



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEĆA KOSOVA

In: KSC-BC-2023-11
The Prosecutor v. Haxhi Shala

Before: Pre-Trial Judge
Judge Nicolas Guillou

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

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Notification of Arrest of Haxhi Shala Pursuant to Rule 55(4)

Specialist Prosecutor

Kimberly P. West

1. On 4 December 2023, the Pre-Trial Judge confirmed the charges against Mr Haxhi Shala ('Mr Shala') for intimidation during criminal proceedings; attempting to obstruct by serious threat, official persons, including Specialist Prosecutor's Office ('SPO') prosecutors and investigators in performing official duties; and attempting to obstruct, by common action of a group, official persons, including SPO prosecutors and investigators in performing official duties.¹
2. On the same day, the Pre-Trial Judge also issued an arrest warrant for Mr Shala and ordered his transfer to the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers in The Hague, the Netherlands.²
3. Pursuant to Rule 55(4) of the Rules,³ when a person is arrested in Kosovo pursuant to an arrest warrant issued by the Specialist Chambers, the competent authorities shall promptly notify the Registrar, who shall immediately inform the President, the Panel, and the Parties.
4. The Registrar hereby notifies the above-mentioned entities and authorities of the arrest of Mr Shala by the SPO at 07:47 in Kosovo this morning, 11 December 2023.
5. The Registrar will submit a report on the arrest and transfer of Mr Shala to the Pre-Trial Judge before the initial appearance, in accordance with the Decision on Arrest and Transfer.⁴
6. This notification is submitted as strictly confidential and *ex parte* pursuant to Rule 82(4) of the Rules.

¹ KSC-BC-2023-11, F00005, Decision on the Confirmation of the Indictment, 4 December 2023, strictly confidential and *ex parte*.

² F00006, Decision on Request for Warrant of Arrest and Transfer Order, 4 December 2023, strictly confidential and *ex parte*, with Annexes 1-2, strictly confidential ('Decision on Arrest and Transfer').

³ Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules').

⁴ Decision on Arrest and Transfer, paras 28, 29(g).

7. The Registrar does not object to the reclassification of this filing as public, once the referenced decision and the arrest and transfer of Mr Shala have been rendered public.

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Dr Fidelma Donlon

Registrar

Monday, 11 December 2023

At The Hague, the Netherlands