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In this edition of this Bulletin, we will reflect activities of the OCSP for January 2025

Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Head of the Kosovo Prosecution Service and Chief Prosecutor of the Special Prosecution Office visit the Basic Prosecution Office in Peja

Peja, 15 January 2025 – The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, the Head of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Mr. Ardian Hajdaraj and the Chief Prosecutor of the Special Prosecution Office of the Republic of Kosovo, Mr. Blerim Isufaj, have paid an official visit to the Basic Prosecution Office in Peja where they were received in a meeting by the Chief Prosecutor of this prosecution, Ms. Lumturije Vuçetaj.

The heads of the prosecutorial system have congratulated Ms. Vuçetaj on her election as head of the Basic Prosecution Office in Peja, where during this meeting they had fruitful discussions on various professional issues, offering her full support and assistance in achieving her objectives.



They have also expressed their institutional will to cooperate and interact closely and effectively, within their mandate and legal competences, with the Basic Prosecution Office in Peja and the Special Prosecution Office of the Republic of Kosovo in order to strengthen the rule of law.

Meanwhile, the Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution Office of Peja, Ms. Lumturije Vuçetaj, thanked the heads of the prosecutorial system for the visit, the support and assistance provided, and pledged that they will jointly do their best for the rule of law and achieve the objectives foreseen in the work plan for her four-year mandate..

The State Prosecutor is engaged in protecting the free vote for the citizens of Kosovo

Prishtina, January 16, 2025 – The Office of the Chief State Prosecutor informs the public that the State Prosecutor has begun its engagement in protecting the free vote for the citizens of the Republic of Kosovo, for the national elections to be held on February 9, 2025.



Within the framework of this engagement and after receiving information that there are suspected cases in terms of the criminal offense "Violation of the secrecy of voting", from Article 215 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo, the Basic Prosecution in Pristina has authorized the Kosovo Police to undertake the necessary investigative actions.

The State Prosecutor will stop any citizen who in any way will attempt or influence the misuse of the sovereign's free vote and invites citizens to cooperate with the State Prosecutor, by forwarding to the prosecutor's office information related to the misuse of the sovereign's free vote of the sovereign.

Next Meeting Held for the Drafting of the Prosecution System Strategic Plan 2025–2027

Prishtina, January 16, 2024 – The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), specifically the members of the Working Group for drafting the Prosecution System Strategic Plan 2025–2027, led by the Deputy Chair of the KPC, Ms. Jehona Grantolli, held a meeting to assess the progress of its drafting, which is supported by the U.S. Embassy in Prishtina. Present at this meeting were representatives of the U.S. Embassy in Prishtina and the EU Office.

On this occasion, Ms. Jehona Grantolli thanked the working group and international partners for the support provided in drafting the initial draft, especially the U.S. Embassy, emphasizing that there is agreement to address the identified strategic objectives within the content of this draft and the issues identified for the three-year activity of the prosecution system.

The Chair of the KPC, Mr. Ardian Hajdaraj, and the Acting State Chief Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, also highlighted during their remarks the great importance of the Strategic Plan, calling for its core values to be emphasized—values related to professionalism, integrity, ethics, and independence in the work of the prosecution system.



At the end of today's meeting, it was stated that, together with representatives of international partners, further meetings will be held until the finalization of this plan, which will support the rule of law, uphold independence, and strengthen transparency and accountability in the prosecution system.

Acting State Chief Prosecutor Holds Collegium Meeting with Chief Prosecutors of All Prosecution Offices

Prishtina, January 21, 2025 – The Acting State Chief Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, held a regular collegium meeting with all chief prosecutors of the country's prosecution offices and prosecutors from the Office of the State Chief Prosecutor. Also participating in the meeting were Mr. Nathan Brooks, Cybercrime Prosecutor at the U.S. Department of Justice, and representatives of the U.S. Embassy in Kosovo.



During this meeting, the chief prosecutors and prosecutors from the Office of the State Chief Prosecutor had an open and substantive discussion with Mr. Brooks on topics related to cybercrime, during which professional experiences in this field were exchanged.



Another important issue discussed during the meeting was the number of criminal cases involving unknown perpetrators. In this regard, discussions were held on finding solutions that would help reduce the number of such cases, including increasing requests to the Kosovo Police

to enhance their efforts in detecting and identifying the perpetrators of criminal offenses.

Additionally, the meeting addressed the 2025 Work Plan of the State Prosecutor, which will be aligned with the strategy of the prosecution system.

Acting State Chief Prosecutor Calls on Chief Prosecutors to Engage in Protecting Citizens' Right to Free Vote in the Republic of Kosovo

Prishtina, January 21, 2025 – The Acting State Chief Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, together with the National Election Coordinator, Prosecutor from the Office of the State Chief Prosecutor, Ms. Laura Pula, held a meeting with the chief prosecutors of all prosecution offices in the country. Also present were representatives of the U.S. Embassy in Kosovo, as well as the Manager of the strategic project "Protection of the Vote" within the prosecutorial system, Mr. Besim Kusari.

During this meeting, Acting Chief Prosecutor Kelmendi called on the National Election Coordinator, Ms. Pula, and the chief prosecutors of the prosecution offices to increase their engagement regarding the protection of the free vote of the citizens of the Republic of Kosovo for the upcoming national elections to be held on February 9, 2025.



The meeting also addressed the coordination between the prosecution offices and the National Coordinator concerning all actions to be taken by the State Prosecutor in the event of any violation of the electoral process, including close cooperation with other law enforcement institutions, particularly the Kosovo Police.

The participants were informed by Coordinator Pula that, following the receipt of information related to two suspected cases of the criminal offense of “Violation of the secrecy of voting”, under Article 215 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo, the Basic Prosecution Office in Prishtina has launched investigations.

It was reiterated during the meeting that the State Prosecutor will continue to handle every case with urgency and within legal deadlines.

The State Prosecutor calls on all citizens who have or may have information that the secrecy of the vote is being violated in any way, or of any other actions that fall under criminal offenses against the right to vote, to report them to the State Prosecutor or the Kosovo Police..

National Election Coordinator from the Prosecutorial System Meets with Representatives of the European Union Election Observation Mission

Prishtina, January 23, 2025 – Representatives of the European Union Election Observation Mission, led by the legal analyst of the mission, Ms. Eirini Skouzou, visited the Office of the State Chief Prosecutor today, where they were welcomed in a meeting by the National Election Coordinator, Prosecutor from the Office of the State Chief Prosecutor, Ms. Laura Pula.

During the meeting, they discussed the course of the electoral process for the upcoming national elections in our country, scheduled for February 9, 2025, with a special emphasis on the plan for election-related activities.



The National Election Coordinator, Ms. Pula, informed the attendees about the commitment of the State Prosecutor in protecting the free vote of the citizens of the Republic of Kosovo for the national elections to be held on February 9, 2025.

The meeting also covered the coordination between the prosecution offices and the National Coordinator regarding all actions to be undertaken by the State Prosecutor in the event of any violation of the electoral process, including inter-institutional cooperation under the Memorandum of Understanding for the electoral process, signed among institutions responsible for election administration and the review of electoral cases.

Meanwhile, the representatives of the EU Election Observation Mission provided information about the engagement of international observers within the Mission, their role, and their deployment across the entire territory of the Republic of Kosovo.

261st Meeting of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council is Held

Prishtina, January 23, 2025 – The Acting State Chief Prosecutor participated in the 261st meeting of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), chaired by Mr. Ardian Hajdaraj. At the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Hajdaraj congratulated the newly appointed Chief Prosecutors on their selection to lead the prosecution offices across the country, emphasizing the importance of mutual cooperation in achieving shared objectives.



The decisions taken by the KPC in today's meeting are as follows:

- The Council fully approved the Annual Work Report of the Appellate Prosecution Office for 2024. As for the annual reports of the Special Prosecution Office and the Basic Prosecution Offices in Prishtina, Ferizaj, Peja, Gjilan, and Mitrovica, the respective Chief Prosecutors were obliged to complete the summary reports within seven (7) days, including statistics from individual prosecutors' reports and the fulfillment of their indicative norms.
- The Basic Prosecution Office in Prizren was specifically required to complete its summary report with the number of cases concerning the confiscation of assets acquired through criminal offenses. All the updated reports must be submitted to the Office of the Chair of the KPC.

The KPC members were also informed by the Director General of the Secretariat regarding the Administrative Personnel Plan for 2025.

Acting Chief State Prosecutor Kelmendi Attends the Graduation Ceremony of the 61st Generation of Kosovo Police Cadets

Prishtina, January 24, 2025 – On the occasion of the graduation of the 61st generation of Kosovo Police cadets, the Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, participated in the graduation ceremony of the new police officers,

organized by the Kosovo Police.

