



Update

Welcome to the weekly press briefing of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, where we aim to provide you with an update on the latest developments at the court and a look ahead at next week.

In the trial of Hysni Gucati and Nasim Haradinaj, the Defence for Mr Gucati delivered his opening statement last Friday, 3 December.

On Monday, Gucati's Defence called Mr Gucati as their first witness. He was questioned by the Defence on Monday and cross-examined by the Specialist Prosecutor on Tuesday and Wednesday. Members of the Trial Panel also asked him several questions.

Today and tomorrow the Panel will hear other witnesses, members of the KLA War Veterans' Association and journalists. The case of Hysni Gucati is expected to end next week, after which the Haradinaj Defence is expected to start its case.

Also on Monday, the Trial Panel in this case ordered the Prosecution and Defence to submit their written observations on the Kosovo Police Report as well as on the Registrar's report on the KSC Detention Regime by 10 December and 16 December, respectively.

The Panel also ordered the Prosecution to submit its views on the necessity of Mr Gucati and Mr Haradinaj's continued detention in writing by 10 December and the Defence to respond by 16 December 2021. You can find the order on the KSC website.

In the Salih Mustafa case, trial hearings are scheduled to take place next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The next witness called by the Specialist Prosecutor in this

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case is scheduled to testify with protective measures, including voice and face distortion and the use of a pseudonym.

This is to be the last witness testifying in the case this year. The SPO has indicated that it intends to call three more witnesses in January and early February 2022.

In the case of Hashim Thaçi, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi, a preparatory hearing is scheduled for next Wednesday, 15 December at 14:30.

The topics to be discussed include a number of issues related to the disclosure of evidence by the Prosecution to the Defence, the translation of the SPO's preliminary witness list, the status of investigations and the filing of the Specialist Prosecutor's pre-trial brief.

In the same case, redacted versions of the latest decisions by the Pre-trial Judge on the review of detention for Mr. Krasniqi, Mr. Selimi and Mr. Veseli have been made public and can be viewed on our website.

Journalist Questions

There were no questions asked

