



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, and the opportunity to ask questions.

In the case of Salih Mustafa, the Trial Panel announced the closing of evidentiary proceedings on 20 June and ordered that by 21 July, the Defence and the Prosecution file their final trial briefs and the Victims' Counsel file its statement on the impact of the alleged crimes on the victims. The Trial Panel has also ordered that the closing statements take place from 13 to 15 September, with 16 September as a reserve day.

On 21 June, the President of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers assigned a Court of Appeals Panel to decide on the notices of appeal filed by Hysni Gucati and Nasim Haradinaj against the trial judgment of 18 May. The Accused are seeking a reversal of their convictions or, if convictions are affirmed, a reduction in their sentences.

In its judgment, the Trial Panel found both accused guilty of intimidation during criminal proceedings, violating the secrecy of proceedings and obstructing official persons in performing official duties. The Trial Panel acquitted both Accused of the count of retaliation alleged in the indictment.

The Trial Panel sentenced each Accused to four and a half years imprisonment and a fine of 100 EUR each.

On 22 June, the Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeals Panel scheduled a pre-appeal conference to take place on 5 July. This is a public hearing during which, according to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, a person in custody pending appeal is given the opportunity to raise issues in relation to detention, including the person's mental and physical condition.





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Last week, the Kosovo Specialist Chambers Outreach team held events in Kosovo, organised in cooperation with civil society, engaging audiences in local communities around Gjilan/Gnjilane and speaking to lawyers, law professors and law students in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, Prizren and Gjilan/Gnjilane. So far this year, the KSC has held 20 interactive meetings with citizens across Kosovo.

Journalist Questions

No questions asked.

