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Chairman Maloku received in a meeting the Head of the EULEX Wigemark

The Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Jetish Maloku, received in a meeting the Head of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, EULEX, Lars-Gunnar Wigemark, with whom he discussed topics of common interest.

The Chairman has informed the Head of EULEX, Wigemark, about the works and activities that are being carried out in the prosecutorial system, in order to strengthen the rule of law in Kosovo.



EULEX Chief Wigemark, congratulating Chairman Maloku on his new post, said that the institution he leads within its mandate will continue to support the prosecutorial system in promoting and strengthening the rule of law.

Both interlocutors, said that the prosecutorial system is working on realizing its priorities to increase efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and accountability in this system, while EULEX through monitoring, advising and addressing the challenges will support the prosecutorial system in realizing its priorities.

The constitutive meeting of the Committee on Normative Issues is held

The Committee on Normative Issues, chaired by Chairman Armend Zenelaj, held its first constitutive meeting.



Consequently, this normative body of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council has reviewed a number of priorities, including the implementation of activities during 2020 and, in this context, the objectives of the Work Plan for 2021, in accordance with the planned work acts of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and State Prosecutor.

The participants of this meeting emphasized that they will be committed and will be maximally engaged in identifying and achieving the institutional objectives for 2021.

Dutch support for the prosecutorial system is appreciated

The Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Jetish Maloku and the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kosovo, Carin Lobbezoo, have opened the second training session on "Active Management", which is taking place within the Dutch project "Support for an independent, professional and impartial prosecutorial system in Kosovo".

On this occasion, Chairman Maloku thanked Ambassador Lobbezoo and through her, the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the continuous support it has given and is giving to the Kosovo prosecutorial system.

Chairman Maloku offered his cooperation and all the staff of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council for future cooperation initiatives with the Kingdom of the Netherlands.



On the other hand, Ambassador Lobbezoo said that through Dutch support it is intended to strengthen the Kosovo prosecutorial system through training, lessons and exchange of experiences.

The training held today was attended by Chief Prosecutors of Kosovo Prosecution Offices, prosecutors and heads of the prosecution administration.

Telegram of condolences to the Krasniqi family, on the occasion of the death of Mr. Enver Krasniqi, Prosecutor of the Special Prosecution of the Republic of Kosovo

In the telegram of condolences of the Chairman of the Prosecutorial Council, Jetish Maloku, on the occasion of the death of Mr. Enver Krasniqi, Prosecutor of the Special Prosecution of the Republic of Kosovo, it is said:

Dear Krasniqi family,

with deep sorrow we received the news of the death of your family member and our esteemed colleague, the State Prosecutor, Mr. Enver Krasniqi.

The departure of Mr. Enver Krasniqi from this world is suddenly a loss not only for your family, but also for the justice system in our country in general.

On this occasion, allow me on my own behalf and on behalf of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council to express my deepest pain and my sincere condolences to you as a family, to the relatives, colleagues and associates of Prosecutor Krasniqi.

Prosecutor Enver Krasniqi was an example of high human values and honesty, who with dedication, dignity and high professionalism served his institution and country.

May the memory of him be eternal!

The Director General of the KPC Secretariat is suspended from office

The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), after the initiation of criminal proceedings against the General Director of the Secretariat (KPCS), Lavdim Krasniqi, on suspicion of criminal offenses "Abuse of official position or authority", "Exercising influence", and "Assistance to the perpetrators after committing criminal offenses", has decided to suspend the same with a payment of 50 percent of salary until the final decision is taken by the competent court. Also, today the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council has taken a decision to suspend an official of the Secretariat, as a suspect for the criminal offense "Failure to notify the preparation of criminal offenses".

In order to continue the functioning of the administration of the prosecutorial system in general, the KPC today appointed Acting Director General of the KPCS, Valdrin Krasniqi - Head of the Legal Office.

The prosecutorial system facilitates the access of lawyers to the premises of the prosecution

The prosecutorial system of the Republic of Kosovo and the Kosovo Chamber of Advocates have reached an agreement to facilitate the access of lawyers to the premises of the prosecution of the Republic of Kosovo.

This agreement was reached after the meetings held by the Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Jetish Maloku, with the President of the Kosovo Chamber of Advocates, Behar Ejupi.



Regarding the facilitation of lawyers' access to the premises of the prosecution, a guide has been prepared, which provides for the facilitation of the access of lawyers to the premises of the prosecution.

The conditions and facilities created for the access of lawyers within the premises of the Kosovo Prosecution Offices are in harmony with the legal acts, which regulate the provision, storage, access, and order in the premises of the prosecutorial system.

The prosecutorial system organized a commemorative ceremony for Prosecutor Enver Krasniqi

On the occasion of the death of the Prosecutor of the Special Prosecution of the Republic of Kosovo, Enver Krasniqi, a commemorative ceremony was held, which was organized by the Kosovo prosecutorial system.

At the beginning of this ceremony, the telegrams of condolence were read by the Chief State Prosecutor, Aleksandër Lumezi and the Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Jetish Maloku.

Further, the Chief Prosecutor of the Special Prosecution of the Republic of Kosovo, Blerim Isufaj, said to the attendees of this ceremony that Prosecutor Enver Krasniqi was and remains an example of an honest man, who with high dignity and professionalism served the institution where he worked.



The daughter of the late Prosecutor, Enver Krasniqi, Erina Krasniqi, on behalf of the family thanked those present for the participation and the assessments made for her father, saying that they had many plans and dreams together, but she is proud that she was raised by two parents and a parent, as he was.

Chairman Maloku received the Ombudsman in a meeting

The topic of discussion of this meeting was the Law on Disciplinary Responsibility of Judges and Prosecutors, in which case the interlocutors stressed that it has further advanced the aspect of accountability of judges and prosecutors.



In this meeting was also discussed the role that the Law on Disciplinary Responsibility of Judges and Prosecutors gives to the People's Advocate, as well as the fact that the People's Advocate has the status in the procedures of alleged violations against judges and prosecutors..

The Dutch support for strengthening the professional capacities of the prosecutorial system is appreciated

The Chairman of the Prosecutorial Council, Jetish Maloku, received the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kosovo, Carin Lobbezoo, where the ongoing Dutch support for the prosecutorial system, with special emphasis on strengthening the professional capacity of prosecutors and administrative staff, was the topic of discussion.

Chairman Maloku, on this occasion, said that the Dutch project is doing a great job in strengthening the professional capacities in the prosecutorial system. He said that trainings, exchange of ideas and experiences with Dutch experts are affecting the professional and managerial development of the staff of this system.



During the meeting, the two interlocutors discussed and exchanged ideas on other topics related to the fight against corruption and organized crime.

The Committee on Budget, Finance and Personnel approved the Financial Report for 2020

The Committee on Budget, Finance and Personnel of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, chaired by Ariana Shajkovci, composed of Prosecutor Bedrije Sylja-Alshiqi and Prosecutor Haki Geci, held the next meeting, which was attended by the Exerciser Acting Director General of the KPSS, Valdrin Krasniqi and other Secretariat officials.

At first, the financial report of KPC for 2020 was reviewed and after discussions it was approved by the members of the committee.



Another topic of this meeting was the review of a request of the Department of Information Technology regarding the leveling of allowances for employees of this department.

At the end, the capital projects of the prosecutorial system for 2021 were presented and discussed.

The realization of joint activities of the KPC with the British project is intensified

The Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Jetish Maloku, together with Acting Director of SKPC, Valdrin Krasniqi, received in a meeting the expert of the British project for strengthening the prosecutorial system in Kosovo, David Wells, with whom he discussed the intensification of activities and concrete priorities for the implementation of this important project, which significantly supports and helps strengthen the capacity of the Kosovo prosecutorial system.

He thanked the British expert for the institutional support, saying that he welcomes the intensive

implementation of joint activities, which are done in order to increase the administrative and professional capacity of the Kosovo prosecutorial system.

Whereas, the British expert, David Wells, stated that the aim of this project is to achieve efficiency in the work processes and the necessary results, which come in the framework of the reform of the administration of the prosecutorial system and the drafting of bylaws.

Telegram of condolences addressed to the Fejza family, on the occasion of the death of the Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution of Mitrovica, Ibrahim Fejza

In the telegram of the Chairman of the Prosecutorial Council Jetish Maloku, it is said:

Dear Fejza Family,

With deep pain and sorrow we have received the unexpected news for the death of your family member and our dear colleague, Ibrahim Fejza.

On this occasion, allow us to share the pain with you, expressing our most sincere condolences to you, his relatives, then his colleagues and associates.



The late prosecutor, Ibrahim Fejza, will forever remain in our memories as an example of dignity, dedication and human and professional integrity in the prosecutorial system of the Republic of Kosovo.

May the memory of him be eternal!

The annual work plan of the Commission for the Administration of Prosecutions is approved

The Commission for Prosecution Administration of the KPC, under the chairmanship of Prosecutor Veton Shabani, chairperson, held the next meeting, which was attended by Prosecutor Sevdije Morina, member and Valon Jupa, Director of the Prosecution Performance Review Unit, in which case the final draft of the Work

Plan for 2021 was reviewed, a draft that was approved by the members of this commission and contains objectives that are in line with the work plans and other strategic acts of the KPC and the Prosecutor of State, in order to create a more sustainable planning of the administration of the country's prosecutions.



Further, the meeting continued with the evaluation of other items on the agenda regarding the transition from physical to electronic registers of CMIS and the case load of prosecutors, based on the number of prosecutors and 2020 data, as well as the degree of work efficiency in this period of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Annual Report (2020) and Work Plan (2021) of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council were approved

The Annual Report (2020) and the Work Plan (2021) of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council were the first acts that were approved at today's meeting, in which case the latter was approved with some recommendations of KPC members.

Consequently, it was said that these acts reflect specific aspects of the Council's one-year work and its achievements, as well as the following goals and plans for this year, which are in line with the strategic acts of the prosecutorial system.



At the same meeting, the Council took decisions to open competitions for the promotion of prosecutors in the prosecution, as follows: four prosecutors in the

Appellate two prosecutors in the Special Prosecution Office of the Republic of Kosovo and one in the Basic Prosecution Office in Prishtina, two prosecutors in the Special Prosecution Office of the Republic of Kosovo and one in the Basic Prosecution Office in Prishtina.

Also, after the expiration of the mandate of the previous members of the Steering Council of the Academy of Justice, at the request of the latter, the Prosecutorial Council has appointed new members of the prosecutorial system with a four-year mandate in this composition: Xhevdet Bislimi, Chief Prosecutor of the Appellate Prosecution, Dulina Hamiti from the Basic Prosecution of Prishtina and Valdrin Krasniqi from the Secretariat of the KPC.

During this meeting, the list of candidates for Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Gjakova was confirmed, composed of: Dëshirë Jusaq and Ramiz Buzhala, and the investigative panel was established for the case of a prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution of Gjilan.

The Council also approved the Administrative Personnel Plan for 2021 of the prosecutorial system, and at the end of the meeting held a hearing on the disciplinary case of a prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution of Prishtina, whose decision will be made public as defined by law.

The Deputy Chairman of the KPC met with the Chief Prosecutor of Ferizaj

The Deputy Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, at the same time the Chairman of the Commission for Prosecution Administration, Veton Shabani, accompanied by the Deputy Manager of the ICT-CMIL Project, Nexhat Haziri, held a working meeting with the Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Ferizaj, Shukri Jashar.



The topic of discussion was the removal of manual registers in the framework of the digitalization of the work process, in which case the pilot phase of this project will be implemented initially in the Basic Prosecution in Ferizaj, given that it was the first prosecution assessed as most successful in the implementation of CMIS and then will be extended to all other prosecutions in the country.

This activity will start with RLN and PPN registers on May 3, 2021 and will continue with other registers.

During the discussions, it was said that after the piloting process is completed, in cooperation with the Commission for the Administration of Prosecutions, a report will be prepared and a plan to expand the removal of physical registers in prosecution offices and the same documents along with recommendations will be sent for approval to Kosovo Prosecutorial Council.

The Medium Term Expenditure Framework 2022-2024 is approved

The Committee on Budget, Finance and Personnel of the KPC, chaired by Ariana Shajkovci, chaired the next meeting, in which members approved the Medium Term Expenditure Framework for the three-year period 2022-2024.

In this context and in the framework of future commitments for the implementation of this framework, the possibility of meeting the need for prosecutors and administrative staff was discussed, in order to create opportunities for a sustainable development of the professional and administrative work process in the prosecutorial system of the country.



Further, this meeting continued with the discussion of a number of capital projects and their budgetary implications.

Activities of the KPC Secretariat

Consequently, in March there were various activities within the KPC Secretariat, as follows:

The provision of additional information regarding some of the indicators of the CEPEJ questionnaire, related to the prosecutorial system and the preparation of the Report on the implementation of the work plan of the Council 2020, has continued, and a series of activities have been developed within the Group for inspection of implementation of protective measures by Covid 19.

In cooperation with CILC, a training on active management was organized and a meeting was held with the expert of the Dutch project, CILC, in which case the works realized and those that are expected to be realized within this project were discussed.

Requests for access to official documents have also been coordinated and a letter has been drafted to the Office of the President on the appointment of five full-time prosecutors, and information requested by the Council of Europe on the Council's budget and statistical data for 2020 has been provided to be included in the KOSEJ project questionnaire.

The preparation of the Report for the Subcommittee on Justice, Freedom and Security, which will be held in June 2021, has started and a coordination meeting was held with the communication officers of the prosecution, where the internal and external communication and the Strategy for communication of the prosecutorial system 2021-2023 were discussed.

It also provided the information requested by foreign embassies regarding the handling of money laundering cases for 2019 and 2020 and returned an answer to questions sent by Kallxo.com regarding the implementation of the Law on Disciplinary Responsibility of Judges and Prosecutors., and a response was sent to the request of the Kosovo Institute of Justice, which relates to disciplinary statistics for prosecutors under the Law on Disciplinary Responsibility of Judges and Prosecutors.

Within human resources, procurement and administration, staff trainings were conducted according to the training plan and external auditors were supported, while within the sector for budget, finance and general services, a meeting of the Commission was held, where the Annual Financial Report for 2020 was approved, as well as the preparation of the Request for the Medium Term Expenditure Framework for 2022-2024 has started and the Self-Assessment Questionnaire for 2020 has been prepared according to the instructions and deadlines set.

In the field of information technology, a self-assessment questionnaire for financial management and control in the field of IT in the prosecutorial system was prepared and the staff of the Basic Prosecution of Mitrovica was trained on the use of CMIS, including the electronic exchange of data with the court.

Also at the request of the US Embassy and in cooperation with the Basic Prosecution of Gjakova, a document with the technical specifications of the Juvenile Chamber was prepared and a new version of statistical reports was published in the electronic case management system at ZMNV and the Evaluation Module was introduced. Electronic Prosecution File Management System.

In cooperation with the prosecution staff, the document for the advancement of the electronic exchange of data between the prosecution and the courts was prepared and the draft Guide for the management of the work process through the Case Information Management System in the State Prosecutor was presented.

The work report of the ICT / CMIS project for the period November 2020 - February 2021 has also been prepared and the new version of the electronic case management system has been published in the Office for Protection and Assistance of Victims, where the general reports of staff work by regions.

Comparative reports on the workload for users in different prosecutor's offices of the registration reference profile have been prepared and the time plan for the dismissal of physical / manual

registers has been prepared for all basic prosecutor's offices and the Special Prosecution Office.

Activities of the Prosecution Performance Review Unit

As part of the activities conducted in March by the Prosecution Performance Review Unit was the drafting of analytical reports on the required number of prosecutors in the prosecutorial system, As part of the activities conducted in March by the Prosecution Performance Review Unit was the drafting of analytical reports on the required number of prosecutors in the prosecutorial system, supporting the process of transfers and promotions of prosecutors, as well as the process of appointing the Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution of Gjakova, supporting the commissions of the Prosecutorial Council through direct engagement and by providing the necessary information, updating the data in the files of prosecutors and support the process of developing the database for prosecutors - SEMDP.

Statistical data on criminal offenses characteristic of the Tracking Mechanism were generated from the kriMKorr application, and the Report for March was compiled and statistical data on the work of prosecutors were collected, who underwent a performance appraisal process.

The Statistical Office has collected data from prosecutors and compiled statements on the workload and efficiency of prosecutors in resolving cases from the registers: PP, PPM, PPN, PPP and NJU, for each prosecutor separately. Also, this Office has collected statistical data on the status of cases from each prosecutor's office according to the registers: PP, PPM, PPN, PPP and NJN and by departments, and has compiled reports for March. This office has also prepared other statistical data according to the requests submitted by the Public Communication Office of the KPC and has compiled notification documents, through which prosecutors and prosecutors have been notified of the deadlines for reporting statistical data., in order to compile the Report for the first quarter of 2021 and prepare forms,

tables and links for data collection and processing.

The activities of the Training Office have continued with the Continuing Training Program in cooperation with the Academy of Justice, in which case through the Zoom platform was realized the specialized training on fraud and corruption in public procurement, the purpose of which was to advance knowledge about procurement. Public and fair implementation of provisions for the investigation and trial of criminal offenses of this nature. Beneficiaries of this training were prosecutors of basic prosecutions, prosecutors of Special Prosecution and judges of basic courts, judges of Special Department and police investigating officers.

FAO in cooperation with experts engaged under this program and with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development organized capacity building training for representatives of state institutions, which are responsible and interlinked in the implementation of legislation in the field of sector of forestry. The purpose of the training was to implement a program to support the strengthening of sustainable and multi-purpose forest management to improve life in rural areas and to address climate change in Kosovo. This program aims to increase the contribution of the forest sector to the national economy through the possibility of comprehensive and multifaceted forest management and that is strengthened in accordance with the relevant rules and supported by value chains responsive to gender and climate change. This program is structured around three components, where each of them is further functionalized in certain results and activities. The first component concerns the improvement of legal exploitation, timber trade and law enforcement in the forestry sector. The objectives of this component aim, inter alia, to improve the capacity of public services to facilitate law enforcement with new skills and equipment and to ensure the support of the general public in combating illegal activities in the forestry sector. Beneficiaries of this training were prosecutors of the six basic prosecution offices of Kosovo, prosecutors charged with cases related to the forestry sector

or the use of natural resources in violation of the law.