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This edition of the Bulletin highlights the activities of the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor for the month of MARCH 2025

Acting Chief State Prosecutor Mr. Besim Kelmendi Participates in the 263rd Meeting of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council

Prishtina, March 3, 2025 – The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, participated in the 263rd meeting of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), chaired by Mr. Ardian Hajdaraj, during which the following decisions were made:



Approved the Regulation on the Establishment and Functioning of Joint Investigation Teams;

Approved the Regulation on Amending and Supplementing Regulation No. 02/2023 on the Activities, Internal Organization, and Systematization of the Administration of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council;

Approved the quarterly report for the period October–December 2024 regarding the activities and recommendations of the National Coordinator for Combating Economic Crimes;

Approved the 2024 annual report of the inter-institutional monitoring mechanism for characteristic criminal offenses;

Approved the retirement of Prosecutor Besim Susuri from the Basic Prosecution Office in Prizren and decided to forward the proposal for his dismissal to the President;

Approved the early resignation of Prosecutor Agim Kurmehaj from the Basic Prosecution Office in Peja due to health reasons and decided to

forward the proposal for his dismissal to the President;

Appointed Prosecutor Shehribane Selimi-Muçaj from the Appellate Prosecution Office as a member of the KPC Budget and Finance Committee;

Approved the announcement of a vacancy for the promotion of one prosecutor in the Serious Crimes Department of the Basic Prosecution Office in Mitrovica and one in the Serious Crimes Department of the Basic Prosecution Office in Prizren;

Appointed Prosecutor Labinot Jetishi as Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution Office in Prizren for a four-year term, with the possibility of reappointment for one additional term;

Authorized the Committee on Normative Affairs to amend and supplement the Regulation on the Establishment and Functioning of the National Coordinator for Combating Economic Crimes.

In addition, the Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, also participated in the Regional Conference on Gender-Based Violence in the Context of Migration.

Acting Chief State Prosecutor Mr. Besim Kelmendi Participates in the Regional Conference on Gender-Based Violence in the Context of Migration

Skopje, March 5, 2025 – The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, took part in the Regional Conference on Gender-Based Violence in the Context of Migration, held in Skopje on March 5–6, 2025.

The conference was supported by the project “Strengthening Migration, Asylum and Return Management Processes in the Western Balkans,” implemented by the Joint Platform and Cooperation Hilfswerk International (JPC), and co-

financed by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and the Federal Ministry of the Interior of Austria.



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Acting Chief State Prosecutor Participates in the International Conference “Towards the EU – Strengthening Integrity and Independence of Criminal Justice in the Western Balkans” Ljubljana, March 10, 2025 – At the invitation of the Ministry of Justice of Slovenia and the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime, the Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, is participating in the international conference “Towards the EU – Strengthening Integrity and Independence of Criminal Justice in the Western Balkans,” taking place in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

This conference has brought together justice sector leaders from the Western Balkans and beyond, law enforcement agencies, international and regional organizations, as well as civil society representatives to discuss common priorities and challenges in the area of rule of law. The focus lies on reinforcing a culture of institutional integrity, enhancing regional and international cooperation in preventing and combating all forms of

corruption and organized crime, and exchanging best practices in the field of criminal justice.



Alongside Acting Chief State Prosecutor Mr. Besim Kelmendi, the delegation of the Republic of Kosovo also includes the President of the Supreme Court, the Minister of Justice, the Director of the Police, and the Director of the Anti-Corruption Agency.

The 264th Meeting of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Held

Prishtina, March 13, 2025 – The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, participated in the 264th meeting organized by the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), chaired by Chairman Ardian Hajdaraj, during which the following decisions were made:

The request of the Competent Authority of the Basic Prosecution of Prishtina was approved, and an Investigation Panel was established for a disciplinary case. The annual report on the work of the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council for 2024 was approved. The annual report on the work of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council for 2024 was approved. The report of the Commission on Labor Market Conditions was approved. Prosecutor Agim Kuka was appointed as the Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Ferizaj, with a four-year mandate and the possibility of re-election for another mandate. Prosecutor Bahtije Ademi was appointed as the Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Gjilan, with a four-year mandate and the possibility of re-election for another mandate.

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Acting Chief State Prosecutor and the UK Liaison Prosecutor for the Western Balkans Discuss Effective Cooperation in International Legal Matters

Prishtina, March 18, 2025 – The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, met with Mr. Derek Frame, Head of the Liaison Prosecutors Section at the British Embassy in Tirana, Mr. Enco Elezi, UK Liaison Prosecutor for the Western Balkans, and the Criminal Justice Liaison Officer at the British Embassy in Tirana.

The focus of the discussions was on effective cooperation in legal matters involving international legal assistance, extradition, and other topics related to criminal justice.

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Coordinator of the Office for the Protection and Assistance of Victims Meets with KFOR Representatives

Prishtina, March 20, 2025 – The Coordinator of the Office for the Protection and Assistance of Victims, Mr. Burhan Maxhuni, met today with representatives of the Swiss KFOR.



During this meeting, important issues regarding the security and well-being of citizens were discussed, with a special focus on addressing domestic violence.

Additionally, opportunities for close cooperation between the Office for the Protection and Assistance of Victims and Swiss KFOR were explored, with the aim of raising awareness, preventing, and responding to cases of domestic violence.



Mr. Burhan Maxhuni emphasized the importance of international community support in strengthening mechanisms for preventing violence and ensuring a safer environment for all citizens, appreciating KFOR's contribution to efforts to build a more just and secure society.

On the other hand, KFOR representatives reaffirmed their commitment to supporting local institutions working to assist victims of domestic violence and strengthening security measures in this regard.

**Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Besim Kelmendi,
Participates in the Council of Europe
Roundtable on “Consistency of Jurisprudence
and Harmonization of Judicial Practice”**

Prishtina, March 25, 2025 – The Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, participated in a roundtable organized by the Council of Europe titled “Consistency of Jurisprudence and Harmonization of Judicial Practice,” within the framework of the project “Support to the Constitutional Court in the Implementation and Dissemination of European Standards for Human Rights.”



**Acting Chief State Prosecutor Kelmendi Highlights
the Importance of Consistency in Jurisprudence**

In discussing the importance of consistency in jurisprudence during the professional discussion sessions, Acting Chief State Prosecutor Mr. Besim Kelmendi emphasized that the shortage of prosecutors in relation to the number of judges, due to the lack of budgetary support from other authorities, affects the fulfillment of the fundamental principle of justice for a fair, independent, and timely trial. This, he stated, violates the rights of citizens, who rightfully expect

greater efficiency from justice institutions.



Furthermore, he emphasized that the lack of prosecutors makes participation in court hearings even more challenging and affects the effectiveness of handling criminal reports and taking procedural actions within legal deadlines.

**Acting Chief State Prosecutor Kelmendi on the
Positive Impact of Consistency in Judicial Practices**

Furthermore, Acting Chief State Prosecutor Mr. Besim Kelmendi declared that the implementation of this consistency and the unification of practices in issuing judicial decisions has a positive effect on the work of the State Prosecutor's Office in creating unifying practices within the prosecutorial system as well.



Alongside Acting Chief State Prosecutor Kelmendi, Key Figures Attend the Roundtable In addition to Acting Chief State Prosecutor Mr. Besim Kelmendi, the roundtable was attended by the Head of the Council of Europe Office, representatives from constitutional judiciary institutions, court presidents, the Chief Prosecutor of the Appeals Prosecutor's Office, representatives from the

Judicial Council of Kosovo, the Bar Association, the Ombudsperson, civil society, and legal experts.

Head of the Assets Recovery Office Meets with Representatives of the AIRE Centre – Western Balkans Program and the British Embassy in Pristina

Pristina, March 25, 2025 – The Head of the Assets Recovery Office, Prosecutor at the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Bahri Hyseni, held a joint meeting today with representatives of the AIRE Centre – Western Balkans Program and representatives of the British Embassy in Pristina.

At the outset of the meeting, Prosecutor Hyseni informed the attendees about the role of the Asset Recovery Office and the steps taken toward its operationalization. Additionally, discussions focused on the Office's future goal of drafting a law on the Assets Recovery Office, in accordance with the recommendations of the EU Directive, which mandates the establishment of such offices in every member state.

Representatives of the AIRE Centre, which is committed to strengthening the capacities of judicial systems in the region to address these challenges—particularly through the effective use of asset recovery as a tool to combat and prevent criminal and illicit financial activities—offered training programs and study visits for the officials of the Assets Recovery Office in various Western Balkan countries to enhance the Office's efficiency and effectiveness.

Meanwhile, representatives of the British Embassy in Kosovo also expressed their willingness to collaborate with this Office, offering assistance in drafting the concept document for the Law on the Assets Recovery Office and facilitating cooperation agreements between this Office and its counterpart institutions in the Western Balkans.



Coordinator of the Office for Protection and Assistance to Victims Meets with Heads of Regional Offices

Prishtina, March 26, 2025 – The Coordinator of the Office for Protection and Assistance to Victims, Mr. Burhan Maxhuni, met with the central office staff and the heads of regional offices for Protection and Assistance to Victims. The main topic of the meeting was the inspection of cases handled by all regional offices during 2024 and the efficient management of these offices.



During the meeting, the progress made in handling cases throughout 2024 was analyzed, with a focus on improving services for victims and addressing the challenges in the process of protecting and assisting crime victims. Special attention was paid to the more efficient management and coordination of regional offices, in order to ensure better support for victims and to increase transparency in case handling.

Coordinator Maxhuni emphasized the importance of standardizing procedures and strengthening inter-institutional cooperation to guarantee a more comprehensive and effective approach to victim assistance. Strategies for enhancing staff capacities and improving the infrastructure of regional offices were also discussed.



This meeting represents an important step towards increasing the efficiency of the victim protection and assistance system, ensuring that every case is handled with professionalism and dedication.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Coordinator of the Office for Protection and Assistance to Victims, Mr. Burhan Maxhuni, thanked the staff for their commitment and dedication to providing

quality services for victims of crime, and highlighted the importance of continuously improving services and ensuring a more efficient and accountable system.

Acting Chief State Prosecutor Calls for Efficiency in Handling Criminal Reports

Prishtina, March 28, 2025 – Acting Chief State Prosecutor, Mr. Besim Kelmendi, held the next collegium meeting with chief prosecutors, representatives of the prosecutor's offices, and prosecutors from the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor. Also present at the meeting were the Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Mr. Ardian Hajdaraj, and the Director General of the KPC Secretariat, Mr. Sami Istrefi.



The meeting focused on important professional issues, with the key topics being: the handling and progress of criminal reports within legal deadlines – particularly those with unknown perpetrators, the engagement of state prosecutors in the destruction of confiscated narcotics in accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code, and the advancement of the use of the Case Management Information System (CMIS) by chief prosecutors and prosecutors.



In the spirit of this discussion, Acting Chief State Prosecutor emphasized the importance of increasing efficiency and effectiveness in the work of the prosecutor's offices and called on all chief prosecutors to continue their efforts in achieving these institutional goals.

**Message from the Acting Chief State Prosecutor,
Mr. Besim Kelmendi, on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr**

Prishtina, March 30, 2025 –



Dear Albanian Muslims,

On the occasion of the holy holiday of Eid al-Fitr, I sincerely wish that this special day brings peace, happiness, and prosperity to you and your families.

Our commitment as individuals and as holders of responsibilities to ensure justice and respect for the universal human rights remains unwavering.

Therefore, this holiday is a special moment that invites us all to unite and strengthen our human connections, helping us in building a fairer, more equal, and more solidaristic society.

May this holiday elevate mutual understanding and harmony among us!

Respectfully,

Acting Chief State Prosecutor

Besim Kelmendi