In: KSC-BC-2020-05

The Prosecutor v. Salih Mustafa

Before: Trial Panel I

Judge Mappie Veldt-Foglia, Presiding Judge

Judge Roland Dekkers

Judge Gilbert Bitti

Judge Vladimir Mikula, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Fidelma Donlon

Date: 6 December 2022

Language: English

Classification: Public

Scheduling order for the pronouncement of the judgment

To be notified to:

Acting Specialist Prosecutor Counsel for the Accused

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Registry Victims' Counsel

Fidelma Donlon Anni Pues

TRIAL PANEL I (Panel) hereby renders this scheduling order for the pronouncement of the judgment.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 15 September 2022, after the Parties and Victims' Counsel made their respective closing statements before the Panel on 13, 14 and 15 September, the Presiding Judge closed the case.²

II. APPLICABLE LAW

2. The Panel notes Article 43(2) of Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office (Law), and Rules 158(1) and 159(1) and (2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (Rules).

III. ANALYSIS

- 3. The Panel notes that pursuant to Article 43(2) of the Law, the judgment shall be announced by the Panel in public, following deliberations held by the Panel on the charges in the indictment, in accordance with Rule 158(1) of the Rules.
- 4. The Panel further notes that Rule 159(1) of the Rules stipulates that the judgment shall be pronounced within ninety (90) days of the closing of the case pursuant to Rule 136 of the Rules, unless the specific circumstances of the case require additional time.

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¹ KSC-BC-2020-05, Transcript of Hearing, 13 September 2022, public, pp. 4500-4601; Transcript of Hearing, 14 September 2022, public, pp. 4602-4746; Transcript of Hearing, 15 September 2022, public, pp. 4747-4859.

² KSC-BC-2020-05, Transcript of Hearing, 15 September 2022, public, p. 4859, line 15.

- 5. Lastly, according to Rule 159(2) of the Rules, the judgment, or a summary thereof, shall be pronounced in public in the name of the people of Kosovo, and in the presence of the Accused, unless exceptional circumstances justify his or her absence.
- 6. The Panel has decided, for organisational reasons and considering the circumstances of the case, that it is appropriate, pursuant to Rule 159(1) and (2) of the Rules, to render the judgment on **Friday**, **16 December 2022**, between **09:00 and 10:30 hours**, in public session.

IV. DISPOSITION

- 7. For the above-mentioned reasons, the Panel hereby:
 - a. **SCHEDULES** the pronouncement of the judgment for **Friday**, **16 December 2022** between **09:00** and **10:30** hours, in public session; and
 - b. **ORDERS** Mr Salih Mustafa to be physically present in the courtroom at the seat of the Specialist Chambers.

Judge Mappie Veldt-Foglia Presiding Judge

Judge Gilbert Bitti

Judge Roland Dekkers

Dated this Tuesday, 6 December 2022 At The Hague, the Netherlands.