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ICTY WEEKLY UPDATE – 256

PROCEDURAL DEVELOPMENTS:

I. OVERVIEW OF COURT PROCEEDINGS:

MILOŠEVIĆ Case (“Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina”)

Trial Chamber III – Judges May (Presiding), Robinson and Kwon

18th week of the Prosecution case.

From 25 to 28 February 2003, the following witnesses were examined by the Prosecution and subsequently cross-examined by the Accused and one of the *amici curiae*:

- Witness Paul Davies
- Witness Herbert Ocun
- Witness Colm Mangan

GALIĆ Case (“Sarajevo”)

Trial Chamber I Section B – Judges Orić (Presiding), El Mahdi and Nieto-Navia

18th week of the Defence case.

From 24 to 28 February 2003, the following witnesses were examined by the Defence and subsequently cross-examined by the Prosecution:

- Witness Richard Paul Gray
- Witness Prof. Janko Viličić

BRĐANIN Case (“Krajina”)

Trial Chamber II Section A – Judges Agius (Presiding), Janů and Taya

32nd week of the Prosecution case.

From 24 to 28 February 2003, the following witnesses were examined by the Defence and subsequently cross-examined by the Prosecution:

- Protected Witness BT88
- Witness Dežad Došlić
- Witness Senad Alkić

SIMIĆ *et al.* Case (“Bosanski Šamac”)

Trial Chamber II Section B – Judges Mumba (Presiding), Williams and Lindholm

12th week of the Defence case.

On 24 February 2003, the Defence for Simo Zarić gave the opening statement for his defence case.

On 24 and 25 February 2003, the following witness was cross-examined by the Prosecution:

- Accused Miroslav Tadić

From 25 to 28 February 2003, the following witness was examined by the Defence and subsequently cross-examined by the Prosecution:

- Witness Maksim Simeunović

Due to the plenary session of the Judges, no hearing took place on 27 February 2003.

STAKIĆ Case (“Prijeđor”)

Trial Chamber II Section III – Judges Schomburg (Presiding), Vassilyenko and Argibay

9th week of the Defence case.

From 24 to 28 February 2003, the following witnesses were examined by the Defence and subsequently cross-examined by the Prosecution:

- Witness Zoran Becner (via video link)
- Witness Ljuban Janković (via video link)
- Witness Zvonimir Igljić (via video link)
- Witness Branko Rosić
- Witness Dragoljub Gruban (via video link)

ŠEŠELJ Case

Judge Schomburg

On 26 February 2003, following his transfer to the Tribunal on 24 February (see *Press Release No. 732*), Vojislav Šešelj appeared before Judge Schomburg for his initial appearance. The Accused did not enter a plea immediately but will make a further initial appearance within 30 days.

DERONJIĆ Case (“Glogova”)

Pre-Trial Judge Mumba

On 26 February 2003, the parties appeared before the Pre-Trial Judge for a Status Conference pursuant to Rule 65 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

BLAŠKIĆ Case (“Lašva Valley”)

Pre-Appeal Judge Pocar

On 26 February 2003, the parties appeared before the Pre-Appeal Judge for a Status Conference pursuant to Rule 65 *bis* (B) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence. Counsel for Tihomir Blaškić were not present in the Courtroom but participated via telephone link.

PLAVŠIĆ Case (“Bosnia and Herzegovina”)

Trial Chamber III – Judges May (Presiding), Robinson and Kwon

On 27 February 2003, the Trial Chamber rendered its Sentencing Judgement in the Plavšić case. Biljana Plavšić was sentenced to 11 years’ imprisonment for one count of persecutions on political, racial and religious grounds, a crime against humanity to which she pleaded guilty on 2 October 2002 (See *Press Release No. 734*).

LIMAJ *et al.* Case

Pre-Trial Judge Liu

On 28 February 2003, the parties appeared before the Pre-Trial Judge for a hearing regarding the Accused Agim Murtezi. The Judge withdrew the Indictment against Agim Murtezi and ordered his immediate release (see *Press Release No. 736*).

II. OVERVIEW OF SELECTED COURT DOCUMENTS:

HADŽIHASANOVIĆ *et al.* Case (“Central Bosnia”)

A Bench of the Appeals Chamber – Judge Hunt (Presiding), Güney and Pocar

DECISION PURSUANT TO RULE 72(E) AS TO VALIDITY OF APPEAL

On 21 February 2003, a Bench of the Appeals Chamber declared valid two of the three grounds of appeal filed by the defendants, against the Decision of 12 November 2002 dismissing their joint challenge to the jurisdiction of the Tribunal.

MILOŠEVIĆ Case (“Kosovo”)

Appeals Chamber – Judges Jorda (Presiding), Shahabuddeen, Hunt, Pocar and Meron

ORDONNANCE SUR LE RETRAIT DE L’APPEL

On 25 February 2003, the Appeals Chamber took note of the withdrawal of appeal following the Prosecution’s Notice of Withdrawal in the Matter of Witness K12, filed on 5 February 2003.

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 3 MARCH – 7 MARCH 2003*

MONDAY 3 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:00 - 13:45, **Milošević**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 - 13:45, **Stakić**, Trial
14:15 - 19:00, **Galić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 - 13:45, **Simić *et al.*** Trial (Video Link), to be confirmed
14:15 - 19:00, **Brđanin**, Trial

TUESDAY 4 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:00 - 13:45, **Milošević**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 - 13:45, **Stakić**, Trial
14:15 - 19:00, **Galić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 - 13:45, **Simić *et al.*** Trial (Video Link)
14:15 - 19:00, **Brđanin**, Trial

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:00 - 13:45, **Stakić**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:30 - 10:00, **Dragan Nikolić**, Status Conference
10:30 - 11:00, **Mrkšić**, Status Conference
14:15 - 19:00, **Galić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 - 13:45, **Simić *et al.*** Trial (Video Link)
14:15 - 19:00, **Brđanin**, Trial

THURSDAY 6 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:00 - 13:45, **Stakić**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 - 11:00, **Stanković**, Status Conference
14:15 - 19:00, **Galić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 - 13:45, **Simić *et al.*** Trial (Video Link)
14:15 - 19:00, **Brđanin**, Trial

FRIDAY 7 MARCH

Courtroom II 09:00 - 13:45, **Galić**, Trial
14:15 - 19:00, **Stakić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 - 13:45, **Simić *et al.*** Trial (Video Link)
14:15 - 19:00, **Brđanin**, Trial

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<http://www.un.org/icty/bhs/week-b.htm> (na bosanskom/hrvatskom/srpskom).

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DATE	NUMBER	TITLE	E	F	B/C/S
21/02/03	731	OHR-ICTY WORKING GROUP ON DEVELOPMENT OF BiH CAPACITY FOR WAR-CRIMES TRIAL SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED	E		B/C/S
24/02/03	732	VOJISLAV SESELJ TRANSFERRED TO THE ICTY DETENTION UNIT	E		B/C/S
25/02/03	733	STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF AGIM MURTEZI	E		B/C/S
27/02/03	734	THE PROSECUTOR v. BILJANA PLAVŠIĆ:	E	F	B/C/S

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		TRIAL CHAMBER SENTENCES THE ACCUSED TO 11 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AND SAYS THAT "NO SENTENCE CAN FULLY REFLECT THE HORROR OF WHAT OCCURRED OR THE TERRIBLE IMPACT ON THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS"			
27/02/03	735	JUDGE THEODOR MERON AND JUDGE FAUSTO POCAR ELECTED AS PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT RESPECTIVELY	E		
28/02/03	736	AGIM MURTEZI RELEASED FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE INDICTMENT AGAINST HIM	E		

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