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1	Monday, 14 August 2023
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: Good morning, everyone. Welcome back.
7	Madam Court Officer, please call the case.
8	THE COURT OFFICER: Good morning, Your Honours. This is
9	KSC-BC-2020-06, The Specialist Prosecutor versus Hashim Thaci,
10	Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi, and Jakup Krasniqi.
11	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: I note that Mr. Krasniqi waived his
12	right to be present in court for this week and that he will be
13	following the hearing via videolink. Mr. Thaci, Mr. Veseli, and
14	Mr. Selimi are all present in court today.
15	We will start the hearing of the evidence of Prosecution
16	Witness 03879.
17	Mr. Kehoe, you had something you wanted to raise.
18	MR. KEHOE: Yes, Your Honour. I feel I need to bring these two
19	issues to the Chamber's attention that have some very disturbing
20	consequences for the Court. And on the idea that it is best to get
21	the Court's guidance to deal with this, I bring it up at my earliest
22	opportunity.
23	The first has to do with a series of articles that came out with
24	the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Maria Zakharova, articles
25	that have been published and picked up throughout Europe, not only in

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the Russian media, to the extent that this case is about organ 1 trafficking and that one of the leaders of the KLA is involved in 2 organ trafficking in this particular trial. Well, of course, that's 3 patently false, and any review of the indictment would reflect that. 4 But nevertheless, Judge, this type of media is prejudicial to 5 these accused. And if, in fact, this investigation concerning organ 6 trafficking is completed, it should be some type of an announcement 7 coming from someone in this building to that effect, that there is 8 nothing in any of these charges to reflect organ trafficking and that 9 investigation should be closed. Because, as I say, I'm not sure if 10 the Russians are attempting to influence this Chamber, but, 11 nevertheless, they are consistently attempting to put this story out, 12 that the gentlemen who are on trial before this Chamber are involved 13 in organ trafficking charges. And, of course, they are not, and the 14 story being perpetuated is false. And I submit to the Chamber that 15 it would be quite easy to dispense with any further commentary in 16 this regard by an announcement that this investigation has been 17 18 closed.

In a different matter, but equally disturbing, is influence on witnesses concerning my client, President Hashim Thaci.

There are a series of articles the past couple of days in Prishtine, and it was also picked up in a live news interview, that an individual -- an Albanian individual in Germany was approached by another individual with contacts with the Kosovo government, and that this person in Germany was personally asked to find "four Catholic

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witnesses to testify at The Hague tribunal against the former 1 president of Kosovo, Hashim Thaci." And he was quoted, he's saying 2 he was told that "I should get Catholic witnesses against 3 Hashim Thaci," on the theory, in this article, that Catholic 4 witnesses are more credible than non-Catholic witnesses. 5 Now, clearly, Your Honour, this is -- I understand that the SPO 6 has used brokers in Prishtine and Kosovo to get witnesses, but this 7 is an incursion on this justice process if, in fact, there is any 8 participation in any way that is encouraging someone to go get four 9 Catholic witnesses to testify against our client Hashim Thaci. 10 I bring this to Your Honours' attentions obviously for the 11 impact that it has and the obstruction of justice issues that emanate 12 from that. And frankly, Your Honours, I have no other place to turn 13 but to the Chamber for the Court's intercession on this matter. 14 So those are very two distinct matters that are quite 15 disturbing, happened within the past ten days, and I bring these 16 matters to the Court's attention and submit it to Your Honours for 17 your guidance on the matter. Thank you. 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Kehoe. 19 We are ready for the first witness. I would ask the Court Usher 20 to please bring the witness in. 21 I remind everyone we are in public session. 22

23 MR. HALLING: And, Your Honour, when the witness is being 24 brought in, is it possible to respond briefly to what counsel just 25 said?

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1 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Yes.

2 Hold on, Madam Court Usher. Hold on.

3 Go ahead.

4 MR. HALLING: Thank you.

Just briefly. This wasn't brought up with us *inter partes*, and I don't think there is any allegation that the SPO can be held responsible for things said in the media, but neither of the issues raised have anything to do with the witness who's about to walk into the courtroom, and we would suggest the Thaci Defence make written applications if they want to seek relief along these lines.

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PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you.

MR. KEHOE: Just briefly, Your Honour. The Court, and certainly 12 counsel on this side of the table, just want some answers. 13 Ιf 14 there's some cogent explanation why someone is out trolling for witnesses and if it is done at the behest of someone in this 15 building, then that matter should be brought to the attention of the 16 Court. Now, we can follow this up with a written submission as need 17 18 be, and we will do so, but this is a very immediate concern if someone is out there trolling for Catholic witnesses to testify 19 20 against President Thaci. Thank you.

PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you very much. You will file a written application if you have something you want this Panel to do. I don't hesitate a bit to say that we have very little control over what the press does write in a fanciful way if that's what they want to do. I don't know if somebody has an answer to what you have to

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1	say. I guess we'll find out.
2	MR. KEHOE: Yes, Your Honour. We will file it in due course.
3	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you.
4	[The witness entered court]
5	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Remain standing, please.
6	Good morning, Witness. Can you hear me?
7	THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes. Yes, good morning. I can
8	hear you.
9	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: The Court Usher will provide you with
10	the text of a solemn declaration which you are asked to take pursuant
11	to Rule 141(2) of the Rules. So please, when you're ready, please
12	read the statement aloud.
13	THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Conscious of the significance of
14	my testimony and my legal responsibility, I solemnly declare that I
15	will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and
16	that I shall not withhold anything which has come to my knowledge.
17	WITNESS: W03879
18	[Witness answered through interpretation]
19	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you, Witness. Please be seated.
20	Witness, today we will start your testimony, which is expected
21	to last between four and five days. You have just taken a solemn
22	declaration. Do you understand it?
23	THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes.
24	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: And do you agree to it?
25	THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes.

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PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: As you may know, the Prosecution will ask you questions first and then counsel for the victims. Once they are finished, the Defence has the right to ask questions of you. Members of the Panel might also ask questions of you.

5 The Prosecution estimate for your examination is eight hours, 6 Victims' Counsel will take approximately 15 minutes for questions, 7 and the Defence estimates it will need 13 hours. As regards each 8 estimate, we hope that counsel will be judicious in the use of their 9 time. The Panel may also allow redirect examination if conditions 10 for it are met.

Witness, please try to answer the questions clearly with short sentences. If you don't understand a question, feel free to ask counsel to repeat the question or tell them that you don't understand and they will clarify. Also, please try to indicate the basis for your knowledge of facts and circumstances which you will be asked about.

Please also speak into the microphone and wait five seconds before answering a question and speak at a slow pace so that the interpreters can catch up.

During the next days while you are giving evidence in this Court, you are not allowed to discuss with anyone the context of your testimony outside of the courtroom. If any person asks you questions outside the Court about your testimony, please let us know.

Please stop talking if I ask you to do so and also stop talking if you see me raise my hand. This indication would mean that I need

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1	to give you an additional instruction.
2	If you feel the need to take breaks, please make an indication
3	and an accommodation will be made.
4	Before we start, it's my understanding that on
5	cross-examination, that there is a general agreement that the Selimi
6	Defence can proceed first following the victims. Is that correct
7	with everybody? Any objection?
8	MR. HALLING: No objection.
9	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Any objection by Thaci Defence?
10	MR. KEHOE: [Microphone not activated]
11	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. And by Krasniqi Defence, any
12	objection?
13	MS. ALAGENDRA: No, Your Honour.
14	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. That will be the way we
15	proceed then. Thank you very much.
16	Mr. Prosecutor, you may begin your examination.
17	MR. HALLING: Thank you, Your Honour.
18	Examination by Mr. Halling:
19	Q. Good morning, Witness. Witness, we're first going to start with
20	some questions about your personal background.
21	MR. HALLING: Due to the identifying nature of those questions,
22	we would ask to go into private session.
23	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. We will go into private
24	session.
25	Madam Court Officer.

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Examination by Mr. Halling PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you. 1 Go ahead, Mr. Prosecutor. 2 MR. HALLING: Thank you, Your Honour. 3 Witness, we were talking about the Llapushnik headquarters in 4 Q. private session. I'd now like to show you a couple of photos. 5 MR. HALLING: If the Court Officer could please pull up 6 documents IT-03-66 P6 and the page number specifically U003-2456. 7 Witness, in a moment you'll be able to see a picture on the 8 Ο. screen, and I'm going to ask you a couple of questions about it. 9 Witness, can you see the photograph? 10 Α. Yes. 11 It says on the top of the photograph "Llapushnik Farm Compound" 12 Q. in English. My question to you is can you see the Llapushnik 13 14 headquarters in this photo? Do you want me to point it with a pencil? Α. 15 Because the buildings are numbered, at least as a starting 16 Q. point, if you can identify the building by number, that would 17 suffice. 18 Number 2. According to me, it is number 2. 19 Α. Did you visit any of the other buildings in this photograph from 20 Q. May to July 1998? 21 No, I did not. Maybe the location was slightly different. Α. 22 Maybe I just moved round and -- round and round, but I don't believe 23 I went into any other building. 24 MR. HALLING: If the Court Officer could please go to the next 25

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1 page. This is U003-2457.

Q. Now, Witness, I believe that this is the same photograph from a different angle. Do you see where the number 2 is on the right side of the screen?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Is that also the Llapushnik headquarters?

7 A. I am not certain. I'm not able to say. From this angle, I'm
8 not entirely sure.

9 Q. Am I correct that the Llapushnik headquarters would be just off 10 screen in this photo to the right side on this orientation; is that 11 correct?

12 MR. KEHOE: Leading.

13 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated].

14 You may answer the question, Witness.

15 The objection's overruled.

16 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] I think so, given the position of 17 the arrow, at the end of that arrow, that is, that's what I think it 18 looked like.

19 MR. HALLING:

20 Q. Thank you.

21 MR. HALLING: Your Honours, we'd argue that that's sufficient 22 authentication of these photographs, and we would seek their 23 admission. They are part of a photo array from the ICTY Limaj *et al* 24 case. We, obviously, haven't shown every photograph in this array. 25 I don't know how contested the full array is. There was no objection

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1	to it squarely raised in our provisional submission, so as a starting
2	point we would tender all the photos in this array.
3	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
4	MR. HALLING: Correct. And if there's any opposition to that,
5	then we would just tender the two photographs.
6	MR. KEHOE: We object to everything. The SPO just wants to put
7	photographs into evidence without asking the witness? I mean, the
8	witness didn't even know that number 2 in the second photograph was,
9	in fact, the headquarters without the leading question.
10	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
11	MR. KEHOE: I object to it. I object. And I object to
12	photograph number 2.
13	MR. HALLING: The alternative tender then would be just the two
14	photographs shown to the witness.
15	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right.
16	MR. KEHOE: Then I object to photograph number 2. The witness
17	can't identify it. So put photograph number 1 in, that's fine. We
18	have no objection to that. We have objection to number 2. The
19	foundation does not suffice.
20	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right.
21	Anything from the Veseli
22	MR. STRONG: Nothing.
23	MR. ROBERTS: Nothing more, Your Honour.
24	MS. ALAGENDRA: Nothing, Your Honour.
25	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: It is sufficient. 1 and 2 will be

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admitted. 1 THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, photographs marked with 2 U003-2456 and U003-2457 will be marked as Exhibit P255. 3 MR. HALLING: And just for the record, that exhibit can be 4 public, Your Honour. 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. 6 MR. HALLING: 7 Witness, we also spoke in private session about KLA oath 8 Q. ceremonies. I now have a video that I would like to show you. 9 MR. HALLING: And could the Court Officer please pull up video 10 061427/25. And the timestamp that I'm going to be interested in is 11 from 1 minute, 50 seconds, to 2 minutes, 45 seconds. 12 [Trial Panel and Court Officer confers] 13 14 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Do you intend this to be in open session? 15 MR. HALLING: This can be in open session. 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. 17 18 MR. HALLING: Before the video is played, and perhaps for the benefit of the interpreters, because there are not that many words in 19 this particular video, and it's really mostly the images that are of 20 consequence, we would suggest just letting the video play without 21 being translated in realtime, and then I can read the relevant words 22 into the record at the end of the extract if that is suitable for 23 Your Honours. 24 MR. KEHOE: With regard to this video, my understanding is that 25

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this video is not the oath ceremony of this witness. That's my understanding. If that's the case, this is completely irrelevant and shouldn't be admitted.

MR. HALLING: I have not yet tendered the video. I should also note it was provisionally admitted as a Rule 154 exhibit for another witness, but I'm going to ask the witness questions about it. And then if the threshold for admissibility is set, I would tender it then.

9 MR. KEHOE: Suffice it to say, Your Honour, again, this is not 10 the oath ceremony that the witness participated in. There is not a 11 proper foundation to even begin this, and counsel knows that. So if 12 he wants to ask about the oath ceremony, what's said at the oath 13 ceremony, that's fine. But this particular video is irrelevant. If 14 we get it in with some other witness at some other time, that's fine, 15 but not this witness.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Sustained.

MR. HALLING: Well, in terms of how to proceed, Your Honour, we accept that this is not the same oath ceremony, but this witness is able to give relevant and probative information about it from preparation Note 2, 114611 to 114614, paragraph 18, is what the witness is prepared to say as to this note. And we would ask at least for an opportunity for the witness to comment on it before a final decision on its admissibility is made.

24 MR. KEHOE: So what the SPO has done is --25 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Overlapping speakers] ...

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MR. KEHOE: -- taking a video that that witness has nothing to 1 do with --2 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Mr. Kehoe, I'm reading something. 3 4 Please wait. MR. KEHOE: Yes, my apologies, Judge. 5 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: What is the purpose of trying to show 6 7 this particular oath? MR. HALLING: We do not have the oath ceremony discussed in 8 private session recorded. However, we have one which we would submit 9 looks the same and is the same experience recorded as the one that 10 the witness went through. And if the witness can speak to that, then 11 we would think that that is a sufficient showing of relevance and 12 probative value for this video. 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Okay. We'll run the video and we'll 14 determine whether or not it's admissible afterwards. 15 Go ahead. 16 MR. HALLING: Thank you. So, again, the timestamps would be 17 from 1 minute, 50 seconds, to 2 minutes, 45 seconds. 18 [Video-clip played] 19 MR. HALLING: Thank you, Court Officer. 20 Just for the record, the words that were being spoken at the 21 beginning of that, and this is from the English transcript disclosed, 22 says: 23 "Company, attention. Greetings, Mr. Komandant. The company is 24 ready for raising of the national flag and for taking the military 25

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oath. Kumanovo reports." 1 And then at the end of the video, it was said: 2 "Soldiers and officers, honour." 3 Now, Witness, just to start, this is not the video of the oath 4 Q. -- this is not the oath ceremony that you were speaking about in 5 private session, was it? 6 That's right. 7 Α. How did the oath ceremony on the video compare to the oath 8 Ο. ceremony that you were describing in private session? 9 Α. Similar. 10 Q. Were the events depicted on the video, did they also happen in 11 the same way during the oath ceremony you were describing? 12 Α. Yes. 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Mr. Prosecutor, is it your statement 14 that there's an oath in there somewhere? 15 MR. HALLING: It's our position that this is a video of an oath 16 ceremony taken at Klecke --17 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: But with no oath? MR. HALLING: Correct, the oath itself is not in the recorded 19 passage. 20 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Go ahead. 21 MR. HALLING: But I would ask the Court Officer to freeze frame 22 at the 2 minute, 9 second mark on the video. 23 Witness, going from left to right, please tell me the identities 24 Q. 25 of these people to the extent that you know.

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A. The first one, the one with the moustache, is called Muse Jashari. The other one, the second one, is Fatmir Limaj. The third one is Kumanova, named Ismet Jashari.

Q. And these were the same three people that were leading the oath
ceremony described in the private session; is that right?

6 A. Yes.

7 MR. HALLING: Your Honours, given the identity between the 8 witness's evidence and the video, the identifications made, and, 9 again, noting that this was already provisionally accepted as an 10 associated exhibit of another witness, we think it would be 11 appropriate to admit it at this time and we tender it accordingly.

MR. KEHOE: We're admitting a tape on an oath with no oath. I mean, so to the extent that they're saying this is the same, it's not the same.

So the SPO thinks that some other witness can verify this and 15 authenticate it? That's fine. Let's see that witness and put it in 16 there. This is a video that has nothing to do with this witness 17 18 other than maybe Muse Jashari, Fatmir Limaj, and Ismet Jashari happen to be there. There is no oath given, yet they want to catapult this 19 and use it down the line to say: Look what the oath ceremonies look 20 like by the KLA. It's a very official ceremony. Ah, well, yeah, 21 there's no oath. That little part's left out. 22

23 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated].

The objection is sustained. There is no connection here. There is no relation. There's no indication of an oath. This is somewhat

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2 MR. HALLING: Very well, Your Honour.

3 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] May I be allowed to add something?
 4 MR. HALLING: If it's all right with the Court.

5 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: I have no idea what he wants to add.

6 MR. HALLING:

7 Q. Witness, please add what you wanted to say.

A. What I wanted to say is that the videos where we were present were never made public. In fact, they were destroyed for certain purposes. The oath that we took, the solemn declaration that we took, that is, it was similar to this one, even though there were more people present. However, the recording was never played out and that was for a certain purpose.

14 Q. Thank you, Witness.

MR. HALLING: Your Honour, given the procedural posture of this document, that there is another witness that can speak to it, and Your Honours' ruling, we would propose to move on.

18 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Yes, go ahead.

19 MR. HALLING: So the video can be taken off the screen.

Q. Witness, in terms of joining the KLA, were there official rules for being in the KLA?

22 A. I don't understand.

Q. Were there ways in which a soldier should behave that were communicated to you?

25 A. There were rules, yes. There were rules that had to be obeyed.

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Α. His deputies were Shefqet Buja, the Teacher, and Ymer Alushani. 1 These were the two who were closest to him. 2 For Shefqet Buja, what was his nickname during the war? 3 Q. 4 Α. Mesuesi, the Teacher. So in terms of understanding the Llapushnik commander structure 5 Q. at this time, it went from Fatmir Limaj down to Isak Musliu and then 6 to Ymer Alushani and Shefqet Buja. Is that the correct line of 7 command? 8 Yes, that's right. Α. 9 MR. STRONG: Excuse me, Your Honours. I had let this go on a 10 little bit. But as we discuss this line of command, if we could get 11 the source of knowledge that would be very helpful, and throughout 12 this witness's evidence. I'm sure my colleague is getting to it. 13 14 Thank you. MR. HALLING: I think the basis for knowledge on this is 15 self-evident, but at the next private session I can ask that 16 question. 17 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated] MR. HALLING: 19 So could Isak Musliu issue orders and assignments to soldiers? Q. 20 Α. Yes, he could. By all means. 21 Could orders be communicated down from Fatmir Limaj to Ymer Q. 22 Alushani and Shefqet Buja to transmit to soldiers? 23 Α. Yes. 24 Now, we've been talking about delivering orders down chains of 25 Ο.

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the same order? 2 Α. 3 Yes. And do you know if anyone above Fatmir Limaj had any authority 4 Q. over the Llapushnik area? 5 No, I had not heard that at that time, in the beginning. 6 Α. Witness, do you know of a person named Shukri Buja? 7 Q. Α. Yes. 8 Who is Shukri Buja? Q. 9 Shukri Buja served in another part in the village around Α. 10 Krojmir. He was commander there alongside Luan. I -- I cannot 11 remember his name at this point. Qeriqi -- yeah, he's called Ramiz 12 Qeriqi. These two served in that area. And then they moved to 13 14 another zone, the zone of Vershec which became part of their area of responsibility. 15 Do you know if Shukri Buja had a nickname during the war? 16 Q. Gazetari. 17 Α. And is that Albanian for the word "journalist"? 18 0. Correct. Yes. Α. 19 In the private session we were discussing Gani Kastrati and Q. 20 Fadil Kastrati. Without discussing any information you have about 21 how you know these persons, do you know whether or not they operated 22 under Shukri Buja's authority? 23 Α. Yes, that's clear. 24 During this time, from May to July 1998, how were KLA orders 25 Ο. KSC-BC-2020-06 14 August 2023

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1 communicated?

A. Through the command. Everybody had a senior officer to whom
they would report.

4 Q. Were orders communicated both orally and in writing?

A. Only orally. There were cases when things were written about a person who's being criminally prosecuted or something. It was -- it might have happened, but I did not have access to that.

8 Q. Was the KLA using radios during this time to communicate?

9 A. Yes, there were. Some had better devices; others, simple ones.

10 Q. Witness, I now would like to show you a document and ask you a 11 couple of questions about it.

MR. HALLING: This is U008-1633 to U008-1633-ET. It's KLA political declaration 8. For Your Honours, this item was admitted in the third bar table decision - this is filing 1705, paragraph 35 but it's not yet been assigned an exhibit number.

16 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]

17 THE COURT OFFICER: Sure, Your Honours. That will be

18 Exhibit P256.

19 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: So we will refer to it by its exhibit 20 number.

21 THE COURT OFFICER: And, Your Honour, is there an Albanian 22 version?

23 MR. HALLING: Yes. The Albanian version is part of U008-1602 to 24 U008-1636, and it's the same page.

25 Q. Now, Witness, this item was shown to you last week in witness

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1 preparation. Am I correct, you did not actually see this document

2 during the war; is that right?

3 A. That's right. I never saw this.

Q. There's a part of this that I wanted to read to you, and then I wanted to ask you a couple of questions about it.

"The Kosovo Liberation Army and the Albanian people are being
stabbed in the back by collaborationist and pacifist elements.
Despite the difficulties the Kosovo Liberation Army which has sprung
from the bosom of the people forged in the heat of the struggle for
freedom will continue its struggle until victory."

11 Witness, my question for you is how widespread was this kind of 12 sentiment in the area of Llapushnik from May to July 1998?

A. Immediately after we arrived in Llapushnik, several soldiers who were not wearing uniforms and who did not even know Rugova started saying, "We wish we could get -- catch the scarf." Initially, I didn't understand because I had joined to fight the Serbian forces. Then later on, I understood they were referring to Rugova, the scarf, because they did not like him.

We were LDK members or supporters up until very late after the war, and this was perceived as sort of a pressure against us. Why -meaning, why LDK people are part of the KLA. Because initially, they thought that they would be the only ones to lead the war, to dominate and possess Kosovo, and so on and so forth.

Q. So, Witness, this reference in the document, "being stabbed in the back by collaborationist and pacifist elements," you associate

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that reference to the LDK? Is that your evidence? 1 A. Yes. 2 At the timeframe we've been discussing, were KLA soldiers being 3 Ο. told to think of the LDK as enemies? 4 In many cases, this was the case. Things I've heard myself, I 5 Α. quote, "We should not admit them. They're not to be trusted," and so 6 7 on. MR. KEHOE: Excuse me, Your Honour. Can we get a foundation for 8 this? Who said this to him? Who are these people? Who is making 9 these comments as opposed to just broad brush. 10 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated] 11 MR. HALLING: Your Honour, given that we are currently in open 12 session, that would be another question I would propose to elicit in 13 14 private session. Or we can go into private session now and address the issue. 15 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated] 16 MR. HALLING: I will collect all the basis-for-knowledge 17 questions and then ask them on the other side. 18 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right, thank you. I am sure 19 Mr. Kehoe will remind us if we miss any of them. 20 MR. HALLING: I think so too. 21 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Go ahead. 22 MR. HALLING: Yes. 23 Speaking still at a general level, was the KLA command spreading 24 Q. 25 these messages?

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MS. ALAGENDRA: Your Honour, I'm going to state my objection to leading questions, Your Honour.

PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]. Overruled.
 Go ahead.

5 MR. HALLING:

So, Witness, I can repeat the question: Speaking still at a 6 Q. general level, was the KLA command spreading these messages? 7 The KLA command was certainly part of this, because no one could 8 Α. have spoken because most of the fighters were in the LDK. So there 9 were contradictions in here. Their stance and position in this 10 regard, they should have taken a position saying, "This cannot go on. 11 We cannot allow this." 12

MR. EMMERSON: Your Honour, I do apologise. I'm reflecting some 13 14 of the objections that have been raised up until now. There is a problem with inviting opinion evidence from this witness or broad 15 statements of fact and principle which go to issues on the indictment 16 and then leaving until a separate closed session the witness's basis 17 18 for knowledge, because much -- just to take the last question and answer: On a very general level, was this coming from the command? 19 Yes, in my opinion, it must have been because their politics 20 Answer: were different, and so on and so forth. 21

This should not be being permitted without a foundation first being laid. It's, in a sense, if we have to go back at the end and catch all of those questions up, we may well have had inadmissible testimony all along. It's really not appropriate to simply say we'll

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2	to go into closed session as each of these points is raised.
3	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Well taken. I think we need to go into
4	closed session or not closed, private session so that this can be
5	discussed at this time.
6	So please do so, Madam Court Officer.
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1	THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in public session.
2	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you.
3	Recess taken at 11.00 a.m.
4	On resuming at 11.29 a.m.
5	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Madam Usher, you can bring the witness
6	in.
7	I remind everybody, we are still in public session.
8	[The witness takes the stand]
9	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Witness, we will continue with your
10	direct examination from the Prosecution.
11	Go ahead, Mr. Halling.
12	MR. HALLING: Thank you, Your Honour. For the next lines of
13	questioning, we'd request to go into private session.
14	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Please go to private session,
15	Madam Court Officer.
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8	[Open session]
9	THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're now in public session.
10	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you. We're adjourned until 2.30.
11	Luncheon recess taken at 12.59 p.m.
12	On resuming at 2.30 p.m.
13	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Madam Court Usher, please bring the
14	witness in.
15	MR. HALLING: Actually, Your Honour, before doing that
16	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Oh, okay.
17	MR. HALLING: can I make a quick clarification for the
18	record.
19	Thank you. The actual oath in the oath ceremony video from this
20	morning is at 061427/25, timestamps 04:03 to 06:13. I admit it
21	wasn't the section that we were initially interested in, but we just
22	and another witness later in the case will speak to it. So we
23	don't need to revisit it with the witness, but we just wanted to put
24	that on record.
25	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated].

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Witness: W03879 (Private Session) Examination by Mr. Halling

1	Any update, by the way, on the time used for this witness?
2	MR. HALLING: I definitely will not finish today. I will need
3	at least the first session tomorrow. It may go into the second
4	session tomorrow, but eight hours is still the outermost
5	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Okay.
6	MR. HALLING: limit.
7	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you.
8	[The witness takes the stand]
9	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Good afternoon, Witness.
10	THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Good afternoon.
11	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: We are ready to proceed. You are still
12	being examined by the Prosecution.
13	Go ahead.
14	MR. HALLING: Thank you, Your Honour.
15	Q. Witness, can you hear me?
16	A. Yes, I can.
17	Q. So I would now like to continue with your evidence.
18	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: We are in public.
19	MR. HALLING: And in order to do so, I would request to move
20	into private session.
21	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Okay.
22	Please take us to private session, Madam Court Officer.
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