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LAST MINUTE NEWS

BLASKIC CASE:

GENERAL MORILLON AND MR. THEBAULT TO TESTIFY ON 16 JUNE 1999

On 12 May 1999, further to its Orders of 25 March 1999 (see ICTY Press Release No. 393 of 6 April 1999), Trial Chamber I (Judges Jorda (Presiding), Shahabuddeen and Rodrigues) ordered that General Philippe Morillon, former UNPROFOR Commander, and Mr. Jean-Pierre Thebault, former Chief of the European Community Monitoring Mission, appear before the Trial Chamber on 16 June 1999.

The Order specified the issues to be addressed in the respective testimonies and outlined the procedure for the depositions which will be closed to the public. The Trial Chamber further specified that representatives of the French Government and, in the case of General Morillon, of the UN Secretary General may be present during the testimony and may address the Trial Chamber to present reasoned motions aimed at preserving any higher interest which they have been assigned to protect.

SIMIC & OTHERS ("Bosanski Samac") CASE:

SCHEDULING ORDER ISSUED

On 10 May 1999, Trial Chamber III (Judges Robinson (Presiding), Hunt and Bennouna) issued a Scheduling Order for the trial. In reference to the Prosecutor's Motion for Judicial Notice of common knowledge and adjudicated facts filed on 10 February 1999 (see Update No. 65), the Trial Chamber ordered that: "(1) the Prosecution shall by Friday 14 May 1999, and in consultation with the Defence, file a list of agreed facts for consideration by the Trial Chamber in connection with the motion [and also]; (2) (...) file any admissions and a statement of other matters which are not in dispute pursuant to Rule 73 bis (ii); (3) the Defence shall file their pre-trial briefs by Monday 31 May 1999; (4) the Prosecution shall file its list of the order of witnesses by Tuesday 1 June 1999; (5) subject to further order, the trial in this matter shall commence on Tuesday 22 June 1999".

ORDER REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF THE ACCUSED

On 10 May 1999, Trial Chamber III issued an order for Milan Simic to "attend the trial proceedings on a daily basis as from Tuesday 22 June 1999 and to surrender himself to the United Nations Detention Unit (...) not less than 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the trial."

The order was further to Milan Simic's provisional release for reasons of ill health on 26 March 1998, and scheduling of the trial to commence on 22 June 1999 (see above).

NEW COMPOSITION OF THE APPEALS CHAMBER

On 7 May 1999, the President of the Tribunal ordered the assignment of Judge Cassese to the Appeals Chamber in light of the withdrawal of Judge Riad pursuant to Sub-rule 15(D)(i) of the Rules. The Appeals Chamber is currently considering an interlocutory appeal by Stevan Todorovic regarding the Trial Chamber's decision not to hear an evidentiary hearing (see Update No. 72). The Appeals Chamber is consequently comprised as follows: President Kirk McDonald, Vice-President Shahabuddeen, Judge Cassese, Judge Tieya and Judge Nieto-Navia.

FURUNDZIJA CASE:

DEFENCE FILES MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On 7 May 1999, Counsel for Anto Furundzija filed a motion for extension of time in which to file the Defendant's appellate brief pursuant to Sub-rule 127. According to the Defence, the Prosecution has "no serious objection" to the Motion. The appellate brief is currently due on 21 May 1999.

KRSTIC CASE:

DEFENCE MOTION ON THE FORM OF THE INDICTMENT GRANTED IN PART

On 6 May 1999, Trial Chamber I (Judges Jorda (Presiding), Riad and Rodrigues) granted in part a Defence preliminary Motion on the form of the indictment dated 1 March 1999 (see Update No. 68) in which the Defence argued that the indictment was too vague.

The Trial Chamber ordered the Prosecutor "to specify or clarify the indictment in respect of the points relating to the responsibility of the accused and his co-accused and to their share of responsibility without, however, disclosing the names of the co-accused". However, the Trial Chamber decided that the nature and scope of the crimes as well as the type of responsibility charged in this instance do not allow for a precise indication of the time scale, therefore "the Prosecutor cannot be blamed".

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COURTROOM SCHEDULE: MONDAY 17 MAY TO FRIDAY 21 MAY 1999*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Courtroom I	No proceedings	No proceedings	10.00, TC I Blaskic Trial	10.00, TC I Blaskic Trial	9.00-13.30, TC I Blaskic Trial
	14.00-18.00, TC I Blaskic Trial	14.00-18.00, TC I Blaskic Trial	14.30, TC I Blaskic Trial	14.30, TC I Blaskic Trial	No proceedings

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