



[JOHN HOCKING APPOINTED ICTY REGISTRAR](#)

On Monday 11 May 2009, the Secretary-General appointed Mr. John Hocking as the Registrar of the ICTY effective 15 May. The appointment was made in consultation with Judge Patrick Robinson, President of the Tribunal, in accordance with the Statute of the Tribunal. John Hocking has been appointed for a term of four years or until the completion of the Tribunal's mandate, if sooner.

As Registrar, Mr. Hocking will be in charge of the body of the Tribunal which provides administrative, legal and other support essential for the successful completion of the institution's mandate.

A staff member of the ICTY since March 1997, Mr. Hocking held the position of Deputy Registrar from December 2004 until January 2009 when he was named Acting Registrar.

The swearing-in ceremony of the Tribunal's new Registrar is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 19 May.

[DIPLOMATIC SEMINAR AND BOOK LAUNCH ON THURSDAY 28 MAY](#)

Starting at 10:30, the President, the Prosecutor, and the Acting Registrar will update the diplomatic community on the Tribunal's work, achievements, and challenges.

At 11:30, the Seminar will be followed by the launch of the *ICTY Manual on Developed Practices*, a book prepared in conjunction with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) as part of a project to preserve the Tribunal's legacy.

Formal invitations have been extended. If you have not received one, or wish to confirm your attendance, please contact Gea van der Werf, at + 31 (0)70 512 8599 or vanderwerf@un.org

[04 May, 11 & 12 May](#)

Prosecutor Brammertz makes a series of trips to the Former Yugoslavia

4 May: Prosecutor Serge Brammertz visits Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina, BiH). "This is the first of his scheduled visits to the region of the former Yugoslavia in preparation for the biannual report before the Security Council which is scheduled for June," explains OTP spokesperson Olga Kavran.

In Sarajevo, the Prosecutor met with representatives of local and international authorities to discuss issues related to the Tribunal's Completion Strategy and the cooperation of BiH with the OTP. Prosecutor Brammertz also met with colleagues from the Bosnian judiciary as well as representatives of victims' associations.

11 & 12 May: Prosecutor Serge Brammertz visits Belgrade (Serbia).

The Prosecutor met with the president of Serbia's National Council for Cooperation with the ICTY, Rasim Ljajić; War Crimes Prosecutor Vladimir Vukčević and other members of the Action Team for tracking fugitives; President Boris Tadić; and Prime Minister Mirko Cvetković.

[05 May](#)

Vukovar Hospital case: Appeals Chamber Judgement

"The Appeals Chamber today found Veselin Šljivančanin, a former senior officer of the Yugoslav People's Army (JNA), guilty of aiding and abetting the murder of prisoners of war after the fall of the Croatian town of Vukovar and increased his sentence from 5 to 17 years' imprisonment. His guilt for aiding and abetting torture was reaffirmed", reads a press release issued upon the completion of the hearing. The press release goes on to say that the Chamber "also reaffirmed the guilt of his superior Mile Mrkšić of having aided and abetted the murder, torture of prisoners, as well as the inhumane conditions of detention at the hangar at Ovčara near Vukovar between 20 and 21 November 1991. His 20 year sentence was upheld."

In considering the adequacy of the five-year sentence imposed on Šljivančanin, the Appeals Chamber considered the gravity of the crimes and the consequences of torture upon the victims and their families. "These crimes were characterised by extreme cruelty and brutality towards the prisoners of war, some of whom may have

been previously injured as they had been taken from the Vukovar hospital,” said Judge Meron.

[11 May](#)

**Longest-sitting
ICTY Judge
Shahabuddeen
leaves The Hague**

After nearly 12 years of dedicated service Judge Shahabuddeen (who was sworn-in on 16 June 1997) has resolved to return to his home country of Guyana and has resigned from the Tribunal. His resignation is effective as of 11 May 2009. His contribution to the development of international justice as a member of the ICTY and ICTR Appeals Chamber was the crowning achievement of his work as an international judge: Judge Shahabuddeen also served between February 1988 and February 1997 as a judge of the International Court of Justice.

This international judicial experience followed an impressive national career during which Judge Shahabuddeen held various positions: private counsel (1954-1959), Magistrate (1959), Crown Counsel (1959-1962), Solicitor-General (1962-1973), Attorney-General (1973-1987) and Minister of Legal Affairs (1978-1987). Between 1978 and 1987, Judge Shahabuddeen also acted on various occasions as Minister for Foreign Affairs and held other governmental positions, including First Deputy Prime Minister and Vice-President.

Author of numerous articles and books, Judge Shahabuddeen is a member of several associations, including the Institut de droit international, the Société française pour le droit international, the International Academy of Comparative Law, the African Society of International and Comparative Law and the Indian Society of International Law.

Judge Shahabuddeen has also submitted his resignation from the International Criminal Court (ICC), to which he had been elected in January 2009.

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**Judge Pocar
receives top
Italian award**

Judge Fausto Pocar receives the 2009 Girolamo Cardano International Award at the University of Pavia, Italy. This international prize is given each year to a person who has, through studies and other activities, made an outstanding contribution to progress in the fields of human and experimental sciences, liberal and applied arts. This year the commission unanimously voted for Judge Pocar to receive the top honour. The panel found that Judge Pocar, throughout his service to the Tribunal, has been a part of, and actively promoted, some of the most important developments in international criminal law.

[12 May](#)

**Hartmann case:
Status Conference
this Tuesday**

Florence Hartmann is charged with contempt of court for allegedly disclosing confidential material related to the Slobodan Milošević case.

Following the disqualification of Judge Orić and Judge Agius, at the Defence's request, the Specially Appointed Chamber consists of Judge Güney (Presiding), Judge Liu, and Judge Moloto.

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**President
Robinson delivers
key-note address
at OSCE
conference...**

**... and travels to
New York**

The Tribunal's President, Judge Patrick Robinson, delivers the key-note speech at the annual Human Dimension Seminar organized by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

The President speaks about the Tribunal's role in strengthening the rule of law in the former Yugoslavia and the importance of the independence of the judiciary.

The President then travels to the United Nations Headquarters in New York, in order to meet with Member States of the Security Council about the redeployment of ICTY and ICTR Judges to the Appeals Chamber.

The proposed redeployment is part of the Tribunal's plan to complete its work in accordance with the Completion Strategy.

[14 May](#)

**Acting Registrar
addresses OSCE
workshop**

The Acting Registrar, John Hocking, speaks at an OSCE-organised workshop in Sarajevo on 'Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Knowledge-Transfer Methodology on Processing War Crimes'.

The workshop is part of a multi-agency and trans-regional initiative to identify

priorities and support the needs of judiciaries handling war crimes cases in the former Yugoslavia. The Acting Registrar speaks about the ICTY's contribution to the capacity building of national judiciaries.

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New Appeals Chamber composed

Following the recent resignation of Judge Mohamed Shahabuddeen, President Robinson assigns Judge Carmel Agius to the Appeals Chamber. The Chamber is thus composed as follows: Judge Patrick Robinson (President), Judge Mehmet Güney, Judge Fausto Pocar, Judge Liu Daqun, Judge Andréia Vaz, Judge Theodor Meron and Judge Carmel Agius.

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 18 MAY – 29 MAY

MONDAY 18 MAY

Courtroom I 14:15 – 19:00, **Djordjević**, Trial
Courtroom II Nothing scheduled
Courtroom III 14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić**, Trial

TUESDAY 19 MAY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordjević**, Trial
14:15 – 19:10, **Lukić & Lukić**, Trial, Closing Arguments
Courtroom II Nothing scheduled
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial
14:30 – 17:30, **Hartmann**, Contempt case, Status Conference

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordjević**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial

THURSDAY 21 MAY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Djordjević**, Trial
Courtroom II Nothing scheduled
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial

FRIDAY 22 MAY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordjević**, Trial
Courtroom II Nothing scheduled
Courtroom III Nothing scheduled

MONDAY 25 MAY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial
Courtroom II 14:15 – 19:00, **Djordjević**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al**, Trial, *to be confirmed*
14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić**, Trial

TUESDAY 26 MAY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial, *to be confirmed*
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordjević**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Popović et al**, Trial, *to be confirmed*

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial, Pre-Defence Conference
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordjević**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Popović et al**, Trial, *to be confirmed*

THURSDAY 28 MAY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordjević**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Popović et al**, Trial, *to be confirmed*

FRIDAY 29 MAY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordjević**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al**, Trial, *to be confirmed*

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

PROCEEDINGS COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO 119 ACCUSED

Since the very first hearing (referral 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 119 of them: 10 have been acquitted, 60 sentenced (four are awaiting transfer, 28 have been transferred, 26 have served their term, and two died while serving their sentence), 13 have had their cases transferred to local courts. Another 36 cases have been terminated (either because indictments were withdrawn or because the accused died, before or after transfer to the Tribunal).

Proceedings are on-going with regard to 42 accused: seven are at the appeals stage, a Trial Chamber has passed judgement on six accused (but an appeal is still possible), 21 are currently on trial, and six are at the pre-trial stage. Two fugitives are still at large.

A further 29 individuals have been or are the subject of contempt proceedings.

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