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**23 March**
**Dragomir  
Milošević  
transferred to  
Estonia**

Dragomir Milošević has been transferred yesterday to Estonia to serve his 29-year sentence for crimes committed against civilians of Sarajevo during the second half of the 1992-1995 siege of the capital city of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Milošević was the commander of the Sarajevo-Romanija Corps (SRK) of the Bosnian Serb Army (VRS) which encircled and entrapped the city of Sarajevo during the conflict in BiH. He assumed command of the SRK from his former superior Stanislav Galić in August 1994 and remained in that position over a 15-month period up to the end of the conflict in November 1995. The Appeals Chamber verdict against Milosevic was rendered on 29 November 2009.

**23 March**
**President  
Robinson to  
become ASIL  
honorary  
member**

President Robinson has received honorary membership in the American Society of International Law. This award is only conferred upon one person per year who is not a United States citizen and who has rendered a distinguished contribution or service in the field of international law. Former honorary members of the Society have included Hans Corell, Navanethem Pillay, Ian Brownlie, Rosalyn Higgins, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Mohammed Shahabuddeen, Mary Robinson, Kofi Annan, Louise Arbour, and Hans Blix. President Robinson received the award at the opening lecture of the ASIL's 105th annual meeting, held in Washington, DC.

**24 March**
**Šešelj case: 98 bis  
decision  
scheduled**

The Rule 98 bis decision in the case against Vojislav Šešelj will be rendered on at 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 4 May.

*Rule 98 bis: After the conclusion of the presentation of Prosecution evidence, the Trial Chamber can rule on whether there is a case to answer. If the Chamber believes that the Prosecution has not presented sufficient evidence to prove certain charges, it can dismiss those charges and enter a judgement of acquittal before the beginning of the presentation of Defence evidence.*

**28 – 31 March**
**Perišić case:  
closing  
arguments**

Closing arguments in the trial of former Chief Of the General Staff of the Yugoslav Army (VJ) Momcilo Perišić began on Monday, 28 March, and were completed on Thursday, 31 March. The Prosecution has asked that Perišić be sentenced to life in prison, whereas the Defence has asked for an acquittal.

The trial began on 2 October 2008, and has encompassed 198 hearing days so far. Chief Of the General Staff of the Yugoslav Army (VJ) from around 26 August 1993 until 24 November 1998, Perišić was, according to the indictment, "the most senior officer in the VJ having overall authority and responsibility of its functioning," and "planned, instigated, ordered, committed, or otherwise aided and abetted in the planning, preparation, or execution" of crimes against humanity (murder; inhumane acts; persecutions on political, racial or religious grounds; extermination) and war crimes (murder; attacks on civilians) in Sarajevo, Zagreb and Srebrenica.

**28 March**
**ICTY conducts  
training session  
for Bosnian legal  
professionals**

On 28 March, the Tribunal began a two-day training session with judges and prosecutors from District courts and prosecutors offices in Banja Luka, Bijeljina, Sarajevo and Dobo, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as part of the War Crimes Justice Project (WCJP).

The goal of the training, which took place at the Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centre in Banja Luka, was to share the Tribunal's institutional knowledge and specialised skills with jurisdictions in the region and to enhance their capacity to handle complex war crimes cases.

Commenting on the training session, Drago Seva, Director of the Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centre in Banja Luka, said: "Such trainings are a key element in the capacity building of national jurisdictions dealing with complicated war crime cases. It is our honour and pleasure to participate in the War Crimes Justice Project and together with our partners OSCE/ODIHR, ICTY and UNICRI provide these trainings to judges and prosecutors, which will be an invaluable benefit for their future work."

Similar training has taken place in Sarajevo, Belgrade, Zagreb, Osijek and Podgorica since the launch of the WCJP in July 2010. Further training sessions are scheduled to be held in the region in the coming months.

The War Crimes Justice Project is a 4-million euro regional project funded by the European Union. It is carried out by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe/Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR) in partnership with the ICTY, the UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and OSCE field operations.

**29 March****New war demographics feature on the ICTY website**

On 29 March, the ICTY website launched a new feature highlighting the Office of the Prosecutor's (OTP) pioneering use of the work of war demographers. The new webpages provide insight into the analysis conducted for various episodes of the conflicts that took place during the 1990s in the region of the former Yugoslavia, with a particular focus on Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo.

The ICTY was the first international court to use demographic estimates not only of the number of fatalities but also figures for those wounded, missing, exhumed and identified, and as well as for internally displaced persons and refugees. One of the key findings of the OTP's demographers concerns the number of victims of the 1992-1995 war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The final estimate rests at 104,732 individuals killed, as stated in a report produced in January 2010, after 12 years of data collection.

The new website feature offers a greater understanding of the sheer complexity of the work of the demographers. Available in English, French and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, the feature also showcases a vast selection of expert reports accepted into evidence during ICTY trials. Today, war demographic data is regularly used in ongoing cases.

This feature is part of the ICTY's wider efforts to present the Tribunal's vast array of achievements as the institution nears the completion of its mandate.

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## COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 4 APRIL – 15 APRIL

Public proceedings are broadcast with a 30-minute delay on the ICTY website.

### **MONDAY 4 APRIL**

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Pre-defence conference  
Courtroom III 14:15 – 19:00, **Tolimir**, Trial

### **TUESDAY 5 APRIL**

Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Tolimir**, Trial

### **WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL**

Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Tolimir**, Trial

### **THURSDAY 7 APRIL**

Courtroom II 14:15 – 19:00, **Stanišić & Simatović**, Trial  
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Tolimir**, Trial

### **FRIDAY 8 APRIL**

Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Simatović**, Trial

### **MONDAY 11 APRIL**

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial  
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Simatović**, Trial  
Courtroom III 14:15 – 19:00, **Tolimir**, Trial

### **TUESDAY 12 APRIL**

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial  
Courtroom II 14:15 – 19:00, **Stanišić & Simatović**, Trial  
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Tolimir**, Trial

### **WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL**

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial  
Courtroom II 14:15 – 19:00, **Stanišić & Simatović**, Trial  
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Tolimir**, Trial

### **THURSDAY 14 APRIL**

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial  
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Tolimir**, Trial

### **FRIDAY 15 APRIL**

Courtroom I 11:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al.**, Judgment  
Courtroom II 14:15 – 19:00, **Stanišić & Simatović**, Trial  
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial

## FACTS & FIGURES

### 161 INDIVIDUALS INDICTED

Since the very first hearing (a deferral request in the Tadić case) on 8 November 1994, the Tribunal has indicted a total of 161 individuals, and has already completed proceedings with regard to 125 of them: 12 have been acquitted, 64 sentenced (four are awaiting transfer, 25 have been transferred, 31 have served their term, and three died while serving their sentence), 13 have had their cases transferred to local courts.

- 125** Total number of accused whose proceedings have been completed.
- 36** Another 36 cases have been terminated (either because indictments were withdrawn or because the accused died, before or after transfer to the Tribunal).
- 36** Proceedings are on-going with regard to 36 accused: 14 are at the appeals stage, 17 are currently on trial, and three are at the pre-retrial stage. Two fugitives are still at large.
- 33** A further 33 individuals have been or are the subject of contempt proceedings.

### THE WAR CRIMES JUSTICE PROJECT

aims to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and materials from the ICTY to legal professionals in the former Yugoslavia, thereby enhancing the capacity of judiciaries in the region to handle complex war crimes cases.

The project is funded by the European Union and implemented by the ICTY in partnership with the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR), the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), and OSCE field operations in the region.

[www.icty.org/sections/Outreach/CapacityBuilding](http://www.icty.org/sections/Outreach/CapacityBuilding)

- 22,000** Total number of pages of ICTY court hearing audio material transcribed into B/C/S to date.
- 7,000** Total number of transcript pages delivered to the regional judiciaries between October 2010 and March 2011.
- 60,000** Total number of pages that will be transcribed under the scope of the project
- 60** Total number of legal professionals from regional judiciaries who have so far received training on searching and accessing publicly available ICTY material.

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