



Update

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

In the case of Hysni Gucati and Nasim Haradinaj, the SPO as well as both Defence teams have concluded their closing statements and responded to questions from the Judges. The Accused have the right to speak last and their statements are expected to be heard today.

The Panel reopened the proceedings for the sole purpose of admitting certain statements submitted by the Defence. These are a number of witness statements the Panel decided to admit for the exclusive purpose of sentencing, should the Panel enter a conviction on any of the counts of the Indictment.

The Constitutional Court Panel is further seised of three referrals, filed by Mr Thaçi, Mr Krasniqi and Mr Veseli, respectively. The Panel on Tuesday directed the SPO to file submissions, if they so choose, in response to specific questions raised by the Panel by 29 March and the three applicants to submit their responses, if they so choose, by 5 April.

The next pre-trial hearing in the case against Mr Thaçi and his co-accused is planned for 24 March starting at 14:30.

In the case of Mr Salih Mustafa, the next hearing is scheduled for 21 March when one of the victims admitted to participate in the proceedings will present their views and concerns before the Panel. The hearing will start at 9:30.





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Mr Mustafa will start his case with the Defence's opening statements on 22 March and on 23 March, the testimony of the first witness is expected to commence.

Journalist Questions

No questions asked.

