



HAGUE PROSECUTION DEMANDS 45 YEARS' JAIL FOR KOSOVO EX-GUERRILLA LEADERS

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On the first day of closing statements in the war-crimes trial of former Kosovo President Hashim Thaci and three others at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers in The Hague on Monday, the Specialist Prosecutors Office, SPO, sought a sentence of 45 years imprisonment for each of the four former leaders of the Kosovo Liberation Army, KLA.

The SPO has requested convictions on all 10 counts and the imposition of a single sentence of 45 years based on the individual contributions to the crimes made by each of Hashim Thaci, Kadri Veseli, Rexhep Selimi and Jakup Krasniqi, chief prosecutor Kimberly West told the court.

These crimes are war crimes and crimes against humanity and are grave in nature. And the gravity of the charges has not diminished with the passage of time, she added.

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