



KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS
DHOMAT E SPECIALIZUARA TË KOSOVËS
SPECIJALIZOVANA VEÇA KOSOVA

CASE

INFORMATION SHEET

Case No.
KSC-BC-2020-06

Specialist Prosecutor versus:



Hashim Thaçi



Kadri Veseli



Rexhep Selimi



Jakup Krasniqi

Current stage:
TRIAL

ACCUSED/CHARGES

HASHIM THAÇI

Date of birth: 24/04/1968

Alleged position(s) during the period covered by the indictment:

- Head of the Political and Information Directorates of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA);
- Prime Minister of the Provisional Government of Kosovo (PGoK) and
- KLA Commander-in-Chief.

KADRI VESELI

Date of birth: 31/05/1967

Alleged position(s) during the period covered by the indictment:

- Member of the KLA Political Directorate and Head of the KLA intelligence services;
- Chief of the Kosovo Intelligence Service and PGoK Minister of the Intelligence Service.

REXHEP SELIMI

Date of birth: 15/03/1971

Alleged position(s) during the period covered by the indictment:

- Head of the KLA Operational Directorate;
- KLA Inspector General
- PGoK Minister of Public Order/Minister of Internal Affairs.

JAKUP KRASNIQI

Date of birth: 01/01/1951

Alleged position(s) during the period covered by the indictment:

- Member of the KLA Political Directorate and the official KLA spokesperson;
- KLA Deputy Commander;
- PGoK spokesperson.

Description of charges

The indictment states that the crimes charged were committed from at least March 1998 through September 1999 and took place in several locations across Kosovo as well as in Kukës and Cahan, in Northern Albania. They were allegedly committed by members of the KLA against hundreds of civilians and persons not taking part in hostilities. The indictment alleges that Thaçi, Veseli, Selimi and Krasniqi are individually criminally responsible, pursuant to various forms of criminal responsibility for crimes, which were committed in the context of a non-international armed conflict in Kosovo and were part of a widespread and systematic attack against persons suspected of being opposed to the KLA.

Modes of responsibility

Joint criminal enterprise
Aiding and abetting
Superior criminal responsibility

Counts

1. Persecution (crimes against humanity)
2. Imprisonment (crimes against humanity)
3. Illegal or arbitrary arrest and detention (war crimes)
4. Other inhumane acts (crimes against humanity)
5. Cruel treatment (war crimes)
6. Torture (crimes against humanity)
7. Torture (war crimes)
8. Murder (crimes against humanity)
9. Murder (war crimes)
10. Enforced disappearance (crimes against humanity)

TIMELINE

Following their arrest by the Specialist Prosecutor, Taçi, Veseli, Selimi and Krasniqi were transferred to the Detention Facilities of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers in The Hague on 4 and 5 November 2020.

During their initial appearances, held between 9 and 11 November 2020, all four accused pleaded not guilty to all counts of the initial indictment. Later, they also pleaded not guilty to the new charges in the amended indictment.

On 15 December 2022, the Pre-Trial Judge transmitted the case file to Trial Panel II.

The trial commenced on 3 April 2023 and the Prosecution case is ongoing.

CASE STATISTICS*

Pre-trial period length	28 months 30 days
Number of participating victims	153
Number of trial days in court	158
Number of witnesses in court	95 (SPO)

**As of 03/10/2024*

WHO IS WHO IN THIS CASE

PRE-TRIAL JUDGE



Judge Nicolas Guillou

TRIAL PANEL II



Judge Charles Smith III
(Presiding Judge)



Judge Christoph Barthe



Judge Guénaél Mettraux



Judge Fergal Gaynor
(Reserve Judge)

SPECIALIST PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE (LEAD COUNSEL)



Alan Tieger



Clare Lawson



Nathan Quick

DEFENCE TEAMS (LEAD COUNSEL)



Luka Mišetić (for H.
Thaçi)



Rodney Dixon (for K.
Veseli)



Geoffrey Roberts (for R.
Selimi)



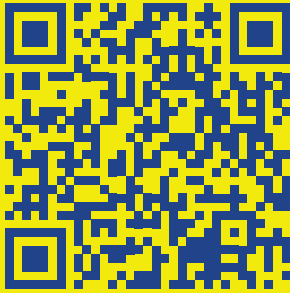
Venkateswari Alagendra
(for J. Krasniqi)

VICTIMS' COUNSEL

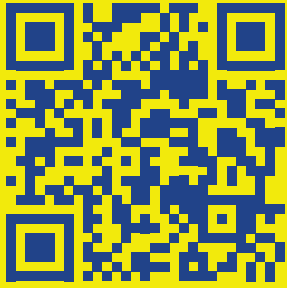


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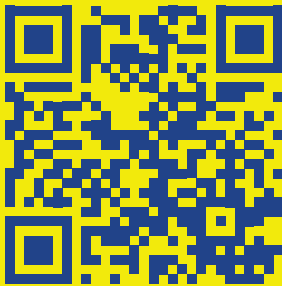
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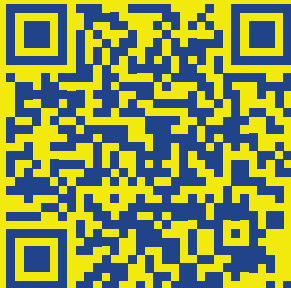
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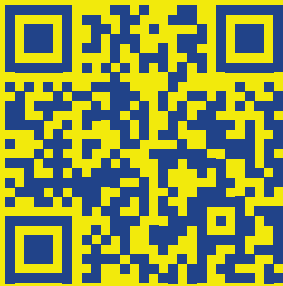
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