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1	Wednesday, 16 August 2023
2	[Open session]
3	[The accused entered the courtroom]
4	[The Accused Krasniqi appeared via videolink]
5	Upon commencing at 9.01 a.m.
6	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Madam Court Officer, you may call the
7	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: Thank you.
12	Good morning, everyone. I note Mr. Krasniqi is following the
13	hearing on videolink. The accused are all present in court today.
14	Today, we will continue the hearing of Witness W03879. We are
15	in public session at this time.
16	Madam Court Officer, please bring the witness in.
17	MR. ROBERTS: Your Honours, just for planning purposes, I can
18	just update you that I still plan to be another hour to hour and a
19	half this morning.
20	[The witness takes the stand]
21	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Roberts.
22	Good morning, Witness. Are you well today?
23	THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Good morning. Yes, I'm well.
24	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Can you hear all right?
25	THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Very well.

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1	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. Thank you.
2	Today we will continue with your testimony. And Mr. Roberts
3	continues his cross-examination for the Selimi Defence, and then the
4	other attorneys for the accused will have an opportunity to question
5	you as well.
6	I want to remind you once again to answer the questions clearly
7	with short sentences. If you don't understand a question, ask the
8	attorneys to repeat or clarify for you. Also, try to state the basis
9	of your knowledge when you give an answer.
10	Speak into the microphone. Wait five seconds before answering
11	so that the which you've been doing very well. Thank you.
12	And if you need to take any breaks, please let us know and we
13	will do our best to accommodate you.
14	So, Mr. Roberts, you may proceed. We are in public session at
15	this time.
16	MR. ROBERTS: Thank you, Your Honour. And, yes, if we could
17	move into private session, please.
18	PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. We will move into private
19	session for the protection of witnesses at the request of Defence
20	counsel.
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- MR. KEHOE: At least. But I would say probably more, but just
- 3 because I don't want Your Honour tapping your foot at two hours to
- say, "You're done." But I'm trying -- like this next area, if I may,
- 5 I'm not going to go through what Mr. Roberts went through.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated].
- I would only suggest no beating of dead horses, you know. I
- 8 mean, I mean once you've got the --
- 9 MR. KEHOE: I understand, Judge.
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Once we've got the --
- MR. KEHOE: I think that Mr. Roberts beat that horse to death.
- No, I'll try not to.
- 13 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right.
- MR. KEHOE: No offence, Mr. Roberts.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: We're not being very helpful to your
- 16 request, but it looks like today is going to be filled with this
- 17 witness alone.
- Go ahead, Mr. Emmerson.
- 19 MR. EMMERSON: I think our revised estimate was under an hour.
- 20 It's shorter, shorter, shorter than that, I think.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: One hour?
- MR. EMMERSON: No, no, well under.
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Okay.
- MR. EMMERSON: I'm thinking about 15 minutes, 20 minutes. And
- 25 then for the other witness --

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you for the voice of reason.
- 2 MR. EMMERSON: Exactly.
- MR. TULLY: I'm going to jump ahead in time and help you for our
- witness tomorrow, and we're hovering at 30 minutes. That may well
- 5 come down based on our position in the questioning order.
- 6 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Will you be finished today?
- 7 MR. KEHOE: I will be finished today.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. I think you will still need
- 9 your witness for Thursday, maybe in the afternoon.
- MR. HALLING: Yes, the information is helpful. Thank you.
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Okay.
- MS. ALAGENDRA: Just on our revised time estimates, Your Honour.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MS. ALAGENDRA: No. Much, much shorter.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]
- MS. ALAGENDRA: Maybe nothing.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: [Microphone not activated]. I don't know
- yet about redirect or questions from the Bench. We'll decide that
- 19 later.
- So we'll call the witness in and get on with it.
- 21 [The witness takes the stand]
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right, Witness. We will continue
- with the questions for you from the Thaci Defence.
- We are in public session at this time.
- MR. KEHOE: I think we should go into private session, Judge.

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PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: All right. At the Defence request, we will go into private session for witness protection. [Private session] [Private session text removed]

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          THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in public session.
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           PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you.
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           Witness, we are ready to take a lunch break. We will adjourn
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     for now and be back in court at 2.30. The Court Usher will now
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     escort you out of the courtroom.
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                         [The witness stands down]
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           PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: We are adjourned.
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                         --- Luncheon recess taken at 1.01 p.m.
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          THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in public session.
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          PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you.
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                         [The witness takes the stand]
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          PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Good afternoon, Witness.
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          THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Good afternoon.
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          PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: I hope you've had a decent lunch and got
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     to rest a little bit. We are ready to continue --
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          THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes, thank you.
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           PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: -- Mr. Kehoe's questions of you. So
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     once again, listen to the question before you answer it. Just answer
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     the question. Don't add material that isn't asked.
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- Go ahead, Mr. Kehoe.
- MR. KEHOE: Thank you, Your Honour.
- Q. So, Witness, let us -- before we move into Llap, I just want to
- 4 cover two --
- MR. HALLING: And, Your Honour, apologies, we are still in open
- 6 session.
- 7 MR. KEHOE: Are we in open session or closed? Closed session.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: We are in public session right now. We
- 9 want to be in closed session -- not closed, private session.
- MR. KEHOE: Thank you, counsel.
- 11 [Private session]
- 12 [Private session text removed]

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1 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Thank you all for doing your best to

- expedite this so that we can get into tomorrow's witness.
- 3 THE COURT OFFICER: We're in public session for the record,
- 4 Your Honour. We're in public session.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: Okay. We'll start at 9.00, as usual.
- 6 Hopefully finish tomorrow.
- 7 And we will get to the question that you brought up concerning
- 8 the presentation queue tomorrow morning. I believe the rule is that
- 9 if it's in SPO's queue, you don't need to put it in your queue, but
- that doesn't go for if it's in one of the other Defence counsel's
- queues. But we can talk about that and whether you want to do
- anything about it or amend that rule. So thank you.
- MR. KEHOE: Judge, I just have to say that I think our
- collective understanding was that if I put it in my queue, somebody
- else didn't have to put it in theirs, and they could use it.
- 16 PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: And that may be --
- MR. KEHOE: Maybe I'm wrong.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: And that may make logical sense --
- 19 MR. KEHOE: Right.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: -- but sometimes, you know, rules don't
- get all the logic in that they should.
- MR. KEHOE: Understood, Judge.
- PRESIDING JUDGE SMITH: So we'll discuss that and talk about it
- 24 tomorrow.
- 25 --- Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 4.19 p.m.