



## 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 Pjetër Shala trial, hearings took place on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Two forensic medicine experts testified without protective measures and mostly in public session. They were the ninth and tenth witnesses called by the Prosecution in the case. The witnesses were questioned by the Prosecution, Defence, Victims' Counsel and by the Judges.

As per the oral order from 16 June in which the Trial Panel set some target dates, the Prosecution after the testimony of its last witness is expected to close its case today, on 6 July. Then, subject to the outcome of any motion by the Defence to have the charges dismissed, 21 August is the target date for the Victims' Counsel to start with any evidence they may wish to present. Finally, the Trial Panel set 18 September as the target date for the Defence to commence its case.

The Shala trial was adjourned for the week and will resume on 21 August 2023 at 9:30.

On 28 June, the Prosecution submitted its list of the next 12 witnesses to be called in the Thaçi et al. case. The list also includes reserve witnesses and the Prosecution highlighted that it has reduced the estimated time needed for its questioning of eight of these witnesses. The names of the witnesses were submitted as part of a confidential annex.

Hearings in the Thaçi et al. trial resume the next week, starting on 10 July at 9:00.

## Journalist Questions

