



In: **KSC-SC-2024-02**
The Prosecutor v. Salih Mustafa

Before: **A Panel of the Supreme Court Chamber**
Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova, Presiding Judge
Judge Christine van den Wyngaert
Judge Daniel Franssen

Registrar: Dr Fidelma Donlon

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Notification of Assignment of Duty Counsel to Salih Mustafa

with one confidential Annex

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1. Pursuant to Article 21(5) of the Law¹ and Rule 26 of the Rules,² the Registrar hereby informs the Supreme Court Panel of the assignment of Mr Laurens van Puyenbroeck ('Mr Van Puyenbroeck') as Duty Counsel to Mr Salih Mustafa ('Mr Mustafa').³
2. On 25 January 2024, the Supreme Court Panel issued a decision regarding a conflict of interest of Defence Counsel, Ms Venkateswari Alagendra ('Ms Alagendra'),⁴ declaring that the Registrar's decision to appoint Ms Alagendra has no legal effect and ordering the Registrar, as a matter of urgency, to appoint Duty Counsel to represent Mr Mustafa until the appointment of Counsel has been resolved.
3. On 26 January 2024, the Registrar assigned Mr Van Puyenbroeck as Duty Counsel to Mr Mustafa.⁵ Mr Van Puyenbroeck is admitted to the List of Counsel pursuant to Section 7(3) of the Directive on Counsel and continues to meet the requirements of Section 5 of the Directive on Counsel.⁶
4. Pursuant to Rule 82(3) of the Rules, the Registrar submits that this notification is submitted as public, whereas Annex 1 is filed confidentially, as it contains personal information concerning Duty Counsel.

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Dr Fidelma Donlon
Registrar

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At The Hague, the Netherlands

¹ Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office, Law No. 05/L-053, 3 August 2015 ('Law').

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

³ See Annex 1, confidential.

⁴ KSC-CA-2023-02, F00008, Decision on Prosecution Motion Regarding Conflict of Interest of Defence Counsel, 25 January 2024, public.

⁵ See Annex 1, confidential.

⁶ See Directive on Counsel, KSC-BD-04-Rev1, 28 April 2021, public; Decision on Admission to the Lists of Counsel, KSC/REG/DEF-VPO/0030, 25 October 2018.