



## 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.

The Court of Appeals Panel on 19 July denied the appeal of Mr Pjetër Shala concerning the Pre-Trial Judge's decision on his continued detention.

On 20 July, Trial Panel I ordered the continued detention of Mr Salih Mustafa. The Panel found that the risk that the Accused will obstruct the progress of proceedings by interfering with victims and witnesses, and/or their families continues to exist.

The Panel further found that, if released, no conditions imposed by the Panel, would sufficiently mitigate the risk of obstructing the progress of proceedings and that therefore the Accused must remain in detention.

The Panel further noted that time Mr Mustafa has spent in detention is reasonable, given that there has not been any period of inactivity in the proceedings against the Accused. The Panel noted, in particular, that: (1) the trial commenced, as scheduled, on 15 September 2021; (2) the SPO closed its case on 4 February 2022; (3) the Defence closed its case on 26 May 2022; (4) the Panel closed the evidentiary proceedings on 20 June 2022; and (5) the hearing on the closing statements is scheduled for 13-15 September 2022.

In other news, the KSC judicial recess period will start on Monday, 25 July until 12 August 2022. During this period, no hearings are held and some non-essential services are reduced to a minimum. However, the court remains fully functional and work continues across all sections of the KSC. Filings are possible during the recess and, unless otherwise ordered by the Judges, judicial deadlines continue running.





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There will be no press briefings during the court recess, so the next KSC press briefing is scheduled for 18 August at 14:30.

**Journalist Questions**

No questions asked.

