at the SC Detention

Facilities that Mr Krasniqi's communications can be restricted in a manner to

sufficiently mitigate the aforementioned risks.

54. Accordingly, the Pre-Trial Judge finds that neither the conditions previously

proposed by the Defence nor any other conditions imposed proprio motu could

sufficiently mitigate the risk of Mr Krasniqi obstructing the progress of

SC proceedings or committing further crimes.

PROPORTIONALITY OF DETENTION

55. The SPO argues that Mr Krasniqi's continued detention is reasonable in light

of: (i) the progress of the case towards trial, in particular as key milestones in the

pre-trial stage have either been met (such as the submission by the SPO of its pre-

trial brief, an updated witness list, a supplement to the Rule 102(3) notice, and a

supplement to the Rule 109(c) chart, as well as the completion by the SPO of the

disclosure of items requested by the Defence from the original Rule 102(3) notice)

or will be imminently met; (ii) the case's scope and complexity; (iii) the potential

lengthy custodial sentence in case of conviction; and (iv) the risks posed by

Mr Krasniqi.98

<sup>96</sup> Third Court of Appeals Decision, para. 30; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 71; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 52.

97 Third Court of Appeals Decision, para. 26; Fourth Detention Decision, para. 71; Fourth Court of Appeals Decision, para. 30; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 52.

98 SPO Submissions, paras 12-13.

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56. The Defence avers that detention is no longer proportionate, in particular in

light of its length hitherto (nearly two years).99

57. At the outset, the Pre-Trial Judge recalls the importance of the proportionality

principle in the determination of the reasonableness of pre-trial detention, as

reflected in Rule 56(2) of the Rules. 100 The duration of time in detention pending

trial is a factor that needs to be considered along with the degree of the risks that

are described in Article 41(6)(b) of the Law, in order to determine whether, all

factors being considered, the continued detention "stops being reasonable" and

the individual needs to be released. 101 The Pre-Trial Judge notes that the question

of whether a period of time spent in pre-trial detention is reasonable cannot be

assessed in the abstract. Whether it is reasonable for an accused to remain in

detention must be assessed on the facts of each case and according to its specific

features. 102

58. Mr Krasniqi was arrested on 4 November 2020 and, as a result, he has been

detained for slightly more than two years at the time of the present review of his

detention. Accordingly, the Pre-Trial Judge will assess whether this period of time

is reasonable in the specific circumstances relating to Mr Krasniqi.

59. The Pre-Trial Judge recalls that: (i) Mr Krasniqi is charged with ten counts of

serious international crimes, namely persecution on political and/or ethnic

grounds, imprisonment/illegal or arbitrary arrest and detention, other inhumane

acts, cruel treatment, torture, murder, and enforced disappearance of persons; 103

<sup>99</sup> Defence Response, paras 2 (with further references), 14.

Fourth Detention Decision, para. 79; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 56; KSC-BC-2020-07, IA001/F00005, Court of Appeals, Decision on Hysni Gucati's Appeal on Matters Related to Arrest and

Detention, 9 December 2020, public, paras 72-73.

<sup>101</sup> Fourth Detention Decision, para. 79; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 56. *Similarly*, First Court of Appeals Decision, para. 69.

<sup>102</sup> Fourth Detention Decision, para. 79; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 56; ECtHR, <u>Buzadji v. the Republic of Moldova [GC]</u>, para. 90.

<sup>103</sup> Confirmed Indictment, para. 177.

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(ii) it is alleged that Mr Krasniqi played a significant role in these crimes; 104

(iii) Mr Krasniqi could be sentenced to a lengthy sentence, if convicted; 105

(iv) proceedings against Mr Krasniqi are complex;106 and (v) the risks under

Article 41(6)(b)(ii) and (iii) of the Law cannot be mitigated by the proposed

conditions and/or any additional conditions.<sup>107</sup>

60. Moreover, all required procedural steps relating to the pre-trial phase of the

present case have been, are being or will soon be completed, and thus, the case

will be transmitted for trial before the end of the year. 108 In particular, following

the Fourth Detention Decision and the Fifth Detention Decision, respectively:

(i) the SPO filed a revised list of witnesses, pursuant to Rule 95(4)(b) of the Rules,

on 2 September 2022;109 (ii) according to the SPO, clearance has been secured for

the majority of Rule 107 material;<sup>110</sup> (iii) the SPO supplemented its Rule 109(c)

chart on 30 September 2022;111 (iv) in relation to currently pending Defence

requests for the disclosure of Rule 102(3) material, the SPO finalised its processing

of these requests, requested protective measures or submitted materiality

challenges, and disclosed all material not subject to protective measures requests

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> Confirmed Indictment, paras 11, 32, 39-40, 44, 49, 53, 55-57, 176.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> Fourth Detention Decision, para. 81; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 58.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>106</sup> Fourth Detention Decision, para. 81; Fifth Detention Decision, para. 58 (referring to Third Detention Decision, para. 95, citing ECtHR, Shabani v. Switzerland, Shabani v. Switzerland, no. 29044/06, Judgment, 5 November 2009, paras 65, 69; ICTY, Prosecutor v. Ademi, IT-01-46-PT, Order on Motion for Provisional Release, 20 February 2002, para. 26; ICTR, Prosecutor v. Ndayambaje, ICTR-98-42-T, Decision on the Defence Motion for the Provisional Release of the Accused, 21 October 2002, para. 23; Ngirumpatse Decision, para. 25). The Pre-Trial Judge also notes that the SPO intends to rely on [REDACTED] witnesses, see Annex 2 to Revised Witness List.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>107</sup> See para. 54 above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>108</sup> In this regard, the Pre-Trial Judge recalls that, for the purposes of assessing the proportionality of Mr Krasniqi's detention, the actual length of time spent in pre-trial detention must be assessed as opposed to any estimates by the SPO that proved to be inaccurate, see Fourth Detention Decision, fn. 149; Fifth Detention Decision, fn. 107 (referring to Third Detention Decision, para. 97).

<sup>109</sup> See fn. 72 above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>110</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F01071, Specialist Prosecutor, Prosecution Submissions for Fifteenth Status Conference, 31 October 2022, public, paras 2-3.

<sup>111</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F01000, Specialist Prosecutor, Prosecution Submission of Supplemental Rule 109(c) Chart, 30 September 2022, public, with Annex 1, strictly confidential and ex parte, and Annex 2, confidential.

or materiality challenges on 30 September 2022 and 13 October 2022,112 and supplemented its Rule 102(3) notice on 7 October 2022 ("Supplemental Rule 102(3) Defence's pre-trial briefs were (v) the filed 22 October 2022;<sup>114</sup> and (vi) the Defence's notices of alibi or grounds for excluding responsibility were filed on 28 October 2022 by three Defence teams. 115

61. In addition, the Pre-Trial Judge ordered: (i) the SPO to file a provisional list of the first 40 witnesses it intends to call at trial by 18 November 2022;116 (ii) the Defence to provide, by the same date, any objections regarding the admissibility of evidentiary material disclosed (to the extent possible);<sup>117</sup> (iii) the Parties to file, by the same date, notices on points of agreement reached on issues of law and/or fact;<sup>118</sup> (iv) the SPO to finalise, by the same date, its processing of requests related to Rule 102(3) material made by the Defence after 20 May 2022, by requesting protective measures, submitting materiality challenges, or disclosing all material not subject to protective measures requests of materiality challenges; 119 (v) the SPO to review its Supplemental Rule 102(3) Notice for exculpatory material and to

<sup>112</sup> See KSC-BC-2020-06, F01005, Specialist Prosecutor, Prosecution Notification of Compliance, 3 October 2022, public; F01034, Specialist Prosecutor, Prosecution Notification of Disclosure, 13 October 2022, public.

<sup>113</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F01021, Specialist Prosecutor, Prosecution Supplemental Rule 102(3) Notice, 7 October 2022, public, with Annex 1, confidential.

<sup>114</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F01049, Specialist Counsel, Selimi Defence Pre-Trial Brief, 21 October 2022, confidential; F01050, Specialist Counsel, Pre-Trial Brief of Mr Hashim Thaçi, 21 October 2022, confidential; F01051, Specialist Counsel, Pre-Trial Brief of Jakup Krasniqi, 21 October 2022, confidential; F01052, Specialist Counsel, Corrected Version of the Pre-Trial Brief on Behalf of Kadri Veseli, 25 October 2022 (the original version was filed on 22 October 2022), confidential, with Annexes 1-5, confidential.

<sup>115</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, F01065, Specialist Counsel, Thaçi Defence Notice of Alibi, 28 October 2022, public; F01066, Specialist Counsel, Veseli Defence Notice of Alibi, 28 October 2022, public; F01067, Specialist Counsel, Selimi Defence Notice of Alibi, 28 October 2022, public. In its pre-trial brief, the Defence for Mr Krasniqi submits, with respect to one allegation in the Indictment, that the SPO's failure to plead the date of this allegation with any precision has prevented the Defence for Mr Krasniqi from being able to present an alibi, see KSC-BC-2020-06, F01051, Specialist Counsel, Pre-Trial Brief of Jakup Krasniqi, 21 October 2022, confidential, para. 79.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>116</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, Transcript of Hearing, 8 September 2022, public, p. 1584, lines 9-12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>117</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, Transcript of Hearing, 8 September 2022, public, p. 1583, line 21 to p. 1584, line 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>118</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, Transcript of Hearing, 8 September 2022, public, p. 1583, lines 14-20.

<sup>119</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, Transcript of Hearing, 4 November 2022, public, p. 1690, lines 11-18 (first oral order).

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disclose this material under Rule 103 of the Rules or request protective measures

by 16 December 2022;<sup>120</sup> and (vi) the SPO to finalise its processing of requests

related to material from the Supplemental Rule 102(3) Notice, by requesting

protective measures, submitting materiality challenges, or disclosing all material

not subject to protective measures requests or materiality challenges by

13 January 2023.<sup>121</sup>

62. Furthermore, pursuant to Article 41(10) of the Law and Rule 57(2) of the

Rules, Mr Krasniqi's detention shall be reviewed every two months or as soon as

a change in circumstances arises.

63. [REDACTED], 122 [REDACTED], 123 [REDACTED].

64. On this basis, the Pre-Trial Judge concludes that, for the purposes of the

periodic review of the detention of Mr Krasniqi pursuant to Article 41(10) of the

Law and Rule 57(2) of the Rules, the time Mr Krasniqi has spent in pre-trial

detention is not disproportionate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, Transcript of Hearing, 4 November 2022, public, p. 1691, lines 2-7 (third oral order).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>121</sup> KSC-BC-2020-06, Transcript of Hearing, 4 November 2022, public, p. 1690, line 19 to p. 1691, line 1 (second oral order).

<sup>122 [</sup>REDACTED].

<sup>123 [</sup>REDACTED].

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## V. DISPOSITION

- 65. For the above-mentioned reasons, the Pre-Trial Judge hereby:
  - a) ORDERS Mr Krasniqi's continued detention;
  - b) **ORDERS** Mr Krasniqi, if he so wishes, to file submissions on the next review of detention by no later than **Thursday**, **22 December 2022**, with responses and replies following the timeline set out in Rule 76 of the Rules; and
  - c) ORDERS the SPO, should Mr Krasniqi decide not to file any submissions by the aforementioned time limit, to file submissions on the next review of Mr Krasniqi's detention by no later than Thursday, 29 December 2022, and Mr Krasniqi, if he so wishes, to file his response by no later than Monday, 9 January 2023.

Judge Nicolas Guillou Pre-Trial Judge

Dated this Friday, 18 November 2022 At The Hague, the Netherlands.