

Case No.: KSC-BC-2020-04
Specialist Prosecutor v. Pjetër Shala

Before: **Trial Panel I**
Judge Mappie Veldt-Foglia, Presiding Judge
Judge Roland Dekkers
Judge Gilbert Bitti
Judge Vladimir Mikula, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

Date: 15 January 2024

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THE SPECIALIST PROSECUTOR
v.
PJETËR SHALA

Defence Notice of Closing its Case Pursuant to Rule 131 of the Rules

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1. Pursuant to the Trial Panel’s Oral Order dated 29 November 2023 and Rule 131 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (“Rules”),¹ the Defence for Mr Pjetër Shala (“Defence”) hereby closes its case.
2. On 29 November 2023, the Panel set 15 January 2024 as the target date for the closing of the Defence case.² The Panel ordered the Defence to file on 15 January 2024 a written notice, under Rule 131 of the Rules, informing the Panel, the Prosecution, and Victims’ Counsel that there are no more witnesses to be called or other evidentiary material to be presented and shall close its case.³
3. The Defence confirms that there are no more witnesses to be called or additional evidence to be presented, other than what is tendered in today’s Request for the Admission of Evidentiary Material and Request to Admit Evidence Pursuant to Rule 155 of the Rules, as part of its case at this stage. In accordance with Rule 131 of the Rules, the Defence hereby closes its case.
4. Pursuant to Rule 82(3) of the Rules, this notice is filed as public as it does not contain any confidential information.

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Respectfully submitted,



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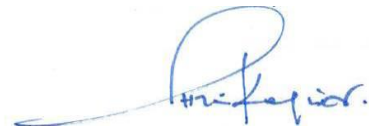
¹ T. 29 November 2023 p. 3877, line 25 to p. 3878, line 6. *See also* Email from the Court Management Unit of the Registry to the Parties, 14 January 2023, 13:04.

² T. 29 November 2023 p. 3877, line 25 to p. 3878, line 2.

³ T. 29 November 2023 p. 3878, lines 3-6.



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