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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 Pjetër Shala, the Trial Panel notified on 23 September that it elected Judge Mappie Veldt-Foglia as the Presiding Judge. Trial Panel I, which has the same composition as the Panel in the case of Salih Mustafa, consists of three Judges and one reserve Judge. The next step in this case will be the scheduling of a trial preparation conference.

In the *Thaçi et al.* case, the Pre-Trial Judge ordered the continued detention of Mr Jakup Krasniqi on 19 September and he ordered the continued detention of Mr. Kadri Veseli on 26 September. With respect to both accused, the Judge found that there continue to exist risks that the accused will abscond, obstruct the progress of proceedings or commit further crimes.

On the question of provisional release, the Pre-Trial Judge concluded that it is only through the communication monitoring framework applicable at the Specialist Chambers Detention Facilities that Mr. Krasniqi and Mr Veseli's communications can be restricted in a manner that would sufficiently mitigate these risks. In both decisions, the Judge also provides the reasons why he concluded that the length of detention is not disproportionate.

Journalist Questions

No questions were asked

