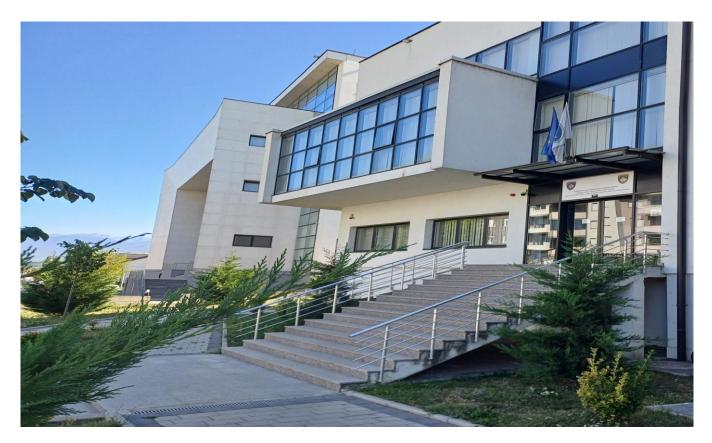


**Basic Prosecution** 

# Gjakova

# BULLETIN

# January – March 2024



Through this bulletin, the main activities carried out at the Basic Prosecution in Gjakova, for the period of January-March 2024 are presented.

## Chief Prosecutor Enis Gashi Meets with Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Ms. Meghan Morrisey, and Representatives from the U.S. Embassy in Kosovo

**Gjakova, January 24 2024** – The Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Gjakova, Mr. Enis Gashi, met with the Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Ms. Meghan Morrisey, the Resident Legal Advisor at the U.S. Embassy in Kosovo, Mr. Erin Cox, and the Senior Legal Specialist at OPDAT, Ms. Benina Kusari.

During this meeting, Chief Prosecutor Gashi discussed with the attendees the management and performance of the prosecution, the challenges and achievements of the office, the handling of domestic violence cases, and cases involving criminal offenses against sexual integrity. The discussion also touched on the need for additional training for prosecutors concerning various criminal offenses, with the aim of improving investigations and resolving cases, as well as recommendations intended to advance the work of this prosecution office.

The Chief Prosecutor thanked Ms. Meghan Morrisey for sharing her experience and skills in leadership and for her visit, expressing appreciation for the continued support of the United States Embassy in upholding the rule of law.





#### Visit of the Director General of the KPC Secretariat, Mr. Sami Istrefi, to the Basic Prosecution in Gjakova

**Gjakova, january 31 2024** – The Director General of the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Mr. Sami Istrefi, paid an official visit to the Basic Prosecution in Gjakova, where he was welcomed by Chief Prosecutor Mr. Enis Gashi, the administrator, and the staff of the prosecution office.

During this meeting, Mr. Istrefi discussed with the representatives of the prosecution the challenges and conditions for improving work quality and increasing the efficiency of the services provided by the administration.

The meeting focused on developing a new and proactive approach through strengthening internal institutional communication as an essential mechanism for overcoming shared challenges. Mr. Istrefi emphasized the importance of increasing work dynamics, improving working conditions, and advancing staff knowledge through professional training.

Additionally, the discussion covered the enhancement of integrity, accountability, and transparency in all administrative processes. Mr. Istrefi highlighted the need for implementing the principles of meritocracy, objectivity, and professionalism during staff evaluation, promotion, and recruitment processes.







#### Request for Detention of a Defendant for the Criminal Offense of Human Trafficking

**Gjakova, 1 february 2024** – The Basic Prosecution in Gjakova, Serious Crimes Department, has issued a ruling to initiate an investigation and has submitted a request for the imposition of a 30-day detention measure against the defendant with the initials A.P.

According to the Prosecution's request, the defendant A.P. is involved in human trafficking through threats, the use of force, exploitation through forced labor, and other violent, controlling actions accompanied by physical and psychological maltreatment, with the intent of exploiting the victim, A.V., for personal gain.

There is grounded suspicion that the defendant has committed the criminal offense of "Human Trafficking" under Article 165, paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo.



#### Request for Detention of a Defendant for the Criminal Offenses of Fraud and Blackmail

**Gjakova, 1 february 2024** – The Basic Prosecution in Gjakova, General Department, has requested the Basic Court in Gjakova to impose a 30-day detention measure against the defendant with the initials A.B.

According to the Prosecution's request, the defendant A.B., with the intent of unlawfully obtaining financial gain through the false presentation of facts, deceived and misled another person, prompting them to act to the detriment of their property, specifically the victim A.H. The victim, whose daughter was ill, came into contact with the defendant, who presented himself as a person with religious healing abilities. Under the guise of this healing, the victim repeatedly sent money through a transfer agency, amounting to 10,000 Swiss Francs.

Furthermore, the defendant, with the intent of unlawfully obtaining financial gain for himself, threatened the victim by stating that he would reveal their extramarital affair. He demanded money from her, instructing her to withdraw her Swiss pension and bring it to him. When the victim realized she was being defrauded and refused to send more money, the defendant, using a fake account, sent all the photos and videos to her husband via the social network Facebook.

These actions create suspicion that the defendant has committed the criminal offenses of "Fraud" under Article 323, paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo (CCRK), and "Blackmail" under Article 329, paragraph 2 of the CCRK.

#### Indictment against Two Individuals for the Criminal Offenses of Aggravated Murder, Aggravated Murder by Instigation, and Unauthorized Ownership, Control, or Possession of Weapons

**Gjakova, 1 february 2024** – The Basic Prosecution in Gjakova, Department for Serious Crimes, has filed an indictment against the first defendant, E.S., for the criminal offenses of "Aggravated Murder" under Article 173, paragraph 1, sub-paragraph 1.5 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo (CCRK), and for the criminal offense of "Unauthorized Ownership, Control, or Possession of Weapons" under Article 366, paragraph 1 of the CCRK, as well as against the second defendant, E.S., for the criminal offense of "Aggravated Murder by Instigation" under Article 173, paragraph 1, sub-paragraph 1.5 in conjunction with Article 32, paragraph 1 of the CCRK.

According to the indictment, it is stated that on September 19, 2023, in Rahovec, the first defendant, E.S., with intent, deprived the victim, N.V., of life and also intentionally endangered the life of the injured party, L.V. On the critical day, the first defendant fired four shots at the injured parties with a SUB Elite 9 mm revolver, resulting in the death of the now deceased N.V. at the University Clinical Center of Kosovo (QKUK) in Pristina, and causing serious bodily injuries to the injured party L.V.

The indictment further states that the second defendant, E.S., on September 19, 2023, in Rahovec, intentionally instigated his son, the first defendant E.S., to commit the criminal offense of aggravated murder of the now deceased N.V., thereby also endangering the life of the injured party L.V.

The prosecutor handling the case has proposed to the court that the defendants be found guilty and sentenced according to the law for the criminal offenses they are charged with.

#### Indictment against One Person for the Criminal Offense of Abuse of Official Position or Authority

**Gjakovë, 2 february 2024** – The Basic Prosecution in Gjakova, Department for Serious Crimes, has filed an indictment against the defendant N.A. for the criminal offense of "Abuse of Official Position or Authority" under Article 414, paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo (CCRK).

According to the indictment, on December 6, 2022, in Gjakova, the defendant N.A., in his capacity as a Labor Inspector at the Regional Office in Gjakova, abused his official duty by exceeding his authority and seriously violating the employment rights of the injured party B.M.

The prosecutor handling the case has proposed to the court that the defendant be found guilty and sentenced according to the law for the criminal offense charged against him, and that an additional penalty be imposed – Prohibition from exercising functions in public administration or public service

## Detention on Remand Requested for Defendant Extradited from the US on Charges of Murder and Possession of Weapons and Ammunition

**Gjakova, 8 february 2024** - The Basic Prosecution Office in Gjakova, Department for Serious Crimes, has taken a decision to reinitiate investigations applied for the imposing of a measure of detention on remand for a duration of 30 days, against the defendant with the initials D.LL.

The same was arrested with an international arrest warrant and was extradited from the USA to Kosovo, under the suspicion that on 12.07.2003, has committed the criminal offense of *"Murder"* under article 30 par.2 point 3 of the Criminal Code, as well as the criminal offense of *"Unauthorized Possession of Weapons and Ammunition"* under article 8 par.8.5 in conjunction with article 8.3 of the UNMIK Regulation 2001/7.

# Request for detention on remand against a defendant for the criminal offenses of Aggravated Theft and Forgery of Documents

**Gjakova, 9 february 2024 -** The Basic Prosecution Office in Gjakova, General Department, has taken a decision on the initiation of investigations and submitted an application for the imposing of a measure of detention on remand for a duration of 30 days, against the defendant with the initials J.K.

The Prosecution has filed an application regarding the case of defendant J.K., who stands accused of a robbery incident occurring on 25.12.2023 at a parking lot in the Malisheva shopping center. According to the allegations, the defendant unlawfully entered the premises with the intent of acquiring material gains for himself, thus infringing upon the possessions of others, including that of the injured party, E.K. It is reported that the defendant, utilizing a tool, forcibly entered the victim's vehicle by breaking its rear window. Subsequently, the defendant absconded with a bag containing various belongings, including a wallet and two identification cards issued by the German state, as well as one issued by the state of Kosovo.

At an unknown time on 07.02.2024 in Malisheva, he knowingly used the forged document as original and the driver's license as well as the identity card, both of which he used as original documents, where they contain personal data of the person identified as A.M., while the photo placed in those documents is of the defendant J.K.

The Prosecution has initiated an investigation into an incident occurring at an unspecified time on 07.02.2024 in Malisheva. It is alleged that the defendant knowingly utilized forged documents, presenting them as genuine, including a driver's license and an identity card purportedly belonging to an individual identified as A.M.

Such actions raise serious concerns regarding the authenticity of documentation and the potential misuse of personal data. The Prosecution is diligently pursuing this matter to ensure that justice is served and the integrity of legal documents is upheld.

With these actions, there is a well-founded suspicion that the defendant has committed the criminal offense "Aggravated Theft" from article 315 par.1 under par.1.1 of the CCRK, as well as the criminal offense "Forgery of documents" from article 390 par.1 of CCRK.



## Indictment against One Person for the Criminal Offenses of Murder and Unauthorized Ownership, Control, or Possession of Weapons

**Gjakovë, 12 february 2024** – The Basic Prosecution in Gjakova, Department for Serious Crimes, has filed an indictment against the defendant I.Z. for the criminal offense of "Murder" under Article 172 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo (CCRK) and for the criminal offense of "Unauthorized Ownership, Control, or Possession of Weapons" under Article 366, paragraph 1 of the CCRK.

According to the indictment, it is stated that on September 20, 2023, in the village of Bellanicë, Municipality of Malisheva, the defendant I.Z., with intent, deprived the now-deceased A.B. of life. On the critical day, while in a local establishment, the defendant noticed the deceased arriving at the parking lot. The defendant approached the vehicle of the deceased and fired five times at his head with a SIG SAUER – P320 revolver. The victim fell to the ground, and the defendant continued to shoot twice more while the victim's body was lying on the ground. As a result of the sustained injuries, the deceased died at the scene, while the defendant fled the scene in his car and later reported himself to the police.

The indictment also states that until September 20, 2023, in the village of Bellanicë, Municipality of Malisheva, the defendant I.Z. unlawfully owned, controlled, and possessed a SIG SAUER – P320 firearm, along with  $9 \times 19$  mm caliber ammunition in two packs, and a magazine with seven  $9 \times 19$  mm caliber bullets, with which he committed the aforementioned crime. The weapon and ammunition were seized by police officers.

The prosecutor handling the case has proposed to the court that the defendant be found guilty and sentenced according to the law for the criminal offenses charged against him.

## Indictment against Two Persons for the Criminal Offense of Aggravated Theft Committed in Co-perpetration Continuously

**Gjakovë, 1 march 2024** – The Basic Prosecution in Gjakova, General Department, has filed an indictment against the defendants Q.L. and D.T. for the criminal offense of "Aggravated Theft Committed in Co-perpetration Continuously" under Article 315, paragraph 1, subparagraph 1.1 in conjunction with Article 31 and Article 77 of the CCRK.

According to the indictment, it is stated that from an undetermined date until October 23, 2023, in Gjakova, specifically at the warehouse of the business premises owned by the injured party M.B., the defendants, acting intentionally and in co-perpetration, with the aim of unlawfully gaining personal benefit, appropriated the movable property of the injured party. The defendants made a one-meter hole in the back wall of the shop and entered the warehouse belonging to the defendant Q.L. There, they made an opening in the partition wall, which was secured with wooden panels and screws from the side of Q.L.'s warehouse. They then entered the injured party's warehouse and stole various goods, which they transported to Q.L.'s shop, and subsequently re-secured the panel. After a police operation, a portion of the stolen items was recovered and returned to the injured party, resulting in a significant material loss of 94,859.75 Euros for the injured party.

The prosecutor handling the case has proposed to the court that the defendants be found guilty and sentenced according to the law for the criminal offense charged against them.