



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

In: KSC-BC-2020-06

**The Prosecutor v. Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi
and Jakup Krasniqi**

Before: Trial Panel II

Judge Charles L. Smith III, Presiding Judge
Judge Christoph Barthe
Judge Guénaél Mettraux
Judge Fergal Gaynor, Reserve Judge

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

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**Notification of Appointment of Venkateswari Alagendra as
Counsel to Salih Mustafa**

with two confidential and *ex parte* Annexes

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1. Ms Venkateswari Alagendra ('Ms Alagendra') is currently appointed as Counsel for Mr Jakup Krasniqi ('Mr Krasniqi') before this Trial Panel.
2. The Registrar hereby informs the Trial Panel of the additional approval, pursuant to Rule 26(1) of the Rules,¹ of Ms Alagendra as Counsel for Mr Salih Mustafa ('Mr Mustafa').²
3. On 29 December 2023, Mr Mustafa submitted to the Registrar, through the Head of the Defence Office, a signed Assignment / Appointment Request Form for the appointment of Ms Alagendra as Counsel, and a signed Power of Attorney.
4. On 2 January 2024, Ms Alagendra provided the Defence Office with two signed and dated consent forms from both her current client, Mr Krasniqi,³ and her prospective client, Mr Mustafa.⁴ In this regard, the Registrar draws the Panel's attention to Articles 4(b)(1) and 28(3)(b) of the Code of Professional Conduct of Counsel.⁵
5. Ms Alagendra is admitted to the List of Specialist Counsel in accordance with Rules 25(1) and 26(1) of the Rules and the Directive on Counsel.⁶
6. On 3 January 2024, the Registrar appointed Ms Alagendra as Counsel to Mr Mustafa in accordance with Sections 12 and 13 of the Directive on Counsel.

¹ Rules of Procedure and Evidence Before the Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-03/Rev3/2020, 2 June 2020 ('Rules'); *see also* Law No. 05/L-053 on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office, 3 August 2015, Articles 21(4), 21(5), 34(7) and 41(4)(b).

² KSC-CA-2023-02, F00041, Notification of Approval of Counsel for Salih Mustafa, 11 January 2024, public. This notification was filed before the President of the Specialist Chambers, in case file KSC-CA-2023-02. In the meantime, a new case file has been created in connection with Mr Mustafa (namely KSC-SC-2024-02), and the President has assigned a Supreme Court Panel thereto. *See* KSC-SC-2024-02, F00003, Decision Assigning a Supreme Court Panel, 17 January 2024, public.

³ Annex 1, Consent Form, Jakup Krasniqi, 29 December 2023, confidential and *ex parte*.

⁴ Annex 2, Consent Form, Salih Mustafa, 30 December 2023, confidential and *ex parte*. *See also* KSC-SC-2024-02, F00001, Mustafa Urgent Motion for an Extension of Time to File a Request for Protection of Legality, 15 January 2024, public, para. 12 (it is noted that the dates of the consent forms cited in this filing are incorrect).

⁵ Code of Professional Conduct of Counsel and Prosecutors Before the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, KSC-BD-07-Rev1, 28 April 2021, public.

⁶ Directive on Counsel, KSC-BD-04-Rev1, 28 April 2021, public.

7. This submission is filed as public, whereas, pursuant to Rule 82(3) of the Rules, Annexes 1 and 2 are filed confidentially and *ex parte*. Although the fact that consent has been given is a matter of public record, the Registry assesses that the forms themselves should remain confidential and *ex parte*, as they relate to confidential communications between Counsel and her clients.

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Registrar

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