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1	Wednesday, 13 April 2022
2	[Open session]
3	[The accused entered court]
4	Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.
5	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Good morning.
6	Mr. Court Officer, can you please call the case.
7	THE COURT OFFICER: Good morning, Your Honours. This is file
8	number KSC-BC-2020-05, The Specialist Prosecutor versus
9	Salih Mustafa.
10	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
11	First of all, I will call appearances.
12	Mr. Prosecutor, you have the floor.
13	MR. DE MINICIS: Good morning, Your Honours. Today appearing
14	for the Prosecution are Cezary Michalczuk, Prosecutor; Line Pedersen,
15	Case Manager; Filippo de Minicis, Associate Prosecutor.
16	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Victims' Counsel, you have the
17	floor.
18	MS. VOSSENBERG: Thank you, Your Honours. Good morning,
19	everybody. Good morning, Your Honours. The participating victims
20	are represented today by me, Brechtje Vossenberg, co-counsel.
21	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
22	Defence Counsel, you have the floor.
23	MR. VON BONE: Good morning, Your Honour. Defence is
24	represented by my co-counsel, Mr. Betim Shala; myself, Julius von
25	Bone, lead counsel; interpreter/investigator Mr. Fatmir Pelaj. In

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the courtroom is joining Mr. Mustafa, the accused. 1 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well. Thank you. For the 2 record, you are appearing in front of Trial Panel I. 3 We will hear the testimony of Defence Witness 1100, which is 4 Mr. Sheqir Rrahimi. 5 Before starting the testimony of Witness 1100, we would like to 6 inform the parties and the Victims' Counsel that as communicated to 7 the Defence by the e-mail on Friday, 8 April, at 1558 the Panel does 8 not intend to sit on the days 2, 4, and 5 of May, both for 9 organisational reasons and because 3 May is a public holiday, both in 10 Kosovo and at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers. 11 We intend to resume the hearing after the break scheduled in 12 April on Wednesday, 11; Thursday, 12; and Friday, 13 May depending on 13 14 the availability of the Defence. And could the Defence confirm that they would be available to 15 start on Wednesday, 11 May 2022? 16 Defence Counsel, you have the floor. 17 MR. VON BONE: Yes, Your Honour. We will be available on 18 11 May. However, there might be a slight change in the composition. 19 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well. Thank you for that. 20 Now we may proceed with the testimony of Defence Witness 1100. 21 Madam Court Usher, could you bring the witness in? Thank you. 22 [The witness entered court] 23 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Mr. Rrahimi, good morning and 24 welcome to the Specialist Chambers. Can you hear me fine? 25

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1 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well. First of all, how are 3 you?

4 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] I'm well, thank you.

5 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Good. Mr. Rrahimi, today we will 6 start with your testimony. You are called to testify before the 7 Specialist Chambers in the case of the Specialist Prosecutor's Office 8 against Salih Mustafa in order to assist the Panel to reach a 9 verdict.

After you have taken your solemn declaration, you will be asked questions by the counsel for the Defence, sitting on that side; the counsel for the Specialist Prosecutor's Office, they are sitting with the toga in purple; and the Victims' Counsel, the counsel sitting most near to you. And at the end, you might receive also questions from the Panel.

16 Yes, I see you nodding. You understood this?

17 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I would like to provide you with 19 some guidance for answering the questions that you will be asked.

20 Mr. Rrahimi, please, listen carefully to each question, and if 21 you don't understand feel free to ask for the question to be 22 repeated.

We want you to tell the truth, so please share with us what you saw, what you heard, what you experienced, what you sensed. And if you found out in some other way, then you should say so and explain

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1	how.

2	You may not remember all details of the events, and this is
3	perfectly fine. Please testify on what you remember. There is
4	nothing wrong in saying "I don't know," "I don't remember."
5	Please answer the questions. Stay focused. If clarification is
6	needed, you will be asked further questions. And if I see that you
7	are deviating, I might interrupt you just to bring you back to the
8	question.
9	And I also remind you that you may refuse to answer questions on
10	issues that might incriminate you.
11	Have you understood all this?
12	THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes.
13	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well. And I would like to
14	give you some practical advice on the testimony.
15	Mr. Rrahimi, everything that we say here is translated and
16	recorded, so it is important to talk into the microphones on both
17	sides of you, to speak clearly, and to speak at a slow pace in order
18	for everything what you say to be translated and recorded.
19	You should only start speaking when the person asking you a
20	question has finished. So when a question is asked, please count up
21	till five and only then start speaking. This is very important, and
22	I insist on it, because this pause of five seconds is essential for
23	us to properly follow what is said in the courtroom.
24	If I raise my hand, stop talking. I will try not to say out

loud "stop," because then our voices will be overlapping each other.

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1	And then for the interpreters, it's impossible to interpret.
2	Sometimes I will be asking you to take off your headphones and
3	to put them in front of you when we need to discuss a question that
4	is posed to you and we have to discuss the content, or you might be
5	ushered out of the courtroom.
6	And what is also very important: If you have a question, if you
7	need a break, or you need something else, please raise your hand and
8	I will give you the floor so that you can explain to us what is
9	needed.
10	Have you understood all this?
11	THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes.
12	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well. Thank you.
13	Mr. Rrahimi, do you speak English?
14	THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] No.
15	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay, thank you.
16	Now, as I must do with every witness, I will now ask you to read
17	your solemn declaration to tell the truth, and I remind you that it
18	is an offence within the jurisdiction of the Specialist Chambers to
19	give a false testimony.
20	Do you understand this?
21	THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes.
22	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well.
23	Court Clerk, can you please assist the witness with his solemn
24	declaration to tell the truth.
25	Please, Mr. Rrahimi, read the text provided to you.

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THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Conscious of the significance of 1 my testimony and my legal responsibility, I solemnly declare that I 2 will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and 3 that I shall not withhold anything which has come to my knowledge. 4 WITNESS: SHEQIR RRAHIMI 5 [Witness answered through interpretation] 6 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Mr. Rrahimi. You are 7 now under oath to tell the truth. 8 Thank you, Madam Court Usher. 9 We can now begin with the testimony of Mr. Rrahimi, starting 10 with the questioning by the Defence Counsel. And the Panel has 11 authorised the Defence to question Witness 1100 in Albanian by e-mail 12 dated 8 April, 1556. 13 Defence Counsel, you have estimated one hour for direct 14 examination of this witness. Please inform the Panel if there are 15 any changes for planning purposes. 16 You have the floor. 17 MR. SHALA: Yes, of course, I will, Your Honour. Thank you. 18 Examination by Mr. Shala: 19 [Interpretation] Good morning, Mr. Witness. Q. 20 Α. Good morning. 21 Mr. Witness, I would like to discuss with you today, namely, I Q. 22 would like you to recount the events that happened in Kosovo in 1999. 23 From January 1999 to June that year, where did you live? 24 A. In Orllan. 25

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Witness: Sheqir Rrahimi (Open Session) Page 3661 Examination by Mr. Shala Q. During this time-period, what was the security situation in 1 Orllan and the area around? 2 Very difficult. 3 Α. PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Mr. Witness, please wait a 4 moment. I know in the beginning it's always a little bit 5 complicated, and you will see after a while it gets better. 6 MR. SHALA: [Interpretation] 7 When you say "very difficult," could you please tell us why it 8 Q. was very difficult? 9 Yes. We are at the border area with Serbia, and the population 10 Α. was suffering a lot from the Serbian forces. We had many tortures 11 from the police, Serbian police, and we were subjected to 12 ill-treatment. 13 During this timeframe, that is, from June --14 Q. THE INTERPRETER: Correction: January. 15 MR. SHALA: [Interpretation] 16 January 1999 to June 1999, was there any combat activity in that 17 Ο. 18 area? Yes. Α. 19 At that time were you a member of the KLA? Q. 20 Α. Yes. 21 In which brigade? Q. 22 Α. 151. 23 Did you have any specific position? I mean commanding position 24 Q. within 151 Brigade. 25

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Witness: Sheqir Rrahimi (Open Session) Page 3662 Examination by Mr. Shala Apart from the position of a fighter for the liberation of the 1 Α. country, I had no other position. 2 During January-June 1999, did you go through an offensive and 3 Q. did you participate in any offensive? 4 I did not participate, but I did go through an offensive. 5 Α. During those offensives, were there persons, that is, soldiers 6 Q. 7 and civilians that were injured or killed? Α. Yes. 8 You specifically, did you experience this? Did you see Q. 9 civilians or soldiers injured or killed? 10 Α. Yes. 11 Can you tell us of any such case? 12 Q. Α. Yes. 13 14 Q. When did that happen? The battle occurred on the 16th -- I apologise, on 9 April. 15 Α. The battle at the village of Surdull. 16 How far is Surdull from the village where you live? 17 Ο. Α. 2 to 3 kilometres, air distance. I cannot be maybe more 18 precise, but it's not more than that. 19 You said that the offensive in Surdull village occurred on Q. 20 9 April. Who undertook this offensive? 21 The Serbian forces. Α. 22 You personally, were you in Surdull or in Orllan? 23 Q. I was in the village of Turigice. 24 Α. And how did you learn about civilians or soldiers who were 25 Q.

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injured or killed during that attack or offensive? 1 Can I elaborate a bit at length here? Α. 2 3 Q. Yes. On 9 April, the Serbian forces undertook this offensive in 4 Α. Surdull. 5 On 10 April, Commander Leka, Nuredin Ibishi, together with Korab 6 Parduzi, Kapllan Parduzi, with the pseudonym Korabi, were wounded. 7 In that part, in Turiqice village, the entire Llap population, from 8 Bradash, Llapashtice, Dobratin, the entire population was situated 9 there in the villages around Orllan. 10 Q. And how did you learn that Nuredin Ibishi and Kapllan Parduzi 11 were injured? 12 We were distributing aid to the population, like flour and Α. 13 14 elementary, basic necessities, plastic covers so that the people could have a sort of a cover as they were sleeping in the open. And, 15 of course, this event was being talked amongst the population, and 16 that's how I heard about it. 17 18 When I heard that Commander Leka was wounded, there was a makeshift hospital. We called it "hospital." It wasn't a hospital. 19 It was a stable. So I went there to that hospital to visit him to 20 see the state he was in, that is, the state Nuredin Ibishi was in, 21 together with Korab Parduzi. There were other Albanians there as 22 well, even children, who were wounded. 23 Mr. Witness, why did you go to visit Nuredin Ibishi? 24 Q. 25 Α. I went to visit him because he is from the same village. He is

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a cousin, so I have a blood relation. And also he comes from the 1 same village. And I had felt this moral duty to go and visit him and 2 see if I could help in any way. 3 4 Q. At that time, did you know Kapllan Parduzi? Α. Yes. 5 THE INTERPRETER: Correction: No. 6 7 MR. SHALA: [Interpretation] Mr. Witness, when you visited Nuredin Ibishi, could you see 8 Q. where they were wounded? 9 Yes. Kapllan Parduzi had his stomach open. Nura too was Α. 10 wounded in the stomach area, here, and behind the neck, on the back. 11 12 Q. You told us earlier that you went to visit him and see if he needed any help? 13 14 Α. Yes, correct. Was there any need for you to offer him help? 15 Q. It was not possible for us to offer him any help. At that time, Α. 16 we lacked medical supplies. We had some bandages, and I could only 17 help by organising the transport to take him to a hospital. 18 Mr. Witness, did anybody ask you to do that? To provide the 19 Q. transport? 20 No, I voluntarily offered to. 21 Α. Did you know where you had to bring them, where that hospital Q. 22 was? 23 No, we didn't know. But the only road was from Koliq to go out 24 Α. 25 to Sharban since from the other part it was impossible. That area

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was totally blocked by the Serbian forces from Lupce to Popove, all the roads and the area was blocked by the Serbian forces. And there were about 80.000 to 100.000 people there. The area resembled a camp. So, in that part, where I said it was impossible to go through, it was the only -- the Serbian forces were the only ones that operated.

Q. You mentioned the village of Popove. Why did you mention it?
A. I said from Popove the entire population came to our part, to
Gollak area, started from Surdull, Hertice, Turiqice, Drazhnije
[phoen], Orllan, Rakinice. That whole entire area of Gollak, the
population that was there came to where we were.

Q. Mr. Witness, when you realised that it was necessary to bring the two wounded persons to a hospital for medical treatment, what did you do? What action did you undertake?

A. At that time, just like the entire population, Albanian population that was on the move, my family also was ready to move around. The Albanians had set all their equipment that they had, tractors, horse carts, with -- they had loaded them with food and had made all the preparations to withdraw. So I had also prepared my tractor with food, with clothes, with whatever we had, and covered it with a plastic cover.

And when I heard the news and saw my co-villagers and other citizens wounded, I removed all the things from the tractor and went to fetch them. We set off from Turiqice village, and it took us 48 hours to get to Sharban.

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Q. Mr. Witness, did anybody help you to place Nuredin Ibishi and
 Kapllan Parduzi on the tractor?

Yes, there were many people. I cannot say by name who helped 3 Α. them in the hospital, improvised hospital, or in my tractor's 4 trailer. I was driving. As far as I know, there was Nura, Kapllan, 5 and a doctor. Up to the village of Rakinice. From Rakinice village, 6 we are at above 600 8700 [as interpreted] metres altitude. It was 7 impossible to use a normal road, so we took mountainous roads. Two 8 persons came and joined us. So we were three tractors. I was in my 9 tractor with the wounded, and there were two other tractors in front 10 of me. 11

12 Q. How far is Turiqice from Rakinice?

A. As the crow flies, it's 4 kilometres. But we used other roadswhich made the journey longer, much longer.

Q. When these two persons came to help you, did you know these two persons?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Can you tell us who they were?

19 A. Yes, it was Rrahman Zeka and Sabit Rrahimi.

20 Q. And from Rakinice village, you continued on to where?

A. From Rakinice village, we continued on to the village of Mazap. From there to the village of Bllate. From Bllate to Kalatice. From Kalatice to Koshavice. From Koshavice to Ballaban. From Ballaban to towards Koliq. And from Koliq towards Sharban. And from Sharban to Rimanishte.

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Q. During this entire trip, journey, did you stop? Did you need
 any break?
 A. We just stopped once. I don't know what his name was. As I
 said, I was driving, and that day it rained the whole day. So one

person came and said, "Stop the tractor. Kapllan Parduzi is dying."

We stopped for an hour in the rain until he received some treatment. I don't know -- they gave him IV drips. I don't know what treatment they gave him. But that was it, and we didn't have any other break.

10 Q. During this journey from Turiqice to Rimanishte, was there any 11 other person that escorted you?

A. From Turiqice -- give me a second to explain this segment. From
Turiqice to that village, I was escorted by Rrahman Zeka and
Sabit Rrahimi. And then I continued on my own.

15 Q. And from Kolig to Rimanishte?

A. Yes, there were two persons who came. I don't know -- I didn't have information how it happened. But these two persons escorted us. They were in a tractor in front of us, about 200 metres ahead, for security reasons or I don't know. But they were in a tractor in front of us, and they escorted us up to the village of Rimanishte.

21 Q. Did you know these two persons?

22 A. No.

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23 Q. And these two persons, were they civilians?

24 A. Civilians.

25 Q. During this journey, and once you arrived in Rimanishte, did you

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1 have contact with these two persons?

2 A. Absolutely not.

Q. These two persons, was it possible for them to approach Rrahman
Dini -- excuse me, Kapllan Parduzi and Nuredin Ibishi to talk to

5 them?

A. At one moment -- I'm not sure in what part of the journey, up to Koliq, I was familiar with the area. After Koliq, I wasn't. So we stopped for my personal needs, and I think the tractor that was in front of us, but I cannot say whether I saw him or not. So I don't know this segment of the journey. I don't remember it. But as far as I remember it, yes, it was not more than two minutes.

12 Q. During this journey, did you hear them address each other? Call 13 each other?

A. No, I couldn't hear them calling each other. I was in the tractor in the front part, the trailer behind was covered, so it was impossible for me to hear anything.

17 Q. When you arrived in Rimanishte, what happened next?

A. After 48 hours, we arrived in Rimanishte at around 7.00 or 8.00
in the -- 8.15 in the evening. This happened on 8 of -- 10 April.
So we travelled for 48 hours to Rimanishte. We arrived there at

around 8.00, 8.15 p.m.

22 Q. Did you stop there or did you continue?

23 A. We stopped there. We ended up there for that evening.

Q. From Rimanishte, did you go back to your village?

25 A. Yes, again back to my village.

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Ο. And do you know what happened when Nuredin Ibishi and Kapllan 1 Parduzi --2 I don't know what happened. But I know that -- and it's a bit 3 Α. problematic to be more specific. It was -- there was no electricity. 4 It was dark. There was a small jeep, Mitsubishi make, and I saw 5 their feet hanging outside the jeep. So after this, I did not see 6 what happened. I don't know what happened. 7 Q. When they placed them in the jeep, did you leave before the 8 jeep, or did the jeep leave before you? 9 A. I would say that we arrived at the same time. As I said, it was 10 dark, there was no electricity. With some matches, we were trying to 11 12 make some sort of light. When you set off from Rimanishte to go back to Orllan, did you 13 Ο. 14 leave before the jeep or --No, no. In Rimanishte, I was at the house of an old person that 15 Α. I did not know, and they left Rimanishte and I don't know where to. 16 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Defence Counsel and Mr. Witness, 17 please let us slow down a little bit when answering. So take this 18 pause. If Mr. Shala finishes his question, please take, first, a 19 deep breath, and then give the answer. Thank you. 20 Please continue, Defence Counsel. 21 MR. SHALA: Yes, thank you. 22 Your Honour, with your permission, I will kindly ask 23 Court Officer to put on screen the document DSM00778 and document 24 DSM00090. This second document is in English, a statement of a 25 KSC-BC-2020-05 13 April 2022

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1	state	ement to Salih Mustafa's Defence?
2	Α.	Yes.
3	Q.	While being questioned by the Defence lawyer, in answer to the
4	quest	tion "do you know their names," you said:
5		"I don't remember but at least two times people were saying the
6	name	of 'Cali.' 'Cali.'"
7		Do you recall to have said that?
8	Α.	Yes.
9	Q.	Can you tell us whether you yourself heard the name of Cali?
10	Α.	Up to Koliq, I am not sure what the place was called, but I know
11	that	two persons came there in a tractor. They were not persons I
12	knew	then. I'm repeating, to my recollection, the other addressed
13	the o	other one saying, "Cal, shall we go on the right or on the left?"
14	And 1	then I didn't meet them again.
15	Q.	Did you manage to have a look at them physically, these two
16	perso	ons?
17	Α.	I said from a distance I could, yes.
18	Q.	If you were to see these two persons again, would you be able to
19	ident	tify them?
20	Α.	I might. It is possible.
21	Q.	In April 1999, in the context of the event we are discussing,
22	did y	you know Salih Mustafa then?
23		PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Wait. Defence Counsel, did I
24	hear	it well? Oh, I heard 1998, sorry, but I see that you said 1999.
25	Sorr	y for interrupting you. Excuse me.

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1	MR. SHALA: It is okay.
2	Q. [Interpretation] Did you know Salih Mustafa in April 1999?
3	A. Unfortunately for me, I didn't know him.
4	Q. Do you know him today?
5	A. I have never seen him in person. I only saw him on TV.
6	Q. Do you know if Salih Mustafa has any nickname?
7	A. I heard through I heard on television after his arrest was
8	became public, then I realised that his nickname was Cali, but I
9	didn't hear that before.
10	Q. That person, Cali, that Cali that you saw during that journey
11	from Turiqice to Rimanishte village, from your memory can that person
12	be Salih Mustafa?
13	A. 23 years have passed by, and things change. I cannot be
14	accurate in saying in giving you an answer. I don't have an
15	answer, actually.
16	Q. Thank you.
17	MR. SHALA: Your Honour, with your permission, I want to kindly
18	ask the Court Officer to put on screen the document DSM00099. It is
19	a map. Just the witness to show the road that they took from the
20	village Turiqice till to village Rimanishte.
21	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Please proceed,
22	Mr. Court Officer.
23	MR. SHALA: [Interpretation]
24	Q. Mr. Witness, do you see a map on the screen before you?
25	A. Yes.

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Witness: Sheqir Rrahimi (Open Session) Page 3674 Examination by Mr. Shala was on the occasion of Bajram. Yeah, on that occasion. 1 You said he was recovering. Do you know where? Q. 2 Α. 3 No. When you met, did you discuss what happened then? Meaning in 4 Q. April 1999. 5 A. No, no, we didn't need to discuss that. We were experiencing a 6 lot of traumas, so personally I would avoid such hard talks, I would 7 8 say. MR. SHALA: Your Honour, I need a minute consultation with my 9 co-counsel. 10 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well. Please proceed. 11 [Specialist Counsel confer] 12 MR. SHALA: Your Honour, I don't have further questions for the 13 14 witness. Thank you very much. PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you. 15 MR. SHALA: [Interpretation] 16 Mr. Witness, the Defence has no more questions for you. Thank 17 Ο. you. 18 Α. Thank you. 19 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you. 20 Mr. Prosecutor, it would be now your turn. Would you be ready 21 to start with the cross-examination, or shall we have a break of half 22 an hour? 23 MR. DE MINICIS: Your Honour, a little time would be helpful 24 just to note down a few references in the transcript. 25

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PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes. 1 MR. DE MINICIS: So it's up to Your Honours, though. Thank you. 2 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: What we will do then, we will 3 take a half an hour break a little bit earlier than we do usually, 4 but I think it's a natural moment because we finished the direct 5 examination. 6 Mr. Witness, what we will do now is we will have a break of 7 30 minutes. And after that, the counsel for the Specialist 8 Prosecutor's Office will do the cross-examination. So he will be the 9 one asking you questions. Okay? 10 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Okay. 11 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Madam Court Usher will usher you 12 out of the courtroom. Thank you. 13 14 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Thank you. [The witness stands down] 15 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Madam Court Usher. 16 We will meet again at 10 minutes to 11.00. 17 The hearing is adjourned. 18 --- Recess taken at 10.19 a.m. 19 --- On resuming at 10.50 a.m. 20 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I note that we are in the same 21 composition. We can continue. 22 Madam Court Usher, could you bring the witness in, please. 23 [The witness takes the stand] 24 25 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Welcome back, Mr. Witness.

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1	THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Thank you.
2	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I will now give the floor to the
3	Specialist Prosecutor's Office for the cross-examination.
4	Mr. Prosecutor, you have the floor.
5	MR. DE MINICIS: Thank you, Your Honour.
6	Cross-examination by Mr. De Minicis:
7	Q. Good morning, Mr. Rrahimi.
8	A. Good morning.
9	Q. You testified today that at the time you took Nuredin Ibishi and
10	Mr. Parduzi from Turiqice to Rimanishte you did not know
11	Salih Mustafa; is that correct?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. In fact, you had never heard of him until you saw him on TV
14	after the war, had you?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. You also stated that you did not know his nickname, which is
17	Cali, which is something that you also learned after the war upon
18	seeing him on TV. Did I get that right?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. So it's fair to say, is it not, that on that night, the name
21	Cali was not a name of particular significance to you, was it?
22	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Could you just formulate it open?
23	I mean, you're really implying something now.
24	MR. DE MINICIS: Yes, Your Honour. I'm sorry.

25 Q. Was Cali a name of particular significance to you the night that

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1	you we	ere escorting the wounded?	
2	A. N	No, it had absolutely no importance for me.	
3	Q. A	and yet, 23 years later, upon being prompted again this m	morning,
4	but 23	3 years later you claim to recall that somebody, whom - a	and
5	we'll	get to that, you weren't even sure who that was - said	"Cali,"
6	"Cali,	" a couple of times. Is that your testimony today?	
7	A. Y	Zes.	
8	Q. A	And I'm asking because, again, it's 23 years ago, and I	want to
9	see if	you are sure about that. So you're certain today that	you
10	rememb	per that name?	
11	A. Y	Zes.	
12	Q. Y	You say it was raining; correct?	
13	A. Y	Zes.	
14	Q. Y	You were driving a tractor; is that correct?	
15	A. Y	les.	
16	Q. I	There was another tractor in front of you?	
17	A. U	Jp to Koliq, there were two tractors ahead of me.	
18	Q.S	So when you heard the name, I understand that the two pe	ople who
19	came a	afterwards, they were also driving a tractor. So was it	your
20	tracto	or and another tractor in front of you?	
21	A. U	Jp to Koliq, I said, I followed Rrahman Zeka and I ca	rried
22	Rrahma	an Zeka	
23	Γ	THE INTERPRETER: Sorry. Can he repeat, please?	
24	F	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Mr. Witness, can you repe	at your
25	answer	because the interpreter didn't get it exactly.	

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THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] They escorted me. Each of them 1 had their own tractor; that is, Rrahman Zeka and Sabit Rrahimi. 2 MR. DE MINICIS: 3 I understand. Then in Koliq, you know, or around Koliq, you 4 Q. stated that two other people in civilian clothes that you did not 5 know also joined the convoy; is that correct? 6 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Mr. Prosecutor, can you give the 7 references for the record? Of course, that's what we normally do. 8 MR. DE MINICIS: Yes, it's page 17: 9 "Up to Koliq, I am not sure what the place was called, but I 10 know that two persons came there in a tractor. They were not persons 11 I knew then." 12 And then so at that point when the two persons arrived in Koliq, Ο. 13 14 was it your tractor, these new people's tractor, and had the other tractor left by then? 15 The two tractors, when the tractor that you are asking me about Α. 16 with these two persons, they were in one tractor. During that time, 17 I was alone in my tractor. 18 Q. 19 Okay. PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: But for my understanding, because 20 I am getting lost between the tractors. The two tractors that were 21 already there, what happened to those two? 22 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] They returned. They went back. 23 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I will give it back to 24

25 Mr. Prosecutor.

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But please, bear in mind, I would like now to have some 1 clarification with regard to how many tractors were there, when, and 2 3 where.

4 MR. DE MINICIS: Okay. So let's take it from there.

Mr. Witness, you said that you set off from Turigice with your tractor and the trailer carrying the wounded; is that correct? 6 7 Α. Yes.

And there was on the tractor, together with you, a doctor; is 8 Ο. that right? 9

Α. Yes. 10

Q.

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Q. At some point -- at some point another tractor joined you, and 11 12 you named the two gentlemen in the tractor, that you knew them. Т think that you stated to the Defence in your statement, provided the 13 14 reference, that they are dead now. And so at some point you became two tractors; is that correct? 15

PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: [Microphone not activated]. 16

MR. DE MINICIS: Well, Your Honour, I understand there is the 17 witness tractor with the trailer attached, and then another tractor 18 with two gentlemen leading the way. 19

PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I would propose that you ask the 20 witness if he was driving -- if they - if they - those two gentlemen 21 were driving in two tractors or in two separate tractors. 22

MR. DE MINICIS: Thank you, Your Honour. 23

PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Because I -- we apparently 24 understood it differently. 25

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MR. DE MINICIS: Well, in fact, Your Honour, you might be ... 1 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Please, Mr. Witness. 2 3 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Two persons were with he -- one 4 tractor each, namely. There were two tractors for two persons. MR. DE MINICIS: Thank you, Your Honour. 5 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: So now we have three tractors, 6 Mr. Witness? 7 MR. DE MINICIS: Thank you, Your Honours. 8 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Three tractors. 9 MR. DE MINICIS: Three tractors, okay. 10 Q. And by the time you arrived to Koliq when these other two people 11 12 arrived with their tractors, you stated that these two people in the tractors had left? 13 14 Α. Correct. Okay. So now I think we have clarified - thanks, Your Honours -15 Q. that there were two tractors left at that point. 16 17 Now, when --PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Wait, wait. Mr. Witness, can you 18 take your headphones off? Thank you. 19 For my understanding, is that we have one tractor with trailer 20 where the witness was in. And then now we will be discussing the new 21 tractor --22 MR. DE MINICIS: Yes. 23 24 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: -- with two other persons --MR. DE MINICIS: Correct. 25

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PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: -- in that tractor.

MR. DE MINICIS: Correct. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

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PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. That's -- just to --3 MR. DE MINICIS: Correct, Your Honour. 4 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Please proceed, Mr. Prosecutor. 5 MR. DE MINICIS: Yes. 6 7 Q. Now today, when -- thank you. PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Mr. Witness. 8 MR. DE MINICIS: 9 Now today, when Defence Counsel first asked you if you could Q. 10 hear the persons on the tractor addressing each other, you stated --11 MR. DE MINICIS: And I think this is page 17, Your Honour: 12 "No, I couldn't hear them calling each other. I was in the 13 14 tractor in the front part. The trailer behind was covered, so it was impossible for me to hear anything." 15 Do you remember stating that? 16 I didn't understand it. 17 Α. 0. Today Defence Counsel asked you whether you could hear these 18 people who had arrived once you were in Koliq you were asked whether 19 you could hear them addressing each other. And you, at first, 20 answered: 21 "No, I couldn't hear them calling each other. I was in the 2.2 tractor in the front part. The trailer behind was covered, so it was 23 impossible for me to hear anything." 24

25 Do you recall saying that?

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1 A. Correct.

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2 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Mr. Prosecutor.

3 Defence Counsel, you will receive the floor. And if it's on the 4 reference?

5 MR. SHALA: Yes, it is. Page 13, this question made, and the 6 question it was for Nuredin Ibishi and Kapllan Parduzi, not for that 7 two persons that they came with tractor.

PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes. That's --

9 MR. SHALA: So I didn't make that question, and I didn't get the 10 answer on that question that the Prosecutor made now, posed it now.

PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you for your comments, Defence Counsel.

Mr. Witness, can you take off your headphones, please? Thank you.

Mr. Prosecutor, I had a slightly different comment. That the 15 question you are referring to is not on page 17, because on page 17 16 is "Cali, Cali," the words "Cali, Cali" are discussed. And on 17 page 14, a question in the line of what you just asked the witness 18 was asked, but not with regard to these two witnesses, the new one --19 these two persons, the new persons, but I have to re-read it. But 20 apparently what the Defence Counsel has said with reference to other 21 persons. 22

So I would ask you to be more precise when citing it.
MR. VON BONE: Excuse me, Your Honour.
PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Defence Counsel.

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MR. VON BONE: I cannot understand what is written on page 27, 1 line 1. 2 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: That's on a different topic? 3 MR. VON BONE: Yes, I just want to see what --4 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: No, but, Defence Counsel, just 5 for my understanding, because then I can separate for a moment. 6 MR. VON BONE: Different topic. 7 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Is this on this specific topic? 8 MR. VON BONE: No. No, no, no. 9 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. Can we then do it 10 afterwards? Then I can give the time -- then we can finish with this 11 moment -- with this specific issue. 12 MR. VON BONE: Okay. 13 14 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Do you need some more time, Defence Counsel? Mr. Prosecutor? Then I continue with the Defence 15 Counsel to see. 16 MR. DE MINICIS: I'm ready, Your Honour. Thank you. 17 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: So will you take into 18 consideration the two remarks we just made, both made by the Defence 19 Counsel and --20 MR. DE MINICIS: I will, Your Honour. 21 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. 22 MR. DE MINICIS: And I apologise for having misstated that part. 23 Defence Counsel was correct, as was Your Honour. 24 25 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.

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And now I get back to the Defence Counsel. You said page 27? 1 Okay, very well. I could hear them ... 2 I was informed, Defence Counsel, that they will re-listen what 3 was said and then it will be corrected. Very well. 4 Mr. Prosecutor, you have the floor. 5 MR. DE MINICIS: Yes. And for the record, what I was referring 6 earlier was, it's partly correct what Defence Counsel said, it was 7 about these two people, whether he had heard these two people talking 8 to the people on the trailer behind. So not between each other. Not 9 that. 10 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: No, I think I understood you. 11 But the witness has already his headphones up, so ... 12 MR. DE MINICIS: Okay. 13 14 Q. So I just I would like to understand where were you when these people -- whether these people approached your trailer and where were 15 you at that time? Because I think the answer was a bit unclear on 16 the record. 17 At page 13, Defence Counsel asked you: 18 "During this journey, and once you arrived in Rimanishte, did 19 you have contact with these two persons?" 20 And you stated: 21 "Absolutely not." 22 Then Defence Counsel asked you: 23 "These two persons, was it possible for them to approach Kapllan 24 Parduzi and Nuredin Ibishi, to talk to them?" 25

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And you answered: 1 "At one moment -- I'm not sure at what part of the journey, up 2 to Koliq, I was familiar with the area. After Koliq, I wasn't. So 3 we stopped for my personal needs, and I think the tractor was in 4 front of us, but I cannot say whether I saw him or not. So I don't 5 know this segment of the journey. I don't remember it. But as far 6 7 as I remember it, yes, it was no more than two minutes." So did these two persons approach or not the trailer with 8 Kapllan Parduzi and Nuredin Ibishi? 9 Yes, I did say that. Α. 10 Q. And --11 Two minutes. 12 Α. Sorry. And where were you when they approached Kapllan Parduzi Ο. 13 14 and Nuredin Ibishi? I stated earlier we stopped for my personal needs for two 15 Α. minutes. The tractor stopped. And during those two minutes, that 16 break, they could have spoken to them during those two minutes, but 17 18 not more than that. We did not have the time to stop and talk, because it was a question -- a matter of life or death. 19 So they could have talked to them, approached them. Did you see Q. 20 them approach the trailer with Kapllan Parduzi and Nuredin Ibishi? 21 Did you actually see these two people approach the trailer? 22 I saw one person, not two. I am sure that -- about one person. 23 Α. It was very short. 24

25 Q. So you leave the tractor and you go for your personal needs.

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1 How far did you go from the tractor?

2 A. 10 to 15 metres.

3 Q. Okay. So you do your personal needs. Do you have your back to

4 the tractor?

5 A. Of course.

Q. Of course. So it's fair to say that at that time you weren't
looking towards the tractor, were you?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Okay. Then you finish your personal needs. You turn and you go10 back to the tractor; is that correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now you stated that you saw one person there. Is that what you 13 recall seeing?

A. I said the tractor from Koliq, the tractor -- there were two persons escorting us, civilians, but as far as I remember there was only one person who could reach the trailer. That was -- that short break lasted for two minutes.

Q. Okay. And this is where I get confused, because you stated to the Defence that at some point, and you stated -- I'm repeating, to my recollection, you are talking about two persons, and I believe it's page 17:

22 "... the other addressed the other one saying, 'Cali, shall we
23 go to the right or to the left?'"

But now it would appear there was only one person that approached your tractor and not two persons.

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1 So did you actually hear the two people saying, "Cali, let's go 2 to the right or to the left" under the rain, with the tractor engine 3 on?

PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I have a point to make, but I see
that the witness has raised his hand.

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Please, Mr. Witness, what do you want to say?

7 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] I would like to clarify again. 8 I'm saying something different, and he understands it differently. I 9 am stating what happened. If he wants to say what he wants to say, I 10 cannot say that. I said initially that the tractor up to Koliq was 11 escorted by two tractors, until one part of Koliq, two, Rrahman Zeka 12 and Sabit Rrahimi. The area around Koliq is flat. They returned 13 home.

PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And then what happened? Because I'm very -- I'm a little bit confused for now too, so I would be more than happy if you could clarify it for us.

THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes, correct. I'll explain it. At the moment, a tractor came carrying two persons. One tractor and two persons. During the journey, we did not have time to discuss or to greet one another because it was war, it was a very difficult situation; plus the condition of the two patients, of Nuredin Ibishi and Kapllan Parduzi.

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23 At the moment, one person --
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24 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Mr. Witness.

25 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] -- asked him, as far as I can

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remember, "'Cali, shall we go to the right or to the left?'" 1 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And was that -- the person who 2 asked that, was that one of these two new persons that had arrived 3 with the tractor? 4 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes. 5 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes. I think that the questions 6 of Mr. Prosecutor have to do with one of the persons approaching the 7 tractor of the witness. 8 Would you like to continue with that specific point? Because I 9 don't want to overtake here your cross-examination on this specific 10 point. 11 MR. DE MINICIS: Yes, Your Honour. Well, I think -- I am not 12 very clear as to when the witness actually heard this, the name Cali, 13 14 Cali, so that's what I'm trying to find out. PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: You may. 15 Mr. Witness, can you take off your headphones? I have to make a 16 remark to the -- or a question to Mr. Prosecutor. Thank you. 17 18 I heard you saying something about the tractor engine on. I hadn't heard that before as being brought into evidence. 19 MR. DE MINICIS: Your Honour, I apologise. I should establish 20 that first. I didn't hear the witness saying he shut the tractor off 21 as he explained the chronology of that moment as it unfolded. So I 22 got ahead of myself. I should establish that first. 23 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: So please do that. Yes, try to 24

25 be precise, because I can imagine that Defence stands up and says

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that was not elicited at this moment in time. 1 MR. DE MINICIS: Of course, Your Honour. 2 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: You have the floor to continue. 3 4 MR. VON BONE: And for that -- may I, Your Honour? PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: [Microphone not activated]. 5 Yes, you may. And after that, I will ask the witness to put on 6 7 his headphones. MR. VON BONE: Yes. And if that moment that the counsel is 8 interested in, when was whatever said, maybe he can ask that simply 9 in an open question: When, at which point in time was that said that 10 he had heard that. Rather than determining for him a point, just 11 12 have an open question like that, like we all have to do. [Trial Panel confers] 13 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: My colleague indicated that on 14 page 33, lines 5 and 6, the answer is not -- has not been translated. 15 So we are also, at this moment in time, left in -- I don't know what 16 has been said at that moment in time by the witness. So that makes 17 it complicated for all of us to assess what the witness has said on 18 this particular point. 19 Mr. Prosecutor, you may proceed. And I suggest to you that you 20 try to make an open question but also a precise question to the 21 witness on the moment he heard --22 MR. DE MINICIS: [Microphone not activated]. 23 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And like I always do with the 24 examination-in-chief, I try not to interfere too much with the line 25

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of questioning, of course, but let's keep it open more because 1 apparently it's an important point in this examination. 2 3 Please proceed. 4 And, Mr. Witness, you can put on your headphones again. Thank you. Can you hear me fine? 5 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes. 6 MR. DE MINICIS: Just a second, Your Honour. 7 So page 13, the witness -- Mr. Witness, you stated that from --8 0. Defence Counsel asked you, line 8: 9 "And from Koliq to Rimanishte?" 10 So he was asking you about the trip from Koliq to Rimanishte. 11 12 And you stated: "Yes, there were two persons who came ... I didn't have 13 14 information how it happened. But these two persons came -- escorted They were in a tractor in front of us, about 200 metres ahead, 15 us. for security reasons or I don't know." 16 Do you confirm that these two people, as they joined you, they 17 were on a tractor 200 metres ahead of you? 18 I'm just asking you whether the transcript correctly -- is 19 correct -- correctly transcribed your answer. Was the tractor 200 20 metres in front of you? Yes or no? Yes or no? 21 No, I must elaborate here, because I said something else, and I Α. 22 think you have understood it differently. 23 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: No, Mr. Witness. What is 24 transcribed here is literally what you have said before. So 25

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1	Mr. Prosecutor is not inventing this. He has been citing what you
2	have been saying this morning to the Defence Counsel. If you meant
3	something else, you can explain, but he is not making something up.
4	That's what we all have heard and what is transcribed here, unless
5	that there has been made a mistake.
6	So can you confirm that you said this?
7	THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] I can say that at the beginning
8	they were at a very close they were very close. When the tractor
9	passed us by. And he said whether to go to the left or to the right.
10	As I recall it, they called the name Cali twice. And then they
11	continued, at which point they moved 200 metres away.
12	So they were in a they were moving along, and they moved
13	along because of the security situation, for security reasons.
14	I don't know if I am clear.
15	MR. DE MINICIS:
16	Q. Well, now you are. So we understand now that you heard the
17	name, "Cali, should we go here or there" as the tractor was
18	passing what was overtaking you in order to position itself 200
19	metres in front of your tractor; is that correct?
20	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Please, Mr. Witness. It's not
21	enough to nod, because if you nod it's not translated. So you have
22	to say "yes" or "no."
23	THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] The 200 metres to which I am
24	referring to, as I understand it, the 200 metres, that was when the
25	tractors were overtaking each other. And that is the moment where I

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A. I cannot give you the exact time. It was the -- it was evening, around 4.00 in the afternoon, or 5.00 in the afternoon. We did not have a watch to keep time.

4 Q. So you're driving your tractor?

5 A. Yes, that's correct. Yes, I was with my tractor.

6 Q. [Previous translation continues] ...

A. He was with his own tractor. He was with his own tractor and we
were overtaking each other. So while he was overtaking us and
passing by, he went -- he continued 200 metres in front of me.

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I don't know if this is clear.

PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes. And then my question would be: When did you hear the name Cali that was said by one of those two persons in the tractor? When did you hear that?

14 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] In Koliq. In Koliq.

PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I mean -- sorry for not being clear. I don't mean the town. I mean the moment in time. Was it when they were driving in front of you or when they surpassed you that you heard their voices, or were they still behind you with their tractors? That is what I meant.

THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] As he was overtaking. So when our two tractors were next to each other. That is when I heard the person saying, "Cali, should we go to the left or to the right?" PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Mr. Witness.

24 Mr. Prosecutor.

25 MR. DE MINICIS: Thank you for clarifying that.

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Witness: Sheqir Rrahimi (Open Session) Page 3694 Cross-examination by Mr. De Minicis Ο. So you were driving. They were driving. Both tractor engines 1 were on; correct? 2 I don't understand. 3 Α. You were both driving the tractors at that time. So you were 4 Ο. driving, the other tractor was driving at a faster speed so that it 5 overtook you; is that correct? 6 Yes, because I had to drive slower as I had -- I was 7 Α. transporting the wounded persons. 8 Of course. And were you going -- was it a mountain road? Were Q. 9 you going uphill at the time? Do you remember? 10 Α. Yes, it was a mountainous area at an altitude of 700 metres. 11 Is it steep? 12 Q. Yes, very steep. Otherwise, if it had been flat, I would have Α. 13 14 gone by myself and not with two tractors. Q. So you were probably driving in a low gear, were you not? 15 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Please ask open questions. 16 MR. DE MINICIS: 17 Q. On what gear -- do you remember on what gear were you driving 18 your tractor? I mean, you were up -- going uphill. Was it a low or 19 high gear? 20 A. I will explain it to you in our own language. It was in third 21 qear. 22 Q. Now. So I think that the picture that we've managed to clarify, 23 with some effort, is that as the two tractors were driving, you 24 25 pulling a trailer, up the mountain road, as the tractor of these two

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Cross-examination by Mr. De Minicis people overtook you, you heard, "Cali, Cali." 1 Now, was it raining? 2 3 Α. Yes. 4 Ο. And again, at that time, the name Cali, for you, had no particular significance? 5 Absolutely no meaning whatsoever. 6 Α. But then 23 years later you recall at that point when the 7 Q. tractor was overtaking you, under the rain, two engines, two tractor 8 engines on, driving on a steep road, uphill, one asking the other, 9 "Cali, Cali, where should we go?" That's your testimony today? 10 Α. Yes. 11 Now, let's talk about the other episode when you stopped to tend 12 Q. to your personal needs. You stated earlier that it's possible that 13 14 one of the two men on the tractor at that point approached the trailer. Do you recall saying that? 15 Α. Yes. 16 Now when you stopped your tractor to go tend to your personal 17 Ο. needs, was it then when the other tractor was driving 200 metres 18 ahead? 19 Yes, I stopped the tractor and he started driving in reverse 20 Α. with his tractor. 21 Okay. I understand. Q. 22 To ask what happened. I told him. And during that period, 23 Α. because it had been raining as well, it was raining, I think he 24 approached the trailer, and that was it. 25

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No, sorry. Did you talk to him now? Is that -- are you now 1 Ο. saying that you when, during that episode, you talked to this person 2 who approached the trailer? 3 4 Α. Yes, he asked what happened. Nothing. And --But earlier you weren't even sure if a person actually 5 Q. approached the trailer, and now you talked to him? You didn't say 6 that in your Defence statement, did you, that you talked to one of 7 these two people? 8 I don't classify it as a conversation when somebody asks you Α. 9 what happened. I didn't say it because it wasn't very important. I 10 just -- because I had stopped for my personal needs. I didn't think 11 it was reasonable for me to explain that. 12 It's been 23 years since then. It's a bit of a problem to 13 14 remember all the small details. Yes. But today - I think it's still page 13 - Defence Counsel 15 Ο. asked you, so it's today, it's just maybe about half an hour ago, one 16 hour ago: 17 18 "During this journey," so during this journey, "and once you arrived in Rimanishte, did you have contacts with these two persons?" 19 And you said, rather assertively, if I may say: 20 "Absolutely not." 21 Do you recall stating that today? 22 Α. Yes. 23 But now you're stating that, in fact, you had a little chat with 24 Q. one of them when you stopped for your personal needs? I mean, do you 25

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have a clear recollection of those events 23 years later,
 Mr. Rrahimi?

A. Not as fresh as it would have been then. It's been 23 years.
Q. And so what is the right answer to the question as to whether
you had contact with them? Is it "absolutely not" or is it "yes"?
A. No, absolutely not. Only when I stopped the tractor and was
asked what happened and for my personal reasons. That was it. That
was the -- I did not have any other conversation.

9 Q. But, I mean, the Defence Counsel did ask you if during the 10 journey you had any contact with these two people, and you said 11 "absolutely not." You were very assertive in your answer. You 12 didn't say, "Just briefly as we stopped." You said, "Absolutely 13 not."

14 So now you seem to have changed your mind. How come? 15 A. I am not changing my mind. Not at all. But I don't call a 16 conversation -- I didn't consider that a conversation, being asked a 17 question what happened and me telling him nothing happened. I don't 18 consider that a conversation.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Mr. Prosecutor.

20 Mr. Witness, you are here under oath to tell us the truth. I 21 remind you to do so. It's a very serious matter here. So please 22 tell us the truth. And now -- I hear something that could be 23 interpreted as a contradiction, so for me it's really not clear at 24 this moment in time.

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So do your utmost -- and don't look at them. Look at us. Do

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1 your utmost to say what is the truth.

2 Mr. Prosecutor, you have the floor.

3 MR. DE MINICIS: Yes.

Q. I mean, you are referring to a conversation. You may not
consider that a conversation, but you consider that -- will you
consider that to be a contact with somebody? That's because -- I'm
asking because --

8 A. Yes, a contact.

9 Q. -- that's what Defence Counsel asked you: Did you have contact 10 with these two persons. He did not ask you if you had a 11 conversation. He asked you whether you had any contact with them, 12 and you stated: "Absolutely not."

So how can you explain that you were so certain this morning that that didn't happen and now, all of a sudden, you managed to recall that you had a -- in fact, not just a contact, you had an exchange with this person. Which one is the truth?

A. It's either that I'm not understanding or something is notfunctioning.

Something at a 3-metre distance, I would not call it a contact, to tell you the truth. And a conversation. It was a very brief meeting, exchange.

PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: But that is a contact, Mr. Witness. That is a contact. I mean, we don't have to play with words here. There was a moment of contact. I cannot say it differently what you -- no, we have to talk.

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1 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] I didn't take it as a contact, so 2 I did not find it reasonable to call it a contact.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I already said it to you, and my 4 colleague was repeating it, you're all the time looking to the 5 Defence. It's -- you should not look at them. You should give us an 6 answer about what happened then.

And I -- what I hear now from you, that we are, yes, walking around these words of "contact," "conversation," "exchange."

9 What I see in the transcript, and I will say it in my own words, 10 because I don't want to put words in your mouth, that at a certain 11 moment of time you said that you had no contact with them, and I 12 understood that, in that moment of time, when the question was asked, 13 that there was no exchange, no conversation, nothing.

And later on on the question of Mr. Prosecutor, you shared with us that, to the contrary, there was an exchange. There were some lines exchanged between you and them.

And for me, for now, that seems that it is contradicting itself. But you are here to explain yourself, so I want to hear from you what you meant with that. And we will give you the floor to explain again. And what I understood, up till now from you, and please correct me if I'm wrong, what I understood from now from you is that when you said no contact, you didn't include that you exchanged two lines with each other.

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Is that what you are saying?

25 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Contact. This is how I understand

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1	it, a contact: We did not talk. It was just what happened.
2	Nothing. Let's go. So that's why I did not say that we had a
3	contact. I didn't call it a contact.
4	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I will leave it for now here. I
5	have tried to explain where the misunderstanding could be.
6	Mr. Prosecutor, you have the floor.
7	MR. VON BONE: Your Honour, may I just briefly?
8	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes. Shall he take it off?
9	MR. VON BONE: Yes.
10	PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay, very well.
11	Mr. Witness, can you take off your headphones, please.
12	Defence Counsel, you have the floor.
13	MR. VON BONE: Your Honour, I do not think that we are dancing
14	around the words in whatever way, but I think, indeed, sometimes the
15	perception of one person and another person about the same word can
16	be different. And that is, I think, what is maybe happening.
17	So in that particular if that issue comes up again in
18	whatever way, then maybe it is also a matter of what the witness in
19	that, whatever he says, word, what he perceives from that, rather
20	than that we define what is contact or what is not contact. But, I
21	mean, that is, really, it many times people speak about a
22	particular word and they take a different meaning to it.
23	And I think that the witness does need to give an answer to the

question. However, I think if his perception of the same word is another one than that of the Prosecutor, we, or the Panel might have,

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1 that's fine. As long as he gets the opportunity to explain that

2 perception of him.

3 Thank you very much. That's all I --

PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Defence Counsel, I think that Mr. Witness has been given, also by the Panel, at this moment in time, ample opportunity to explain himself. So I can only agree with what you are saying, but that is what we have been doing. So we now --

9 MR. VON BONE: I just want to give it also to the Prosecutor --10 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: No, no. But now I will continue.

11 MR. VON BONE: -- rather than that we --

12 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Defence Counsel --

13 MR. VON BONE: -- we make an issue out of it.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: -- it's over now.

15 MR. DE MINICIS: Thanks, Your Honour.

Q. To continue. We were at page 13 again, asked whether you had any contact with these two persons. You stated "absolutely not."

18 Then Defence Counsel continued:

"These two persons, was it possible for them to approach" -PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Mr. Prosecutor, apologies. I
should have indicated to Mr. Witness that he had to put on his
headphones.

23 So I will now ask him to do it, and kindly repeat -- ask you to 24 repeat the question.

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Mr. Witness, can you put on your headphones?

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Witness: Sheqir Rrahimi (Open Session) Page 3702 Cross-examination by Mr. De Minicis MR. DE MINICIS: I should have realised that myself, 1 Your Honour. 2 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: No, it's also my responsibility. 3 Apologies, Mr. Witness. I had not indicated to you that you had 4 to put on your headphones. 5 Mr. Prosecutor, please repeat the question. 6 MR. DE MINICIS: Okay. 7 So we've discussed this issue that -- about you having any 8 0. contact with these two persons, and you answering absolutely not. 9 You explained to us why you gave that answer. 10 But then Defence Counsel continued, and he stated: 11 "These two persons, was it possible for them to approach ... 12 Kapllan Parduzi and Nuredin Ibishi to talk to them?" 13 14 And this was your answer: At one moment -- I'm not sure at which point. After Koliq, I wasn't familiar with the area. 15 You stated: 16 "So we stopped for my personal needs ..." 17 And this is where you told us, as you were coming back from your 18 personal needs, that you exchanged a couple of words with one of 19 these two people; is that correct? 20 Α. No, I did not say that I exchanged --21 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: [Microphone not activated]. 22 THE INTERPRETER: Microphone for Your Honour. 23 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Mr. Prosecutor, that was not what 24 the witness said, according to my understanding. 25

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MR. DE MINICIS: Sorry, Your Honour. 1 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I ask you to cite again exactly 2 what he said, because I don't want the witness to be confused. 3 4 MR. DE MINICIS: Well, okay. I'm sorry. Page 13, at the end, and then starting --5 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Page? 6 7 MR. DE MINICIS: Starting at page 14, at the beginning. It's the last line of page 13, and then beginning of page 14. 8 "So we stopped for my personal needs, and I think the tractor Q. 9 that was in front of us, but I cannot say whether I saw him or not, 10 so I don't know this segment of the journey. I don't remember it. 11 But as far as I remember it, yes, it was not more than two minutes." 12 MR. DE MINICIS: This would be page 14, lines 1 to 4. 13 14 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Mr. Witness, can you take off your headphones. Sorry for that. 15 I'm now going to page 44, line 22. Let me see what was said 16 there. Wasn't there somewhere else where Mr. Witness indicated when 17 18 he talked? MR. DE MINICIS: Yes, Your Honour. 19 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Because what I don't remember, 20 that he explicitly said that it was when he came back. And if that's 21 so, then we should just read it out to him. 22 MR. DE MINICIS: Well --23 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Because I don't want him to be 24 25 asked several times the same question.

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Witness: Sheqir Rrahimi (Open Session) Page 3704 Cross-examination by Mr. De Minicis MR. DE MINICIS: Yes. Just a second, Your Honour. Well, I need 1 to start it from page 40, line 17, Your Honours. 2 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes, I'm at page 40. 3 MR. DE MINICIS: 4 So: "Now when you stopped your tractor to ... tend to your 5 Q. personal needs, was it then when the other tractor was driving 200 6 7 metres away? "Yes, I stopped the tractor and he started driving in reverse 8 with his tractor. 9 "Okay. I understand. 10 "To ask what happened. I told him. And during that period, 11 because it had been raining as well, it was raining, I think he 12 approached the trailer, and that was it." 13 14 And then I asked him: "Did you talk to him now?" Because you hadn't said that before. 15 And he stated: 16 "I don't classify it as a conversation when somebody asks you 17 what happened. I didn't say it because it wasn't very important. I 18 just -- because I had stopped for my personal needs." 19 So my understanding is that the tractor reversed when he stopped 20 for his personal needs. And that is when this contact may have 21 happened. 22 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes, but what I heard that you 23 were saying that it was when he had finished with his personal needs. 24 And from this line -- from this part of the evidence he gave, I don't 25

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see an indication of the moment that he approached. And you were 1 already implying that it was after he finished his needs. 2 So that was the only point that we have to ask him when it was. 3 4 That was my point. MR. DE MINICIS: Oh, okay, Your Honour. Yes, sorry, it wasn't 5 precisely after he finished. It may have been before --6 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Maybe it was before. 7 MR. DE MINICIS: -- he went. 8 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I don't know. 9 MR. DE MINICIS: Yes, yes. 10 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: But because we are going into the 11 12 very details, we have to be precise. MR. DE MINICIS: Yes. 13 14 Q. So, Mr. Witness, you stopped for your personal needs. Thank 15 you. So, Mr. Witness, you told the Panel today that at some point you 16 stopped for your personal needs. At that point, the tractor that was 17 18 driving at the time 200 metres ahead of you started coming in reverse; is that correct? 19 Yes, correct. Α. 20

21 Q. In this conversation, this exchange that you had with one of the 22 persons, had you got off your tractor already on your way to this 15 23 metres away place where you tended to your personal needs, or were 24 you still in your tractor?

25 A. It was outside the tractor on the road, "What happened?"

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"Nothing happened," personal needs, and that was it.
Q. Do you recall if you spoke to this person before or after, so
tending to your personal needs?
A. Before attending to my personal needs.
Q. Okay. Because after stating that you had absolutely had no
contact with them, you again explained what happened. And you

7 stated:

8 "At one moment, I'm not sure at what part of the journey ..." 9 MR. DE MINICIS: I'm reading page 13, Your Honour, line 24. 10 Q. "... up to Koliq I was familiar with the area. After Koliq, I 11 wasn't. So we stopped for my personal needs, and I think the tractor 12 was in front of us, but I cannot say whether I saw him or not."

13 Who were you referring to when you weren't sure whether you "saw 14 him or not"?

MR. DE MINICIS: And it's page 14, line 2, Your Honours. THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] As far as I understood the question, the question was whether Cali spoke with Korabi, if he approached the tractor.

19 MR. DE MINICIS:

20 Q. Yes, the question was whether one of the two persons had 21 approached the tractor. And you said that you couldn't say whether 22 you saw that person or not. That's what you said; right?

23 A. Correct.

Q. You didn't say that you had any conversation with this person at the time?

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The conversation with this person was before he approached the 1 Α. tractor. Before he came near to the tractor. 2 3 Q. Before he came near to the -- how far away was this person from the tractor when you had the conversation? 4 We have a tradition. When you have your personal needs, you 5 Α. don't do it on the road, so you just try to find a place in the woods 6 7 to tend to your personal needs. So while I was going there, that's where that exchange or conversation took place. 8 And at what distance was this person that you talked to when you Q. 9 had this conversation? 10 Α. 7, 8 metres, 10 metres. I didn't have a GPS to measure the 11 distance. 12 Well, at this -- you made no mention in your Defence statement, Ο. 13 14 and today, earlier, of this contact, and you just mentioned it now. So is there - again, for one last time - any reason why that 15 come back to your mind when I started questioning you about the 16 meeting? Why you hadn't stated that before? 17 Α. I thought that contact is not something that you have with a 18 person in a small exchange. That's it. 19 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Mr. Prosecutor, I would leave 20 it --21 MR. DE MINICIS: Yes. 22 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: -- for now --23 MR. DE MINICIS: I'm done --24 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: -- with regard to this point. 25

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MR. DE MINICIS: -- Your Honour. 1 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I think that --2 MR. DE MINICIS: Can I just have a second? 3 4 [Specialist Prosecutors confer] MR. DE MINICIS: Your Honour, are we planning to have the break 5 at 12.00? 6 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I was planning to do one and a 7 half hour of session. 8 MR. DE MINICIS: Okay. 9 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: So we started at 10 minutes to 10 12.00. 11 MR. DE MINICIS: Yes. 12 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Am I right? So --13 14 MR. DE MINICIS: To 11.00. PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes? So then till -- so 20 15 minutes past 12.00 I want to finish. Just to do one and a half hour 16 session. 17 18 MR. DE MINICIS: In that case, Your Honour, I don't have any further questions for this witness. That's all. Thank you. 19 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Mr. Prosecutor. 20 Victims' Counsel, would you be ready to ask questions to the 21 witness, or would you prefer to have the break first? 22 MS. VOSSENBERG: I have no questions for this witness. 23 Thank you, Your Honours. 24 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: That was another possibility that 25

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Witness: Sheqir Rrahimi (Open Session) Page 3709 Re-examination by Mr. Shala I did not include. 1 Very well. Then for my information, Defence Counsel, would you 2 like to do a redirect? 3 4 MR. SHALA: Yes, Your Honour. Only one question. PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. And are you prepared to do 5 that now? 6 MR. SHALA: Yes. 7 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Then --8 MR. SHALA: Yes. 9 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: -- I will give you the floor now. 10 MR. SHALA: Thank you. 11 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Please. 12 Re-examination by Mr. Shala: 13 14 Q. [Interpretation] Mr. Witness, today, at the time we had a break, after I finished my questions for you, did we have contact, the two 15 of us? 16 Α. 17 No. Q. When was the first time that you had contact with me as counsel 18 for Mr. Mustafa? 19 Only today. Α. 20 Thank you. 21 Q. PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: This was your question? 22 MR. SHALA: [Microphone not activated]. 23 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Defence Counsel. 24 Very well. Mr. Prosecutor, would you like to do rejoinder? 25

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MR. DE MINICIS: No, Your Honour. Thank you. 1 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay, no. There were no 2 questions from the Victims' Counsel. 3 Then let us see where we stand with the questions. You have 4 been asked questions by the Defence and by the Prosecution, and now 5 it's the turn for the Panel to see if we need some clarification on 6 issues we have been -- you have been giving evidence on today in 7 order to assist the Panel to find the truth. 8 I will now ask my colleagues if there are any further questions 9 for you, to pose to you. I, for my part, I don't have any questions. 10 [Trial Panel confers] 11 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Please, you have the floor. 12 Questioned by the Trial Panel: 13 14 JUDGE BITTI: Mr. Witness, this morning you said, and that's page 14, lines 11 to 13 of the transcript: 15 "After 48 hours, we arrived in Rimanishte. This happened on 8 16 to 10 April." 17 18 Are you sure about that? It did not happen on 8 April. From 10 April. On the 9th was 19 Α. the offensive. On the 10th, they were wounded. Not on the 8th. 20 JUDGE BITTI: So how much time did it take you to arrive in 21 Rimanishte? 22 Α. 48 hours. 23 JUDGE BITTI: In your statement to the Defence, you explain, and 24 we have been discussing that at length, but I just want to be clear, 25

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that up to Koliq -- and that's, sorry, DSM00094. 1 "Up to Koliq, there was no problem. But then when we reached 2 Koliq, two people came to escort us up to Rimanishte. They were 3 showing us the way where to go." 4 So -- and then you say -- you are asked did you know these 5 people? No. Do you know their names? I do not remember, but at 6 least twice people called the name Cali, Cali. 7 We will not go back to that. 8 I am interested simply to be clear on the fact that this person 9 came only in Koliq and up to Rimanishte. Is that clear? 10 Α. This person escorted us from Koliq to Rimanishte. From Koliq to 11 Rimanishte. 12 JUDGE BITTI: Okay. How much time did it take from Koliq to 13 14 Rimanishte; do you remember? I don't know. We didn't have watches. I wouldn't be able to Α. 15 tell you. We did not have GPSs. We were in tractors. 16 JUDGE BITTI: Okay. Because on page 38, lines 2, 3, you are 17 18 speaking about this tractor with those two persons overtaking you, and you said it was on 4.00, 5.00 p.m. At 4.00, 5.00 p.m., that it 19 overtook you in Koliq. 20 So 4.00, 5.00 p.m., I guess it's the day after you left 21 Turiqice. So we are already on 11 April, or are we already on 22 12 April? 23 Α. On 10 April, the two persons were wounded in Surdull village. I 24 explained that. On 10 April, we set off towards Rimanishte. From 25

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Turiqice, Rakinice, Bllate, and through all those villages that I
 mentioned. And if need be, I can mention them again.

With two persons in the tractor, they escorted us up to Koliq. At Koliq, at one part of Koliq, those two persons went back, because they were familiar with the terrain. Then two other persons came in one tractor, not in two tractors, so they came in one tractor and they escorted us up to Rimanishte.

3 JUDGE BITTI: That I understood perfectly. But if I go back to 9 the map which was shown to you, you went through -- then you started 10 in Turiqice, then Rakinice, then Bllate, then Kalatice, then 11 Koshavice, then Ballaban, then Koliq. So -- and then from Koliq is 12 only Sharban and Rimanishte.

13 So I understand that it is rather at the end of your journey 14 that this tractor with those two persons came.

15 A. Near the end.

JUDGE BITTI: Okay. So this tractor with those two persons only came towards the end of your journey just between Koliq and Rimanishte. That I understood correctly? Please say "yes" or "no." A. Yes, yes.

JUDGE BITTI: Thank you very much. I have no further questions,
 Madam Presiding Judge.

PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you very much.

23 Mr. Rrahimi, we have reached the end of your testimony. So I 24 would like to thank you for your efforts this morning to give your 25 testimony, and I'm sure it will help us in our efforts to find the

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truth. So thank you very much. 1 I will ask Madam Court Usher to usher you out of the courtroom. 2 We wish you a safe journey home, and I remind you that you should not 3 discuss your testimony before the Specialist Chambers with anyone. 4 Thank you again. 5 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Thank you. 6 [The witness withdrew] 7 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Madam Court Usher. 8 Is there anything the parties would like to raise? 9 Mr. Prosecutor. 10 MR. DE MINICIS: No, Your Honour. Thank you. 11 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Victims' Counsel. 12 MS. VOSSENBERG: No, thank you, Your Honours. 13 14 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well. Defence Counsel. 15 MR. VON BONE: Nothing, Your Honour. 16 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well. Then if there's 17 nothing else we have to discuss, we will resume on Wednesday, 18 20 April, at 9.30, with the testimony of Witness 1300. And I have 19 seen that for next week already all the lists by the Defence are 20 procured for the whole week, and thank you for that. 21 The hearing is adjourned. 22 --- Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 12.04 p.m. 23 24

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