

# THE FIRST SURVIVOR TO GAIN JUSTICE

In 2023, the Supreme Court confirmed the conviction of Z.V., who was sentenced to 13 years in prison for crimes of sexual violence committed during the war. This is a victory for all survivors and for KRCT, which, in addition to the regular provision of psychosocial services, has cooperated closely with the special prosecution and supported the victim in all stages of the process. This victory has encouraged other survivors in their journey and painstaking efforts for justice.



***“After 25 years, I feel relieved  
and free.”***

- the survivor who gained justice.

## Brief history of the process

On the 5th of July 2021, the Basic Court in Pristina - Special Department sentenced the accused Z.V. to 10 years in prison for committing crimes and sexual violence during the war in Kosovo. After the appeal of the Special Prosecution to the Judgment of the Basic Court in Pristina, the Special Department of the Court of Appeal changed this judgment, increasing the sentence against the accused from 10 to 13 years of imprisonment. The defense of the accused had presented a request for the protection of legality. The Supreme Court rejected this request and ultimately confirmed the Judgment of the Court of Appeal, according to which Z. V. was sentenced to 13 years of imprisonment.