

1 Thursday, 1 February 2024

2 [Open session]

3 [The accused entered the courtroom]

4 [The accused Krasniqi appeared via videolink]

5 --- Upon commencing at 9.00 a.m.

6 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Mr. Court Officer, you may call the  
7 case.

8 THE COURT OFFICER: Good morning, Your Honours. This is the  
9 file number KSC-BC-2020-06, The Specialist Prosecutor versus Hashim  
10 Thaci, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi, and Jakup Krasniqi. Thank you,  
11 Your Honours.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: I note that Mr. Krasniqi is appearing  
13 via videolink today. The other accused are present in court.  
14 Judge Barthe is also attending via videolink. We will still -- we  
15 will take the same break at 10.00.

16 Before we continue to hear evidence of Prosecution  
17 Witness W04325, the Panel will deal with some preliminary matters.

18 Mr. Court Officer, please bring us into private session.

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21 [Open session]

22 THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in public session.

23 Thank you.

24 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: We're adjourned for ten minutes.

25 --- Break taken at 10.03 a.m.

1 --- On resuming at 10.14 a.m.

2 MR. EMMERSON: Your Honour, I'm simply rising to complete the  
3 conversation that Your Honour raised this morning, which is that now,  
4 having had an opportunity to go through the documents that were  
5 disclosed overnight, there is one topic I need to raise, if I may.  
6 It won't take very long. And certainly --

7 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Five minutes, ten minutes?

8 MR. EMMERSON: Five minutes, ten minutes, and not now. Not  
9 until the end.

10 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Yeah, we'll wait until we get finished  
11 with every -- all the cross.

12 Madam Court Usher, please bring the witness in.

13 And, Mr. Court Officer, please take us to private session.

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20 THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in public session.

21 Thank you.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. We're adjourned until 11.30.

23 --- Recess taken at 10.54 a.m.

24 --- On resuming at 11.29 a.m.

25 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Mr. Court Officer, please take us into

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3 [Open session]

4 THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in public session.

5 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: We're adjourned until 2.30.

6 --- Luncheon recess taken at 1.05 p.m.

7 --- On resuming at 2.30 p.m.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Madam Usher, you may bring the witness  
9 back into the courtroom.

10 Madam Court Officer, please take us into private session.

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5 [Open session]

6 THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in public session.

7 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: We will adjourn for five minutes.

8 --- Break taken at 3.35 p.m.

9 --- On resuming at 3.40 p.m.

10 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Madam Usher, you can bring the witness  
11 in.

12 MS. O'REILLY: Your Honour, before we bring the witness in,  
13 there was a matter that I had raised earlier. I hope you received  
14 notice of it over the lunch break, that I wanted to ...

15 There is a matter that I wanted to address before the witness is  
16 brought in.

17 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated].

18 MS. O'REILLY: We received the Preparation Note for this witness  
19 on Tuesday around lunchtime. We reviewed it over the course of the  
20 afternoon, and on Wednesday morning before court began. I wrote an  
21 e-mail to the Prosecution asking them whether they intended to elicit  
22 the evidence that is at paragraph 20 of the note. This is a case  
23 theory that we have had no prior notice of, does not feature in the  
24 pre-trial brief or anywhere else that would provide notice to us, and  
25 is really being brought to our attention for the very first time as

1 of Tuesday.

2 It is quite a significant matter. Now, the witness has said in  
3 his Preparation Note that he doesn't know anything about this, so I  
4 would expect that the Prosecution does not intend to try to elicit,  
5 you know, non-evidence, as it were, from the witness. Nonetheless,  
6 when I e-mailed the Prosecution to ask them what their intentions  
7 were, they refused to make their intentions clear.

8 I, therefore, asked again if they could confirm whether or not  
9 they intended to elicit the evidence, and I haven't had a response.  
10 So I was wondering if we could maybe just clarify that issue before  
11 we continue.

12 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Mr. Pace, can you please respond.

13 MR. PACE: Yes, Your Honour.

14 So, first of all, asking a question does not amount to a case  
15 theory. Second of all, we're not in the business of eliciting  
16 non-evidence. Third, we responded to the Defence. They did not like  
17 our response, which was the document is in our presentation queue,  
18 which means we may use it. The line of questioning referred to is  
19 relevant. It concerns a direct superior of the next witness and his  
20 relationship the zone commander and the General Staff. We also  
21 noted, which would have avoided the courtroom time we're wasting  
22 right now, that is the kind of question that Your Honours have  
23 directed the Defence to raise at the time a document is used or at  
24 the time a question is made.

25 There is no need to re-hash this now under a certain obligation

1 for us to confirm with some form of signature or finality whether or  
2 not we're going to use a document in our presentation queue.

3 Those are our submissions.

4 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you.

5 MS. O'REILLY: Your Honour, if I may respond.

6 We were under the impression, based on the developments over the  
7 last two, three weeks in this session that you did -- that Your  
8 Honours did want notice of when we objected to documents that were in  
9 the queue prior to the issue being addressed. I also believe that  
10 this would be less disruptive to the Prosecutor's  
11 examination-in-chief.

12 We asked a simple question: Do you intend to lead this  
13 evidence? We did not get an answer to that. And, therefore, we  
14 asked again so that we could confirm whether or not we needed to  
15 waste your time with this now.

16 It would be helpful if we could get a direction from Your  
17 Honours as to whether you would, indeed, rather these issues were  
18 addressed prior to testimony --

19 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Overlapping speakers]. I don't have the  
20 document in front of me. You understand that?

21 MS. O'REILLY: Your Honour --

22 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: I will ask you do you intend to lead the  
23 evidence, Mr. Pace.

24 MR. PACE: Your Honour, the reason we did not say "yes" or "no"  
25 to the Defence is, of course, as you must appreciate, especially with

1 a live witness, whether we pursue a certain line of questioning  
2 depends on how things are going.

3 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated].

4 MR. PACE: We put the document on our presentation queue because  
5 we might. The evidence has not started and that's why I can't give  
6 an answer right now, Your Honour. In terms of the general line of  
7 questioning, I do intend to ask it.

8 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. I will take a look at it  
9 over the break, because we won't get to it now anyway, and we will  
10 rule on it prior to the next time we're all together.

11 MS. O'REILLY: Just to point out, Your Honour, this is a  
12 138-page intelligence report. When it was initially brought to our  
13 attention, we were told that it was relevant to the witness's role  
14 within the KLA. That is frankly misleading as you will find out when  
15 you review the Preparation Note.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you for your comment.

17 MR. PACE: Your Honour, if I may, to clarify --

18 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated].

19 MR. PACE: Thank you, Your Honour.

20 Just to clarify. As the Defence noted, in the Preparation Note  
21 there's a specific page put to the witness, and they have the  
22 information thereon. I also note that we raised the fact that we  
23 might use this document, as long as it is, in December with the  
24 Defence. At the time in December as well, they commented they had no  
25 objection to the document being used with the witness, and that's in

1 filing 2037/A02. So that you have the full picture.

2 MS. O'REILLY: I'm sorry, I do need to clarify that. The reason  
3 we said there was no objection is because the Prosecution had said  
4 that it is relevant to his role within the KLA. Now it is being used  
5 to pursue quite a different theory.

6 MR. MISETIC: On a totally different point. I was going to ask  
7 at the end of the day, but rather than --

8 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: I think we're about at the end of the  
9 day anyway.

10 MR. MISETIC: I know. There may be some Rule 143 issues with  
11 this witness. We made some submissions, written submissions to the  
12 Panel in November on interpretations of Rule 143. We're obviously  
13 not going to complete this witness today. So if the Panel could give  
14 us some guidance in the break as to its interpretation of 143,  
15 because that would instruct what kind of objections we might make  
16 when we come back in February.

17 That was the only point I wanted to request to the Panel.

18 MR. TULLY: We support the submissions of our colleagues, Your  
19 Honour.

20 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Mr. Tully, you're okay.

21 MR. TULLY: Thank you, Your Honour.

22 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Mr. Ellis, you want to chime in also?

23 MR. ELLIS: [Microphone not activated].

24 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. We'll make a decision on  
25 that.

1 Let's get the witness in and at least go through giving him his  
2 oath.

3 [The witness entered court]

4 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Good afternoon, Witness. The Court  
5 Usher has provided you with the text of the solemn declaration which  
6 you are asked to take pursuant to Rule 141(2) of the rules.

7 Please take a look at the document and then read it aloud.

8 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Solemn declaration according to  
9 Rule 141.

10 Conscious of the significance of my testimony and my legal  
11 responsibility, I solemnly declare that I will tell the truth, the  
12 whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and that I shall not withhold  
13 anything which has come to my knowledge.

14 WITNESS: W04576

15 [Witness answered through interpreter]

16 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: You may be seated.

17 Witness, today we will start your testimony, which we expect to  
18 last approximately 15 hours. As you may know, the Prosecution will  
19 ask you questions first, and then the Defence has the right to ask  
20 questions of you. Members of the Panel might also ask questions of  
21 you.

22 The Prosecution estimate for your examination is five hours.  
23 The Defence estimates that it will need nine and a half hours. As  
24 regards each estimate, we hope that counsel will be judicious in  
25 their use of their time. The Panel may allow redirect examination if

1 conditions are met.

2 We won't be meeting for very long yet today because we stop at  
3 4.00, which is the time that we like to end the process in order for  
4 the interpreters not to be overtaxed. So we apologise for the fact  
5 that you've been here all day and now you're going to have to leave  
6 in a few minutes, but we will be back together in about two weeks.

7 Witness, when you come to court next time, try to answer the  
8 questions clearly with short sentences. If you don't understand a  
9 question, feel free to ask counsel to repeat the question or tell  
10 them you don't understand and they will clarify.

11 Also, please try to indicate the basis of your knowledge of the  
12 facts and circumstances that you will be asked about. In the event  
13 you are asked by the SPO to attest to some corrections made during  
14 your statement, you are reminded to confirm on the record that the  
15 written statement, as corrected by the list of corrections,  
16 accurately reflects your declaration.

17 Please also speak into the microphone and wait five seconds  
18 before answering a question and speak at a slow pace for the  
19 interpreters to catch up.

20 During the next hours or days while you are giving evidence in  
21 this Court, you are not allowed to discuss with anyone the content of  
22 your testimony outside of this courtroom. If any person asks you  
23 questions outside of the Court about your testimony, please let us  
24 know.

25 Also, please stop talking if I ask you to do so and also stop

1 talking if you see me raise my hand. These indications mean I need  
2 to give you an instruction. If you feel the need to take breaks at  
3 any time, please let us know and we will try to accommodate you.

4 We will begin now with a few questions by the Prosecution on  
5 your left.

6 Go ahead, Mr. Pace. You've got about ten minutes.

7 MR. PACE: Thank you, Your Honour.

8 Examination by Mr. Pace:

9 Q. And good afternoon, Witness. We've met before but I'll  
10 introduce myself again. I'm James Pace, a Prosecutor with the SPO.  
11 As the Judge indicated, I'll be asking you some questions for the  
12 next five or so hours, starting with a little bit today, and the  
13 first questions are to establish your identity.

14 What is your name?

15 A. Hajrush Kurtaj.

16 Q. Your date of birth?

17 A. 2 October 1966.

18 Q. Your nationality?

19 A. Albanian.

20 Q. And what is your educational background?

21 A. I have finished military -- mid -- high school and then the  
22 faculty of history.

23 Q. And what degree, if any, do you have from the faculty of  
24 history?

25 A. University of Prishtine diploma, master of history.



1 Q. And what is your current employment?

2 A. I worked at the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Kosovo,  
3 director of the department for planning and assessment.

4 Q. How long have you worked at the Ministry of Defence?

5 A. From 2009.

6 Q. And where did you work before 2009?

7 A. In the Kosovo Protection Corps.

8 Q. What role did you have in the Kosovo Protection Corps?

9 A. Chief of staff in Gjilan 6 zone.

10 Q. When did you start in that position?

11 A. I started 16 September 1999.

12 Q. Have you ever occupied any role within the KLA War Veterans  
13 Association?

14 A. Initially, I was a soldier and then deputy commander of the  
15 brigade, and as of 14 May 1999 I was commander of brigade until  
16 11 June 1999.

17 Q. Thank you, Witness. Perhaps my question wasn't understood. I'm  
18 asking for now for your role, if any, within the KLA War Veterans  
19 Association.

20 A. Now I am a member of the chairmanship of the war veteran  
21 organisation in Prishtine.

22 Q. Could you tell us roughly or precisely, if you know, how many  
23 members are in the chairmanship?

24 A. I don't remember accurately.

25 Q. Do you have a rough idea?

1 A. I believe about 20, 23 members, but I can't be exact.

2 Q. You mentioned a short while ago some roles you had in the KLA,  
3 and I'd like to go back to the beginning. Could you tell us first  
4 when you joined the KLA?

5 A. On 1 June 1998.

6 Q. Where did you join it?

7 A. In Kacanik.

8 Q. And how did you come to join the KLA? Did you speak to anyone  
9 about doing so or did you join in some other way?

10 A. I spoke with my brother, Xheladin Kurtaj, and the first  
11 commander of the KLA, Agim Bajrami.

12 Q. And what was your role when you first joined?

13 A. Freedom fighter.

14 Q. And did you have any particular position at the time or not?

15 A. No, initially not. Just freedom fighter.

16 Q. And was that a fighter within any particular unit or brigade?

17 A. The Kacanik unit.

18 Q. And what were your tasks at the time?

19 A. Can you repeat the question, please.

20 Q. At this time when you were a fighter in the Kacanik unit, what  
21 were your main tasks?

22 A. To be trained for the war that was awaiting us.

23 Q. And did you receive any orders or instructions in relation to  
24 what you were meant to do within the Kacanik unit at the time when  
25 you first joined?

1 A. No, we didn't receive any orders.

2 Q. Who did you report to at this time?

3 A. To the first commander, Agim Bajrami.

4 Q. And how long were you a fighter at this level in the Kacanik  
5 unit? From 1 June until when?

6 A. From approximately until beginning August 1998.

7 Q. From the time you joined until August 1998, did Agim Bajrami ask  
8 you to do anything in particular during your time with his unit?

9 A. I don't remember.

10 Q. In June and July 1998, do you remember anyone at all in the  
11 Kacanik unit telling you or asking you to carry out a particular task  
12 or a particular job?

13 A. No.

14 Q. What was your next role after you said that you were no longer,  
15 let's say, a simple soldier or a fighter in August 1998? What  
16 happened next in your role in the KLA?

17 A. Commander Agim Bajrami seeing my military education and  
18 background, asked me to prepare to train the soldiers for the front  
19 line.

20 Q. And did you do so after he asked you to?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And at this time after you did so, did you have any new title or  
23 position within the unit?

24 A. Deputy commander for military operations on the front line.

25 Q. And who gave you that title?

1 A. Commander Agim Bajrami.

2 Q. And was this role always within the Kacanik unit or some other  
3 unit?

4 A. Only for the Kacanik units.

5 Q. And what did this role entail? What did you do as part of this  
6 role?

7 A. I trained the new soldiers on the weapons and to verse them with  
8 their duties in the front line, how to use weapons, the tactics used  
9 on the front line.

10 Q. And how long did you undertake this particular role for?

11 A. I performed this duty almost until the end, until 14 May 1999.

12 Q. And during this time, between August 1998 and May 1999, did you  
13 undertake any different roles or duties within the KLA?

14 A. That was my main task, which I was entrusted with by  
15 Commander Agim Bajrami; namely, as deputy commander for military  
16 operations. And then I continued this job on the orders of Brigade  
17 Commander Sami -- Qamil Ilazi.

18 Q. And perhaps just one last question given the time. Could you --  
19 you mentioned Qamil Ilazi. Can you tell us -- and you described him  
20 as brigade commander. Could you tell us when he became the brigade  
21 commander and of which brigade?

22 A. Qamil Ilazi took the role of brigade commander after the falling  
23 of Agim Bajrami who was killed in August 1998 in Gabrrice all for  
24 Kacanik, together with two others. Then instead of him, his duty was  
25 taken by Qamil Ilazi.

1 MR. PACE: Your Honour, this might be a convenient time to stop.

2 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. Witness, as I said earlier,  
3 this is how long we will be in court today. We will now have about a  
4 two-week period where we do not have court. The Registry office will  
5 direct you on coming back for the rest of your testimony.

6 You will be excused now. And remember not to discuss this case  
7 with anybody outside of the courtroom.

8 Madam Usher, you may escort the witness out of the room.

9 [The witness stands down]

10 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated].

11 MR. ELLIS: Your Honour, only that it would be useful to have  
12 the update on which witnesses will be called in the February block.  
13 If the Prosecution is able to do that.

14 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: We will see that that gets sent around.

15 Ms. O'Reilly, did you have a question? Oh, okay. All right.

16 We're adjourned.

17 --- Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.02 p.m.

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