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Activities of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council



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Chairman Hyseni is committed to strengthening the administration of the prosecutorial system

Pristina, 1 October 2019 - The Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, together with members of the KPC, has held a meeting with the General Director of the Secretariat, the Director of the Prosecution Performance Review Unit and heads of departments of the Secretariat.

During this meeting, a number of issues were raised, which aim to increase the cooperation and internal communication, as well as the effectiveness and efficiency of the prosecutorial system in general, respectively, in the administration of this system in particular.

Chairman Hyseni focused on the organization and importance of the prosecution system administration, seeking to strengthen its activities in order to increase efficiency at work.

Also, Chairman Hyseni, in addition to providing support to the administration of the prosecutorial system, demanded from all administration employees' responsibility and discipline, based on legal acts that regulate the aforementioned areas.



In the end, Chairman Hyseni expressed the will of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council for the possibility of finding the legal and procedural basis for the additional payment of 50 Euros for the administration employees.



A round table on the mediation procedure is held

Pristina, 4 October 2019 – Mediation clerks of the prosecution offices and courts and the mediators held a roundtable on mediation procedures organized by UNDP in the framework of the Project "Improving Access to Justice and Rule of Law Reform in Kosovo" , which is funded by the Norwegian Embassy in Kosovo.

At this roundtable led by Prosecutor of the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor, Besim Kelmendi, the challenges of mediation clerks and mediators are discussed, which include the lack of adequate space for holding mediation sessions, the duties of clerks during a hearing of mediation and the manner of appointment of mediators with the consent of the parties, as provided by legal acts.



Also in the focus of discussions were the legal rules on the mediation procedure, the issue of payments, procedural actions during cases with adults and minors, where it was said that the Prosecutorial Council remains committed to creating conditions for the realization of the work of the mediation clerks and ensure the implementation of legal infrastructure.

At the end of the roundtable came the request for profiling of mediators, which should be done by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), which would facilitate the work of prosecutors and judges, who, depending on the cases referred, require mediators of different profiles.



Chairman Hyseni has met with British Ambassador Nicholas Abbott

Pristina, 10 October 2019 - The Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, hosted the British Ambassador in Pristina, Nicholas Abbott at the meeting. Chairman Hyseni thanked Ambassador Abbott for the assistance that the British Embassy has provided and continues to provide to the Kosovo prosecutorial system, assessing this assistance as very important in achieving the objectives and goals of the Kosovo prosecutorial system.



On the other hand, Ambassador Abbott has said that the British Embassy will continue to support in order to increase the capacity and efficiency of the Kosovo prosecutorial system in function of the rule of law.

The two interlocutors also discussed methods and ways of continuing and enhancing cooperation in the future between the Kosovo Prosecutorial System and the British Embassy in Kosovo.

During this meeting they also discussed the work being done by the British Project “Strengthening the Kosovo Judicial and Prosecutorial System”. In this regard, Chairman Hyseni said that the experience of the British experts of the above mentioned project is giving good results in support of the Kosovo Prosecutorial System.

At the end this meeting was also discussed about the latest electoral process and the work of the prosecutorial system regarding the progress of this process. Chairman Hyseni said that a large number of prosecutors and administrative staff were engaged in order to ensure the smooth running of the election process. While the work done by the Prosecutorial System on Election Day, has been highly praised by Ambassador Abbott.



Coordination meeting with the prosecution administrators is held

Pristina, 15 October 2019- The General Director of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Secretariat, Mr. Lavdim Krasniqi, along with the chairperson of the Committee for the Administration of the Prosecution Offices, Mrs. Radica Miliq and the Director of the Unit for Prosecution Performance review Unit, Mr. Valon Jupa, has held a meeting with the Prosecution Administrators, in which case the department leaders and administrative officials of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Secretariat were also present.

The purpose of the meeting was the coordination, communication and mutual cooperation during the working processes between the organizational units of the KPC and the prosecution offices of all levels.

At this meeting it was discussed in particular the work processes and challenges, especially for the performance of registration backlog in Case Management Information System (CMIS) and unification of document format according to legal standards, which come from prosecution of the country in the KPC Secretariat.

The annual planning for the year 2020 of the prosecution needs was another topic addressed in this meeting with the prosecution administrators, as well as the continuity



of the work of the staff, in which case it was requested to comply with the legal acts regulating this area.

Finally, the General Director of the KPSS, Lavdim Krasniqi, has asked administrators to timely process all invoices payable to economic operators, and has presented a summary of new developments in the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Secretariat, which relates to the work and needs of the prosecution offices of the country.



The evaluation meeting on the progress of the implementation of the EULEX mandate is held

Pristina, October 15, 2019 - The Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Bahri Hyseni, along with KPC members Ikramije Bojaxhiu, Radica Milic and Zejnullah Gashi, and the General Director of the Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, hosted in a meeting a joint delegation of the Directorate for Integrated Approach, Security and Peace, Civil Planning and Behavioral Skills of the EU.

The purpose of this meeting was to analyze and evaluate the progress of the implementation of EULEX's mandate within the international community and the integrated approach of the EU in Kosovo.



On this occasion, Chairman Hyseni informed the guests from Brussels on the competences, work and activities of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and presented a summary of the work, activities and cooperation so far with EULEX.

Whereas, the delegation from Brussels, said that they are here to review the progress in the rule of law in the function of the Strategic Review of EULEX Mission.

Parties to this meeting also discussed the phase of transferring cases from EULEX prosecutors to local prosecutors, including the activities, challenges and goals of this transfer.



Kosovo, participating in the Forum for Strengthening the Cooperation of Prosecutorial Systems of the Balkan States

Pristina, 17 October 2019 - As part of the development of regional co-operation of prosecutorial systems in Izmir, Turkey, the First Forum of the General Prosecutors of the Balkan States is being held which is attended by a Kosovo delegation composed of Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Special Prosecution Office of the Republic of Kosovo, Afrim Shefkiu and the General Director of the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Lavdim Krasniqi, where many Chief Prosecutors and prosecutors of Balkan prosecutorial systems are present.

The purpose of organizing this forum is to discuss the importance of strengthening regional cooperation of prosecutorial systems, in order to support the investigation and prosecution of serious and cross-border crimes, and then to increase efforts to strengthen institutional and professional capacity through exchange of information experiences and increased cooperation in the field of justice between the Balkan countries and beyond.



Consequently, the delegation from Kosovo presented at the sessions of this international forum on behalf of the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor and the state prosecutorial system in general, setting out future goals for the establishment of joint investigation teams with representatives of the rule of law institutions of two or more countries, the designation of teams for specific offenses based on agreements between states, membership in professional organizations and the issuance of protocols and agreements between states, issues that are among the main challenges of the prosecutorial system not only in Kosovo.

During the development of the forum, a joint statement of participants will be adopted, requiring increased engagement with requests from different countries and the organization of such workshops with actors from the institutions of the rule of law of regional states, which help to overcome mutual challenges.



KPC approves training policies for prosecutors and administrative staff for 2020

Pristina, 22 October 2019 - Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) adopted today at its regular meeting the training policies for prosecutors and administrative staff of the prosecutorial system for 2020, which will be adapted to the work plan of the Academy of Justice and are based on cross-sectoral competences and harmonized with strategic documents, paying particular attention to the methodology of combating financial crime, corruption and war crimes.

During this meeting led by Chairman Bahri Hyseni, after casting lots for active and reserve members, the Prosecutorial Council also approved the establishment of two investigative panels to review disciplinary cases at the Basic Prosecution in Pristina and the Basic Prosecution in Gjilan.

On the other hand, in the context of regular reporting by the chairpersons of the standing committees on their activities for the nine months of this year, the Council was reported by the Chairman of the Committee on Normative Issues, Zejnullah Gashi, the Chair of the Committee on the Evaluation of Prosecutors, Ikramije Bojaxhiu, Chair of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Personnel, Deshira Jusaj and Chair of the Committee on Administration of Prosecutions, Radica Milic.

Consequently, at the end of the meeting, the report of the Prosecutors Performance Evaluation Committee was approved.



The methodology for the institutional development of the prosecutorial system is discussed

Pristina, 28 October 2019 - Representatives of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council held today a meeting with British representatives of the Project "Strengthening the Judicial System in Kosovo" within the working group for the institutional development of the prosecutorial system.

During the meeting, which was attended by the Chairman of the Committee on Normative Issues, Zejnullah Gashi, Head of the Committee on Administration of Prosecutions, Radica Milic, General Director of the KPC Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, Director of the Performance Review Unit, Valon Jupa, as well as the professional staff of the Council, discussed the methodology of institutional development as part of the British project to support the Kosovo prosecutorial system.

Consequently, during the meeting, the working group agreed to engage in the development of the methodology of this new concept in order to strengthen the strategic planning and realization of the work system, in order to advance the performance of KPC and SP.



Press release of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council

Pristina, 28 October 2019-Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) declares that articles published on the portal “Insajderi” are tendentious and unfounded, attacking the integrity of the Council, its members and the candidate for Chief Prosecutor of the Special Prosecution of the Republic of Kosovo.

Consequently, apart from the unfounded allegations in these writings, the KPC has no information to prove that there is a conflict of interest, so no member of the Council will be withdrawn from the process.



Chairman Hyseni appreciates US support for the prosecutorial system

Pristina, 29 October 2019-Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Mr. Bahri Hyseni, hosted in a meeting the Director of International Narcotics & Law Enforcement Affairs within the American Embassy in Kosovo, Mr. Shawn Waddoups. At the beginning of this meeting, Chairman Hyseni briefed Director Waddoups on the powers, role and objectives of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council. Also, Chairman Hyseni spoke about the achievements, challenges and goals of the KPC, while appreciating the support by the US embassy provided through various programs for the Kosovo Prosecutorial System.

Director Waddoups during this meeting expressed the willingness of the International Bureau for Narcotics and Rule of Law to continue supporting the Kosovo Prosecutorial System.

The two interlocutors agreed to continue and deepen cooperation aimed at combating organized crime, corruption and other illegal phenomena. They also added that the purpose of their cooperation is to create a safer environment for citizens.



Reaction from Kosovo Prosecutorial Council

Pristina, 30 October 2019- Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) strongly condemns the physical attack on the Prosecutor of the General Department of the Basic Prosecution in Prizren, Mr. Artnor Skoro, an attack related to his official work.

For the KPC such acts against prosecutors are intolerable and are taken very seriously. KPC stands strong with Prosecutor Skoro and all prosecutors, supports them in their daily work and encourages them to fulfill their mission.

Therefore, all those who think that such acts will try to influence state prosecutors to refrain from prosecuting criminal offenses are wrong, because prosecutors will continue their work for which they have been sworn and which is obliged by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Kosovo.

The KPC also assures the public that this issue on the attack on Prosecutor Skoro will be dealt with priority by all competent authorities and the attacker will be brought to justice soon.



KPC Secretariat

Within the framework of administrative responsibilities and support for the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor and Prosecutors, the General Director of the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council has held various meetings with the aim of strengthening and professionalizing the administration of the prosecutorial system increasing efficiency and effectiveness at work.

He also coordinated the work and activities of the KPC Secretariat administration and prosecution administration.

The Law Office has drafted bylaws, has analyzed and provided legal opinions on acts drafted by Council Secretariat units, and has assisted committees and other bodies in drafting bylaws and other documents.

The Office of Public Communication (DPO) has followed the activities of the Chairman of the Council, the General Director of the Secretariat, various committees and other units of the prosecutorial system, presenting their work through the media.

During this month, the OPC has prepared 10 materials for the public in different formats, such as: communications, statements, explanations, reactions, etc. This office has also fulfilled the demands of the media and NGOs regarding their interest in getting acquainted with the activities, activities and processes developed, the following and those that are expected to take place in the prosecutorial system.

The Internal Audit Unit has started its regular audit in the Budget and Finance Division. For this year, this is the last audit in accordance with the scheduled plan.

The Archives Office during this month has archived 44 incoming documents, 56 outgoing documents, received 617 invoices from various prosecutions and economic operators and archived 96 decisions.

Procurement Division during this month conducted a total of 5 procurement procedures, three announcements were made for the cancellation of the procurement activity, while 6 contracts were signed.

The Department of Information Technology has started the development of an electronic case management system for the Victims Protection and Advocacy Office, which is expected to be completed in June 2020, where the implementation of this system will begin.



This department also conducted the first data exchange test between CMIS and KPIS - Kosovo Police Cases System, a test that has proved successful and has been transferred a Kosovo Police test case to CMIS.



Prosecution Performance Review Unit of the KPC

The Prosecution Performance Review Unit (PPRU) has drafted a 9 month report of Tracking Mechanism on characteristic offenses and comparative reporting between physical registries and existing databases in relation to data from CMIS for the first half of 2019 to the Basic Prosecution in Gjilan.

It also analyzed the data of statistical reports generated by CMIS by comparing it with those of physical registers for all prosecutions applying CMIS, in order to assess its accuracy, identify problems and make recommendations for their avoidance.

The Training Office of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council in cooperation with UNDP within the project "Improving access to justice and rule of law reform in Kosovo", funded by the Norwegian Embassy in Kosovo, organized a roundtable on mediation procedures.

The Bureau of Statistics has compiled overviews of the prosecutors' workload and efficiency in dealing with cases from the registries: PP, PPM, PPN, PPP and NJN for each prosecutor separately and has compiled statistical reports on the numerical status of the registries: PP, PPM, PPN, PPP and NJ for September for each prosecutor separately.

It has also compiled statistical reports on cases related to European integration and SAA reporting, such as: corruption, organized crime, trafficking in human beings, smuggling of migrants and immigrants, money laundering, terrorism, cybercrime, criminal offenses related to violence against the journalist community and the LGBT community and the application of alternative procedures.

This office has compiled reports for some institutions both within and outside the prosecutorial system, as well as for non-governmental organizations.