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In the edition of this Bulletin, the activities of the OCSP for OCTOBER 2024 have been reflected

The increase of professional human resources in the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica is discussed

Mitrovica, 1 October 2024 – The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, together with the Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica, Mr. Nijazi Rexha, held a meeting with representatives of the United Nations Mission in Kosovo chaired by the head of the Rule of Law Office, Mr. Nijazi Rexha. Antero Lopes, project coordinator, Mrs. Jehona Dragaj, as well as the project manager for strengthening the rule of law and access to justice at UNDP, Mr. Ardian Latifaj.



The purpose of this joint meeting was to discuss the possibilities for supporting the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica by increasing professional human capacities, i.e. legal officials and translators according to the needs of this prosecution.

In this regard, Acting Chief State Prosecutor Kelmendi thanked the guests for their readiness to support the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica in increasing the efficiency of work in order to strengthen the rule of law.

The Head of the Office for Recovery of Assets visited the Basic Prosecution in Gjakova and the Basic Prosecution in Peja

Gjakova and Peja, 04 October 2024 - Head of the Office for Recovery of Assets - Prosecutor of the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor Mr. Bahri Hyseni, together with the officials delegated by the law enforcement institutions in this office and the representative of the US Embassy in Prishtina, visited today the Basic Prosecution in Gjakova and the Basic Prosecution in Peja.



During the meetings held in these prosecutions, Prosecutor Hyseni informed the participants about the functionalization of the Office for Recovery of Assets, as well as the Standard Procedures for Action, requesting cooperation from the prosecutors of these prosecutions with this office, in order to advise and assist all prosecutors who have cases where the procedures for asset restitution should be applied.



During these meetings, opinions were discussed and exchanged on the improvement of procedures and inter-institutional cooperation, where in this regard was the tracking, freezing and seizure of assets acquired through criminal offenses, as well as in international cooperation to increase the effectiveness in this process, was considered key for the success of these efforts, helping to return illegal assets and clarify important criminal cases.



Chief Prosecutor of Basic Prosecution in Gjakova Mr. Enis Gashi, Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Peja, Mr. Ersan Qavolli, together with the prosecutors of these prosecutions, thanked the participants for their visit, emphasizing the importance of cooperation with these institutions to achieve the best results.

The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Besim Kelmendi, hosted the Minister of Justice of North Macedonia, Igor Filkov

Prishtina, October 8, 2024 - In the frame of the exchange of experiences of regional justice systems, the Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Besim Kelmendi, together with the Chief Prosecutor of the Special Prosecution, Blerim Isufaj, the prosecutors in the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor, Aleksandër Lumezi, Laura Pula and Agron Qalaj, hosted the Minister of Justice of North Macedonia, Igor Filkov, together with his associates.



Initially, Mr. Kelmendi informed Mr. Filkov about the organizational scope and current work processes of the State Prosecutor, with special emphasis on the development of activities aimed at strengthening the prosecutorial system, expressing on this occasion his readiness and commitment to continue cooperation with the institutions of the prosecutorial system and other mechanisms of the Republic of North Macedonia. I welcome the continuation of bilateral cooperation with justice institutions, taking into account the full and mutual interstate support and support in terms of guaranteeing the integrity and professionalism of our prosecutorial systems', said Mr. Kelmendi, among other things



Following the meeting, the Acting Chief State Prosecutor held an extensive conversation with the high delegation of the state of North Macedonia, especially regarding their interest in having expanded information on the functioning of the Case Management Information System (CMIS) in the system prosecution.

On the other hand, the Minister of Justice of North Macedonia, Igor Filkov, has thanked Mr. Kelmendi for the reception and the opportunity to exchange experiences in order to have a clearer picture of building cooperation bridges to strengthen the rule of law in both countries.

In addition, this delegation also visited the premises of the Special Prosecution Office, where it was closely acquainted with the work process, development and functioning of the CMIS in this Prosecution Office, which is a major project spanning the entire prosecutorial system of the Republic of Kosovo.

At the end of this meeting, the interlocutors agreed to establish continuous cooperation throughout the future processes within the framework of international legal cooperation and general interstate cooperation for the prevention, prosecution and adequate punishment of the perpetrators of criminal offenses of organized crime, corruption and international terrorism.

**Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Besim Kelmendi:
The time has come for advanced inter-
institutional cooperation in the fight against
corruption, organized crime, and money
laundering**

Prishtina, October 9, 2024 – Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, held an important meeting with key representatives from institutions involved in combating economic crime and corruption, including the Kosovo Tax Administration, the Financial Intelligence Unit, Kosovo Customs, the Anti-Corruption Agency, the Notary Chamber, the Property Tax Department of the Ministry of Finance, the Cadastral Agency, and the Civil Registration Agency, among other institutional representatives.



The goal of this meeting was to discuss enhancing inter-institutional cooperation to enable effective investigations based on intelligent data and the tracking of financial movements.

On this occasion, Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Besim Kelmendi, emphasized that the inter-institutional cooperation was necessary, but it should be improved and it is time to promote a stronger engagement and hold accountable the actors who do not show sufficient cooperation.



Mr. Kelmendi further underlined that the current situation, where responsibilities are divided and shared goals remain unmet, can no longer be tolerated. Kelmendi urged all institutions to demonstrate concrete and ongoing commitment to achieving tangible results. He stressed that accountability will be demanded from each institution for their efforts, ensuring that any lack of dedication will not go without consequence. He called for immediate improvements and a new level of cooperation to achieve common goals in the fight against corruption, organized crime, and money laundering.

This initiative reinforces the commitment of the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor to advancing the fight against corruption and ensuring that relevant institutions work closely to track illegal financial activities and strengthen the integrity of public institutions.

This event is supported by the SAEK III Project, the UNDP Office in Kosovo, with assistance from the Swiss Government through the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) in Kosovo, and the Swedish Government through SIDA in Kosovo.

The U.S. Attorney General, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, participates in the launch of the Anti-Money Laundering Intelligence Network in Kosovo

Prishtina, 10 October 2024 – In the scope of advancing the fight against illicit financial activities, the Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi was part of the panel during the launch of the Joint Anti-Money Laundering Intelligence Network in Kosovo, organized by the Financial Intelligence Unit, which was also attended by prosecutors of the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor, members of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, special prosecutors and prosecutors of the basic prosecution offices of the Republic of Kosovo, as well as representatives of international partners and institutions of our country.



On this occasion, Mr. Kelmendi stressed that this network will be an additional mechanism for the work of the State Prosecutor and a very good opportunity for cooperation between law enforcement institutions, as well as the private sector, in order to prevent and combat money laundering, before these, gained from committing very serious criminal offenses, such as organized crime, terrorism and high-level corruption, which seriously damages the state budget.



Later, in his speech, the Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Kelmendi stated that the very participation in this event of the prosecutors of the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor, members of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, special prosecutors and prosecutors of the basic prosecution offices of the Republic of Kosovo, shows the readiness of the State Prosecutor to participate in the Anti-Money Laundering Intelligence Network. “I am here to express institutional commitment and engagement and to guarantee that all capacities of the State Prosecutor are available to support this important network, so that success against crime is a joint success of all legal institutions and the private sector of businesses, because this success is in the interest of the citizens of Kosovo and enables a much more effective cooperation with our international partners, as well as facilitates Kosovo's path to Euro-Atlantic integration”, said Mr. Kelmendi.

The other participants of this event also highly appreciated the role and importance of launching such a network for combating money laundering, organized crime and terrorist financing.

Acting Chief Prosecutor Kelmendi is participating in the table for the Confiscation Procedure

Prishtina, 16 October 2024 – The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, is participating in the round table regarding the Confiscation Procedure that is being held in Durres, Albania and which is organized by the Office of the National Coordinator for Combating Economic Crime.



The focus of this roundtable is efficiency in relation to sequestration and confiscation, which includes the sale of seized and confiscated assets.

Prosecutors, judges, representatives from the Kosovo Police as well as from the Agency for the Administration of Seized or Confiscated Property are participating in the Seizure Procedure table.



The Head of the Office for Recovery Asset visited the Basic Prosecution in Gjilan and the Basic Prosecution in Ferizaj

Gjilan and Ferizaj, 24 October 2024 - Head of the Office for Recovery of Assets - Prosecutor of the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor Mr. Bahri Hyseni, together with the officials delegated by the law enforcement institutions in this office and the representative of the US Embassy in Prishtina, visited today the Basic Prosecution in Gjilan and the Basic Prosecution in Ferizaj, where they were received by the chief prosecutors and prosecutors of these two prosecutions.



During the meetings held in these prosecutions, Prosecutor Hyseni informed the participants about the functionalization of the Office for Recovery of Assets, as well as the Standard Operation Procedures, requesting cooperation from the prosecutors of these prosecutions with this office, in order to advise and assist all prosecutors who have cases where the procedures for asset restitution should be applied.



During these meetings, opinions were discussed and exchanged on the improvement of standard operating procedures and inter-institutional

cooperation, which will be of assistance to all prosecutors in need of the assistance of the Office for the Recovery of Assets.

Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Gjilan Mr. Arben Kadriu, Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Ferizaj, Mr. Shukri Jashari, together with the prosecutors of these prosecutions, thanked the participants for their visit, stressing the importance of cooperation with these institutions to achieve the best results.

The Acting Chief State Prosecutor requests from the Chief Prosecutors to increase the efficiency in dealing with cases of international legal cooperation and the application of alternative procedures

Prishtina, 23 August 2024 – The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi has held a regular collegium with all the chief prosecutors of the country's prosecution offices, representatives of the prosecution offices and prosecutors of the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor, which was also attended by representatives of the US Embassy in Kosovo.

In this meeting was discussed about criminal cases related to international legal cooperation, where Acting Chief Prosecutor Kelmendi has requested that these cases be treated with priority to raise the image of the State Prosecutor vis-à-vis international partners.



Another important issue that was discussed at this meeting was the application of alternative procedures, such as efficient and productive procedures for the resolution of criminal cases by

state prosecutors, the application of which will affect the reduction of criminal cases, the reduction of the cost of the state and parties to the procedure, as well as the economization of time.



On this issue, the Acting Chief State Prosecutor has requested from the chief prosecutors of the prosecution offices the application of these procedures in any case where there is a legal possibility, encouraging them to engage maximally in increasing the efficiency in the application of alternative procedures.

Acting Chief State Prosecutor participated in the Second Annual Conference of the Forum of Constitutional Courts of the Balkans organized by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo

Prishtina, 25 October 2024 – The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi participated in the Second Annual Conference of the Forum of Constitutional Courts of the Balkans with "Evolutions in Contemporary Constitutional Justice – Example of the Balkan Region", organized by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo.



At the sessions of the Forum of Constitutional Courts, professional topics were discussed and best practices in the field of constitutional justice were exchanged.

Participants in this important international conference were leaders and representatives of institutions, presidents and judges of Constitutional Courts from different countries, eminent professors and experts of constitutional law. Also, participants were chief prosecutors and presidents of courts of the Republic of Kosovo.

Acting Chief Prosecutor Kelmendi is participating in the workshop "Administration of the Judiciary, in particular the inclusion of communities in the judicial system"

Prishtina, 28 October 2024 – The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, is

participating in the workshop "Administration of the Judiciary, in particular the inclusion of communities in the judicial system", which is being held in Tirana and was organized by the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC), and the OSCE mission in Kosovo.

Talking about the challenges of integrating communities into the justice system and possible solutions



During the discussion sessions, Acting Chief Prosecutor Kelmendi conveyed the best practices of the State Prosecutor institution related to justice reform, challenges and willingness to advance access to justice for all citizens regardless of ethnicity.



In this workshop, in addition to the Acting Chief State Prosecutor, the President of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo, Mr. Fejzullah Rexhepi, Chairman of the Kosovo Judicial Council, Mr. Albert Zogaj, members of the Kosovo Judicial Council, presidents of courts and judges as well as representatives of the OSCE mission in Kosovo.

for the most professional treatment of cases related to trafficking in human beings.

Prosecutors from the United States of America visited the State Prosecutor's Office

Prishtina, October 30, 2024 – Today in the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor was on a working visit, the American prosecutor, Mrs. Angel Krull, accompanied by officials of the US Embassy in Pristina.



The American delegation was received by prosecutors from the Juvenile Departments and coordinating prosecutors in cases of trafficking in human beings, from the Basic Prosecution and from the Appellate Prosecution.

During this meeting, important issues related to the fight against trafficking in human beings were discussed, where there were group discussions on concrete cases that prosecutors have at work.



In order to share her professional experience in handling these cases, the US prosecutor Angel Krull made a presentation in front of the attendees