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- Wednesday, 3 November 2021
- 2 [Open session]
- 3 [The accused appeared via videolink]
- 4 --- Upon commencing at 9.30 a.m.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Good morning.
- 6 Court Officer, can you please call the case.
- 7 THE COURT OFFICER: Good morning, Your Honours. This is case
- 8 KSC-BC-2020-05, The Specialist Prosecutor versus Salih Mustafa.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
- 10 First of all, I will call appearances.
- Mr. Prosecutor, you have the floor.
- MR. DE MINICIS: Good morning, Your Honours. Cezary Michalczuk,
- Prosecutor; Silvia D'Ascoli, Associate Prosecutor;
- 14 Ms. Deborah Osborn, legal intern; Julie Mann, Case Manager; and
- 15 Filippo De Minicis, Associate Prosecutor.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
- 17 Victims' Counsel, please.
- MS. PUES: Good morning, Your Honours. Good morning, everybody.
- 19 The Victims' Counsel team is represented by Njomza Haxhibeqiri and by
- 20 myself, Anni Pues, as counsel today. Thank you.
- 21 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
- Defence counsel, please.
- MR. VON BONE: Good morning, Your Honours. The Defence is
- represented by myself, Julius von Bone, lead counsel. Mr. Mustafa is
- joining by remote, via videolink. Thank you very much.

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- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Mr. Mustafa. Does the connection 1
- work okay? Can you hear us fine?
- No, apparently not. 3
- THE ACCUSED: [Via videolink] [Interpretation] Yes, I can, 4
- Your Honour. 5
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. Very well. And for the 6
- record, you are appearing about before Trial Panel I. 7
- We will continue with the testimony of Witness W04603. But 8
- before, the Panel wants to raise an issue with the SPO which concerns 9
- 10 again F0201.
- Mr. Prosecutor, we have an issue with regard to filing 201. We 11
- noticed that some of the items shown to the accused during his SPO 12
- interview were tendered into evidence by the SPO, some were not, and 13
- 14 others were not disclosed in Legal Workflow as part of the disclosure
- procedure during the pre-trial phase. And we would like to know, 15
- just for reasons of -- to be sure, if it was intended to do it in 16
- this way, or that the SPO instead want to seek admission into 17
- evidence of all items referred to in the SPO interview of the 18
- accused. 19
- You have the floor. 20
- 21 MR. DE MINICIS: Yes, Your Honour. If we can perhaps check that
- and get back to the Panel with an answer. That would be --22
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. 2.3
- MR. DE MINICIS: Thank you. 24
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well. We will see when that 25

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- will be. That might be then if we want to do it in court next week.
- I foresee that we will be finishing in the first session, but we also
- always become a second session. 3
- MR. DE MINICIS: Yes, Your Honour. We will start looking at it 4
- right now, but perhaps if we don't manage to get an answer today, 5
- we'll get back to you first thing next week, if that's acceptable. 6
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well. 7
- Now, let us refer to the testimony of Witness W04603. Can we 8
- please usher the witness into the courtroom. Thank you. 9
- 10 [The witness takes the stand]
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Mr. Witness, good morning, and 11
- welcome back to the Specialist Chambers. Can you hear me? 12
- THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes, yes. Good morning. 13
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Did you have time to rest? 14
- THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes. 15
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Mr. Witness. Today we 16
- will continue with your testimony and it is the turn of the Judges to 17
- ask you questions. It will allow us to gain more clarity with regard 18
- to what you have already said in your testimony. Your answers will 19
- be important in helping us to understand better what you have been 20
- sharing with us. 21
- I remind you that you're still under oath to tell the truth. 22 Do
- you understand that? 2.3
- THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes. 24
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Good. Now, let us see. I will 25

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- start with some questions to you in public session and then I will
- ask Madam Court Officer to revert to private session.
- WITNESS: W04603 [Resumed]
- 4 [Witness answered through interpreter]
- 5 Questioned by the Trial Panel:
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yesterday you answered a few
- questions on Skifterat at the transcript of yesterday, page 12,
- 8 line 21 till 24. And my question is: Do you know if Skifterat had
- 9 also another name?
- 10 A. No, I don't know.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And do you know do you now know
- if it has another name?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And what is that?
- 15 A. BIA.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: So what you're saying, if I
- summarise you, is that during the war you didn't know that Skifterat
- was also called BIA?
- 19 A. No, I didn't.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And when did you learn about the
- 21 name BIA?
- 22 A. It was later, after the war.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And in what context did you learn
- 24 about it?
- 25 A. I don't understand the question.

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- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. Who told you about it,
- that BIA was also -- that Skifterat was also called BIA? 2
- Α. I don't remember who gave me that information. 3
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. And do you know what the 4
- abbreviation BIA stands for? 5
- Α. No. 6
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Good. Yesterday you told us that 7
- you went once to the Skifterat base. I refer to transcript of 8
- yesterday, page 17, line 17. Did you actually enter the base or did 9
- 10 you stay outside?
- No, I remained outside. 11
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. And if you say that you 12
- remained outside, what do you mean with that? 13
- I didn't enter the building. We just left the food supply there 14
- is, and the food supplies were taken by a soldier, and then we left. 15
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: If I use the word "Skifterat 16
- base," is that appropriate? Because if I understand you well, you 17
- say it's one house. 18
- Yes. As far as I remember, it was a house. 19
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Then I won't repeat and go into 20
- 21 that. We have been discussing that yesterday.
- Do you know if the Serb forces we discussed that also 22
- yesterday arrived at the Skifterat base during the Serb offensive? 23
- I think that the Serb forces entered the Zllash area. 24
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes, that's what you also said in 25

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- your SPO interview, Part 3, page 6, and then I refer to the lines 14
- till 24; and on page 7, page 1 till 4. But that's the Illash area.
- But my question is more specific. My question refers to the
- so-called -- what you see as the Skifterat base, the house. Do you
- 5 know if the Serb forces went till there?
- 6 A. I don't have that information. I don't know. The only thing I
- 7 know is that they entered the whole Zllash area. I wasn't there to
- 8 know.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you for your answer. It
- remained unclear for us because if we talk about Zllash, what is
- 11 that, and the -- yes, okay. Thank you.
- 12 [REDACTED]
- 13 [REDACTED]
- 14 [REDACTED]
- 15 [REDACTED]
- 16 [REDACTED]
- 17 [REDACTED]
- 18 [REDACTED]
- 19 [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED]
- 21 [REDACTED]
- 22 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 24 [REDACTED]
- 25 [REDACTED]

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- 1 [REDACTED]
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. Thank you.
- I saw the SPO standing, please.
- 4 MR. DE MINICIS: Yes, Your Honour, I apologise for the
- interruption. It's that perhaps this part could be discussed in
- 6 private session, if we go into more specifics about the -- what
- 7 Your Honour was dealing with right now.
- 8 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well.
- 9 Madam Court Officer, could we please go into private session.
- 10 [Private session] [Open session]
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're now in private session.
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
- You said it was a woman you appeared in front and you gave your
- personal details; is that correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And how did you know that you had
- 17 to appear there?
- 18 A. I think I received a phone call. Something like that.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Now, here, page 21, Part 2,
- line 11, you said here -- I will not pull it up. I can just read it
- out here.
- You were -- [REDACTED]
- 23 [REDACTED]
- 24 [REDACTED]
- 25 [REDACTED]

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- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And you now said, "I don't
- 2 remember in front of whom I had to appear."
- Before the SPO, in line 19, you said it was a judge, a female
- judge you had to appear in front of. If I now say that to you, can
- 5 you now remember?
- A. Yes, yes. I met this woman. I can't remember the name at this
- 7 moment.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: But before the SPO, you said it
- 9 was a judge.
- 10 A. I believe she was a judge.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Good. Madam Court Officer -
- thank you for that can you bring us back into public session,
- 13 please.
- [Open session]
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're back in public session.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Madam Court Officer, I have some
- pictures I would like to show to the witness, and I would like to
- 18 start with SPOE00222614.
- 19 Mr. Witness, do you recognise one person or more persons on
- these pictures? On this picture, excuse me.
- 21 A. Only Cali. I don't recognise any of the others.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And can you indicate to me who is
- Cali, according to you, on the picture?
- 24 A. The one on the right, sitting down.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: There are two persons sitting

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- 1 down. On the right, okay.
- 2 A. On my right.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. And which colour is the
- 4 hat he is wearing?
- 5 A. Red.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: That's for the record. I don't
- 7 think we have to identify other with the cross or anything else. I
- 8 think it's clear like this.
- 9 Good. Thank you.
- Madam Court Officer, could you load the picture ending with
- 11 222582.
- Do you recognise one or more persons on this picture?
- 13 A. Only Cali.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And could you again tell us where
- we can see that person on the picture?
- 16 A. The one in the bottom part.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Is he wearing a hat?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: That will do for now. Thank you.
- 20 Madam Court Officer, you can take it away.
- Could you bring us into private session, Madam Court Officer.
- 22 [Private session] [Open session]
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in private session.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you for that.
- Mr. Witness, yesterday you testified you heard that

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- 1 Mr. [REDACTED] died. You heard that at a certain moment. I
- refer to the transcript of yesterday, page 33, line 14, and page 27,
- 3 line 23 to page 28, line 1.
- I say these references because for the parties and the
- 5 Victims' Counsel, it is also important to know where the Judges get
- their information from, yes, Mr. Witness.
- 7 That's what you testified, that you heard that [REDACTED]
- 8 died. And you were asked --
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: -- where you were told that he
- died. And I read and I heard yesterday that you said that you were
- never told where he died; is that correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And as a reference, this is
- transcript page 54, line 11.
- Now, I would like to refresh your memory.
- Madam Court Officer, can you bring up Part 2, page 6, line 24
- and 25 of the statement of the witness before the SPO.
- 19 It's here in English, Mr. Witness, but I will read it out to you
- and then it will be translated.
- The question is: "Have you heard of a man called
- 22 [REDACTED]?"
- And then you say: "Yes, yes."
- And then you are asked: "What did you hear about him?
- 25 And then you say: "I heard about this man after the war. I

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- heard that he died and that [REDACTED]."
- So does this refresh your memory that you heard that [REDACTED]
- 3 [REDACTED]
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And can you confirm that that is
- 6 correct? Not that it is correct that he died there but that you
- 7 heard that.
- 8 A. Yes, that I heard that.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you for that.
- Something else. Yesterday and that's transcript page 1304,
- line 4 and 5 you said that you did not know why [REDACTED] and
- the [REDACTED] to the jeep; is that
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes, okay. Was it the first time
- 16 you saw that jeep?
- 17 A. Yes.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I want to go in -- some more into
- the reason why there was this transfer from the Mercedes to the jeep
- of [REDACTED]
- Do you think that the type of Mercedes where you were in, that
- they could have reached the Skifterat base taking into account the
- type of area around the base? You went there, you told the Panel.
- 24 A. I don't know the reason why they changed vehicles. But I
- believe that the Mercedes could manage that road.

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Do you remember what type of
- 2 Mercedes it was?
- 3 A. It was a limousine.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Good. How do you feel now about
- the fact that [REDACTED] asked you to go with him to pick up
- [REDACTED]?
- 7 A. How do I feel now?
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yeah, about the fact that
- 9 [REDACTED] asked you to come with him.
- 10 A. Initially, he didn't tell me that we were going to pick up
- 11 someone. [REDACTED]
- 12 [REDACTED]
- 13 [REDACTED]
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes, I understood that and that
- was not the purpose of my question. I will try to rephrase it. Did
- 16 you anyhow -- or let us put it differently.
- Was the reason, yes -- the first reason you were given to come
- with [REDACTED] was not because -- the reason you were given to
- come, yes, appeared to be a reason that was not completely an honest
- reason because, if I understood well, it was not really about the
- refugees but it was about finding [REDACTED] Is that
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And so you were, at the
- beginning, not told the truth about what you were -- what the

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- intention was of the trip; is that correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And my question to you is, and I
- 4 will put it a little bit more bluntly now, didn't you feel in some
- 5 way tricked into this situation?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And then is my question: How did
- you feel about that, that you were tricked into the situation? Or
- 9 you can give it another name. Those are my words.
- 10 A. I didn't feel good at all about that.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And were you upset with
- 12 [REDACTED]
- 13 A. No. Because, of course, that was a task he was given.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: By somebody else? You say he was
- executing orders? Is that what you intend to say? I'm not
- 16 completely sure that I understand what you are saying.
- 17 A. That is the reason why I didn't get upset with him.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: You were upset -- you were upset
- 19 because -- but you were not upset with him.
- 20 A. No.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: No what? If you only say "no" or
- "yes," for me sometimes it becomes complicated to understand what you
- mean.
- A. I meant I was not upset with [REDACTED]
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I will come back to this, but --

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- or no, I will continue a little bit more.
- We have to do this. So, Mr. Witness, I will have a look at the
- 3 redaction order because it has to go out right away. Good, thank
- 4 you.
- We will now go to another point. I will come back to this
- 6 later.
- 7 To the best of your knowledge, do you remember when you picked
- 8 up [REDACTED] was he told why he had to come with [REDACTED]
- 9 of you?
- 10 A. He was only told that he had to come with us.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: He was not given any documents?
- 12 A. No. As far as I remember, he wasn't.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And do you think that he could
- have refused to get into the car?
- 15 A. He did not refuse at any moment.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: No. But my question was that if
- he would have said no, was that an option?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: There's another point I was
- looking at that earlier. You said that you would not have gone to
- pick up [REDACTED] if you would have known and I refer to your
- SPO interview, Part 2, page 16, line 11 and 12 and there is said
- that [REDACTED] says to you in line 8: "We will go to his house and see
- if we can help him with food supplies or anything."
- 25 And that is about your [REDACTED]

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- And then you are asked in line 11: "So at this point the name
- 2 [REDACTED] was not mentioned yet?"
- And you said: "No, no. I wouldn't have gone if that had been
- 4 the case."
- 5 Why wouldn't you have gone?
- A. Because, first of all, it was not my duty; and, secondly, he was
- 7 [REDACTED]
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. And what difference does
- 9 it make that it is a [REDACTED]? You're a soldier and you're
- told to do something.
- 11 A. This is what I think. Maybe I wouldn't have been able to break
- 12 that order, but ...
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I'm waiting for your answer.
- What difference did it make that it was a [REDACTED]?
- 15 A. I think that -- well, I don't know of what importance it is, but
- I wouldn't have gone to take [REDACTED].
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. And did you have the
- feeling, when you were driving from the house of [REDACTED] in
- 19 [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED] that something bad was going to happen or could
- 21 happen to him?
- 22 A. I felt very bad in that part of the journey, but that was it.
- There was nothing I could do.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: But my question is a different
- one. Did you have -- and I will rephrase it. Did you have a

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- presentiment that something bad would happen to him? Because you
- said, "I had a bad feeling about it," or "I felt bad about it."
- 3 A. Yes. But I didn't know that something bad would happen to him.
- I had no idea why they were taking him.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: But from the wording that you
- 6 used to the SPO, I get the impression -- but you are here to
- 7 contradict me and I just want to confront my impression with what --
- 8 with your wording here. I got the impression that you had a kind of
- 9 presentiment that something could happen to him and that's the reason
- why you were feeling bad.
- 11 A. More or less, yes, I felt bad when I found out that we were
- going to take ...
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes. We are making circles. I
- just -- I'm asking you why you felt bad. That's my only point. And
- I don't want to put words in your mouth. I'm not here for that. But
- 16 I'm just trying to figure out why you felt bad.
- 17 A. Well, I don't know what to say at this moment. But I felt bad
- just because we had to take [REDACTED] for this reason.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED]
- 21 A. I don't remember. I don't remember to have had [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] there.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: In Part 3, page 3 of the SPO
- 24 witness statement, in line 17, you were asked the same question.
- 25 And then you answered: [REDACTED]

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- 1 [REDACTED]
- And when I read that, I thought you either don't remember or
- they didn't come to see you. But it's difficult to say both.
- 4 A. I don't remember to have had [REDACTED] there.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: But if they would have visit you,
- 6 would you remember? Would that be something special?
- 7 A. Yes.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: But are you saying they didn't
- 9 come, or is it not just in your mind, you say, it's blurred? I don't
- 10 know. That's not clear for me.
- 11 A. They did not come. [REDACTED]
- 12 [REDACTED]
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: That is clear for me.
- When you went with [REDACTED]
- 15 [REDACTED] were you armed?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And I also read in your -- we
- didn't discuss that yesterday, I think. But in your SPO statement -
- 19 Part 2, page 2, lines 11 and 12 that you were provided with a
- weapon when you entered is the KLA; is that correct?
- 21 A. I did not have a weapon when I joined the KLA.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: When you entered, you received
- one. That's how I understood it, but we are here to clarify.
- A. No, no, I didn't have a weapon. They didn't give me one.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: But when you went to look for

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- 1 [REDACTED] vou had a
- weapon.
- 3 A. No. That weapon, I borrowed it from a comrade.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And when did you borrow it from a
- 5 comrade?
- A. During that time, before we left with [REDACTED] Because we had to
- go to a road, part of which was not under KLA control, and that is
- 8 the reason why they asked me to bring a weapon with me.
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And you borrowed it from a
- 10 comrade.
- 11 A. Yes.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: That same day, the day you went
- to go and look for [REDACTED]?
- 14 A. Yes.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Would you normally wear a weapon?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: But -- let me see. Let us
- 18 clarify this.
- Madam Court Officer, could you please bring up Part 2, page 2,
- 20 page 11 and 12.
- Yes. And the SPO is discussing with you what happened from
- June 1999 onwards. And they ask you: "... did your role change,"
- from June 1999 onwards, did your role change?
- And then you answer: "Yes. I handed over the weapon that I had
- and I was no longer a member of ..."

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- 1 And then some dots. And I deducted from that, but I repeat, we
- 2 are here to clarify your testimony and to understand it better, I
- understood from that that you were wearing a weapon or that you were
- 4 having a weapon.
- 5 A. Yes. I was issued a weapon in the end of April -- or, rather,
- during the Serbian offensive. That's when I was issued a weapon.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: My question was that -- that you
- were a [REDACTED] and sometimes would you act as a guard, and I was
- 9 wondering why you would need a weapon. But now I understand from
- your answer that you were only given a weapon by the end of April, in
- the context of the Serb offensive, and that you were wearing a weapon
- the day you went to look for [REDACTED].
- 13 A. Yes.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And you said you brought it with
- you because you -- for -- in case of defence. That's what I --
- 16 because you would go through an area which was not in the hands of
- 17 the KLA. Is that correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And which -- in which area would
- that be?
- 21 A. [REDACTED]
- 22 [REDACTED]
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: So if I understand you well, you
- say that somewhere [REDACTED], a part of the
- [REDACTED] was not under the control of the KLA.

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And you had to go through that
- area in order to go to the house of [REDACTED] --
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: -- and then to [REDACTED].
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Did you show the weapon to
- 8 [REDACTED]
- 9 A. The weapon was visible.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And the weapon that were carrying
- 11 [REDACTED] was that visible too?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Another topic. Yesterday you
- said that [REDACTED]. And I refer to
- the transcript of yesterday, page 1309, line 6. I don't really think
- it is necessary to put it up but -- okay.
- 17 A. [REDACTED]
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: [REDACTED]
- 19 [REDACTED] Do I pronounce it well? Okay.
- I read in your SPO statement, in Part 3, page 2, line 12, that
- 21 he left [REDACTED]. Could you explain to us why
- 22 [REDACTED]
- 23 [REDACTED]
- 24 [REDACTED]
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Madam Court Officer, could you

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- bring up Part 3, page 2, and then especially line -- 24 is
- irrelevant. You don't have to bring it up. It will be there.
- 3 You were interrogated by the Specialist Prosecution Office
- and -- with regard to [REDACTED]. And they were discussing with
- 5 you [REDACTED]
- And then the question in line 19 is: "But how did he come -- or
- 7 [REDACTED]
- 8 [REDACTED]
- 9 Does that refresh your memory?
- 10 [REDACTED]
- 11 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] And this is what I meant during my
- interview with the SPO as well.
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: So you said: I was
- 15 misunderstood.
- 16 A. Yes. Because I don't know any other version what to say.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: In the next line, the question
- 18 is: [REDACTED]
- 19 And then you answer: [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED]
- So I don't -- and then you say: "I have no knowledge."
- So I understood from that that did you not know [REDACTED]
- 23 [REDACTED]
- 24 [REDACTED]
- 25 [REDACTED]

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- $1 \qquad [REDACTED]$
- 2 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I don't want to insist too much
- on it. Just that in the line before you were asked: "Did he
- 6 [REDACTED]
- 7 And then you say: [REDACTED]
- 8 [REDACTED]
- 9 [REDACTED]
- 10 [REDACTED]
- 11 [REDACTED]
- 12 [REDACTED]
- 13 [REDACTED]
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: But do you see that -- or you
- cannot see, but you hear it, because it is translated to you, that in
- your SPO statement it is written down differently?
- 17 A. I can't remember this part, this particular part.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I'm checking with the list of
- 19 questions we went through to pose to you. I will look at my
- colleagues to see if there are any further questions.
- 21 [Trial Panel confers]
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
- 23 Madam Court Officer, could you bring us back into public
- 24 session, please.
- [Open session]

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- [Trial Panel confers]
- [Trial Panel and Court Officer confer] 3
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Mr. Witness, we reached the end 4
- of your testimony, and I can imagine that it has been demanding today 5
- and this morning. I would like to thank you for the efforts you put 6
- into giving your testimony because I believe that your testimony will 7
- help us in our efforts to find the truth. Thank you very much. 8
- We wish you a safe journey home. I also remind you that you 9
- should not discuss your testimony before the Specialist Chambers with 10
- anyone. You are now free to leave. 11
- THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Thank you. Thank you. 12
- [The witness withdrew] 13
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Does the SPO have something still 14
- to raise? 15

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- MR. DE MINICIS: No, Your Honour. Thank you. 16
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well. 17
- And the Victims' Counsel, do you have something --18
- MS. PUES: No, thank you. 19
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And Defence counsel. 20
- MR. VON BONE: No, Your Honour. 21
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. Thank you. 22
- Then if nobody has anything else to raise with the Panel, we 2.3
- will resume on Wednesday, 10 November, at 9.30, with the testimony of 24
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