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**The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr.
Kelmendi, on the occasion of the Feast of the
Eid al-Fitr**

Pristina, 10 April 2024

The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, conveyed the most heartfelt congratulations to all Muslim believers on the occasion of the Feast of Eid al-Fitr, wishing you peace, harmony and prosperity in the family!

Respectfully,

Basim Kelmendi

Acting Chief State Prosecutor



A Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor and other law enforcement institutions for the functioning of the Office for Restitution of Assets

Prishtina, 12 April 2024

Today was held the inauguration ceremony of the Office for the Recovery of Assets, organized by the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor and the RoLAG Organization (Rule of Law Advisory Group) as the Implementing Partner of the Anti-Corruption Project (SAEK III) of the UNDP Office in Kosovo, as well as in cooperation with the Basel Institute for Governance.

In order to operationalize this Office, the Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, together with the heads of the Kosovo Police, the Financial Intelligence Unit, the Agency for the Management of Confiscated and Seized Assets, the Tax Administration of Kosovo and Kosovo Customs signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

On this occasion, Acting Chief State Prosecutor Kelmendi thanked the representatives of the Basel Institute for Governance and UNDP for the support and assistance provided in various forms for the establishment of the Office of Asset Restitution and expressed his readiness for cooperation with all other law enforcement institutions in order to functionalize this Office.



The Office for the Recovery of Assets was established within the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor and is headed by Mr. Bahri Hyseni, prosecutor in the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor. This Office provides assistance and advice in asset tracing, cooperation with financial

institutions, forensic accounting and international cooperation to achieve the goals of case prosecutors for the return of property acquired through a criminal offense.

The inauguration ceremony of the Office for the Recovery of Assets was held in the presence of the Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Mr. Ardian Hajdaraj, Chief Prosecutor of the Special Prosecution of the Republic of Kosovo, Chief Prosecutors of the Basic Prosecution Offices, several state prosecutors from the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor, the Special Prosecution and from the Basic Prosecution Offices, as well as representatives of the UNDP Office in Kosovo and representatives of the Basel Institute for Governance.



The head of the Office for Restitution of Assets , Mr. Bahri Hyseni held a meeting with representatives of the UNDP

Prishtina, 16 April 2024

The head of the Office for Recovery of Assets, Mr. Bahri Hyseni, prosecutor in the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor, received today in a working meeting representatives of the UNDP Office in Kosovo, headed by Mr. Hyseni. Mato Meyer is the chief anti-corruption adviser.

During the meeting, it was discussed about the planning for the functioning of this Office.

The plan for standard operating procedures was also discussed, and all legal issues related to the Office of Asset Restitution were elaborated.

Another topic of joint discussions during this meeting was also the electronic platform with which the office will be served and through which

case management and the exchange of information will be done in the most secure way.

On this occasion, Prosecutor Hyseni thanked UNDP representatives for the support and assistance provided in various forms for the establishment of the Office of Asset Restitution and expressed his readiness to cooperate with all other law enforcement institutions in order for the best functioning of this Office.



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Acting Chief State Prosecutor Meets with South Carolina's Attorney General

Prishtina, 18 April 2024

The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, together with the heads of the Prosecutorial System, the Judiciary and the Academy of Justice, today held a meeting with the Attorney General from South Carolina in the USA, Mr. Alan Wilson.

Holder of the functions of the prosecutorial and judicial system had the opportunity to see closely the perspective and experiences related to the drafting of opinions by the Chief Prosecutor of South Carolina, the role of the Executive Division of the Attorney General in relation to issues of

cooperation with the government, the public report, namely requests for information from the media and the public and other important professional issues.

In addition to the meeting with the Attorney General of South Carolina, the delegation from the justice institutions has also met with the President of the Supreme Court of South Carolina. Donald W. Beatty.



Also, within the framework of the study visit and a week-long agenda, representatives of the prosecutorial system, the judicial system and the Academy of Justice have paid visits to other important US law and university institutions.

Part of the delegation of representatives of justice institutions on the study visit to the USA, in addition to the Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, are also the President of the Supreme Court of Kosovo, Mr. Fejzullah Rexhepi, Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Mr. Ardian Hajdaraj, Prosecutor of the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Aleksandër Lumezi, Deputy Chairman of the KPC, Ms. Jehona Grantolli, Chairman of the Performance Evaluation Committee at KPC, Mr. Veton Shabani and the

Director of the Academy of Justice, Mr. Enver Fejzullahu.



This visit of the delegation from Kosovo was organized with the support of the US Embassy in Kosovo and the OPDAT Office.

State Prosecutor in defense of the vote pro et contra the removal of mayors from office in the municipalities of Leposavic, Zubin Potok, Zvecan and North Mitrovica

Prishtina, 21 April 2024

The State Prosecutor informs the public that he is overseeing the voting process for or against the removal of mayors in the four municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo, Leposavic, Zubin Potok, Zvecan and North Mitrovica.



As of seven o'clock this morning, state prosecutors together with the Kosovo Police are engaged, in the police stations of the four respective municipalities, to closely monitor the progress of

the voting process, who are ready to react in any case where there is an obstruction of the voting process.

Also, the State Prosecutor, in order to prevent any irregularities related to the right to vote, invites citizens, media and civil society, to cooperate and report to the Police and the Prosecution for all possible allegations regarding abuses related to this process.

The voting process in the four municipalities passed without any cases of criminal offenses against voting rights

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As of seven o'clock this morning, state prosecutors together with the Kosovo Police have been engaged, in the police stations of the four respective municipalities, to closely monitor the progress of the voting process. The same throughout the day have continuously visited the polling stations in the four municipalities to see closely the progress of the voting process.

After completing the voting process and closing the polling stations, we inform you that we have

not identified any cases of criminal offenses against voting rights.

The State Prosecutor will continue to oversee the vote counting process until this process is completed.

Dealing with cases of domestic violence and corruption, a topic of discussion of the Acting Chief State Prosecutor with the Chief Prosecutors of all prosecutions in the country

Prishtina, 22 April 2024

The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi held a collegium with the chief prosecutors of the country's prosecution offices, which was also attended by the prosecutors of the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor and representatives of the United States Embassy in Kosovo.



The central topic of the discussions of this meeting was the treatment of cases of domestic violence, where the challenges and engagement of prosecutors in dealing with cases related to criminal offenses against domestic violence and corruption were highlighted.

In the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor and in all Basic Prosecutions, for cases of domestic violence, there are appointed coordinators from the ranks of prosecutors, who deal exclusively with these cases and who continue to treat with dedication and urgency all cases related to criminal offenses against domestic violence, however, after joint discussions, and in order to prevent and combat the commission of these

criminal offenses, the conclusions were drawn that state prosecutors, in each case where there is a legal basis, to request the assignment of detention for cases of domestic violence and illegal possession of weapons, as well as to strictly implement the guide for punitive policy, while in order to realize the mandate of the State Prosecutor for the investigation of these criminal offenses, other institutions address the requests for:

Increasing the budget to increase the number of advocates to victims;

Increase the budget for the addition of shelters for the placement of victims

Enhancing the capacities of the Kosovo Forensics Agency, as well as

Enhancing the capacities of the Institute for Psychiatric Forensics

Also during this meeting was discussed about cases of corruption, for which cases the Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, asked for an increase in efficiency.

Among other things, during this meeting, it was also discussed about the functionalization of the Office of Asset Restitution, the plan for standard operating procedures, and all issues falling within the competence of this office were elaborated.



Acting Chief Prosecutor Kelmendi: One of the objectives of the State Prosecutor remains to fight crimes against the environment

Prishtina, April 2024

The Acting Chief State Prosecutor of the State, Mr. Besim Kelmendi participated in the conference of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX), and the European Union Internal Affairs Program on "Environmental Crime Awareness".

During his speech in front of the attendees, Acting Chief Prosecutor Kelmendi emphasized the commitment of the State Prosecutor's Institution in combating all criminal offenses against the environment, in which case he emphasized the fact that in each basic prosecution are appointed coordinator prosecutors for these criminal offenses.

Also, Acting Chief State Prosecutor, during his address, spoke about the importance of inter-institutional cooperation and interaction for the protection of forests, rivers and the environment in general.



This conference was attended by ambassadors and heads of diplomatic missions as well as representatives of local and international institutions and organizations operating in the Republic of Kosovo.

Acting Chief State Prosecutor and Head of Mission of EULEX discussed the rule of law in the Republic of Kosovo

Prishtina, April 2024

The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi hosted in a working meeting the Head

of the EULEX Mission, Mr. Giovanni Pietro Barbano.

During this meeting, Acting Chief State Prosecutor and Head of Mission of EULEX held fruitful discussions on issues related to strengthening the rule of law in the Republic of Kosovo.

Specifically, the meeting also discussed the support of EULEX in preserving institutional independence, as well as the progress and challenges in implementing the joint declaration of commitment regarding the justice reform.

Also, in this meeting it was discussed about the management of the situation and the progress of the work in the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica after offering the resignations of the prosecutors of Serbian nationality.

The interlocutors also had discussions on combating criminal offenses related to money laundering, the need to increase the number and support for crime victim advocates, as well as other professional issues of common interest.



Acting Chief State Prosecutor Kelmendi praised the role, commitment and support of the EU Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX) given continuously to the institution of the State Prosecutor, in which case he expressed his readiness to deepen cooperation in the future in order to achieve joint successes.