



## CONVICTED PERSONS

16 August 2012



### Mile Mrkšić transferred to Portugal

Mile Mrkšić, a former colonel in the Yugoslav People's Army (JNA), has been transferred to Portugal to serve his 20-year sentence for crimes committed against non-Serb prisoners of war near the Croatian town of Vukovar in 1991.

Following the fall of Vukovar to the JNA in November 1991, around 260 prisoners of war were removed from Vukovar Hospital and transported them to a farm building in nearby Ovčara where they were beaten, tortured and eventually murdered. The Trial Chamber established that the evidence from exhumations of a mass grave in Ovčara and subsequent autopsies identified 194 non-Serb victims named in the indictment.

On 27 September 2007, Mrkšić was sentenced by a Trial Chamber to 20 years' imprisonment for aiding and abetting the murder, torture and cruel treatment of the prisoners, as well as for the inhumane conditions of detention in which the prisoners were kept prior to their murder. His sentence was upheld by the Appeals Chamber on 5 May 2009. On 26 January 2012, the President of the Tribunal issued his

decision designating Portugal as the State in which Mrkšić is to serve his sentence. Mrkšić is the first person convicted by the ICTY to be transferred to Portugal.

The ICTY entered into an agreement on the enforcement of sentences with Portugal on 19 December 2007. To date, the Tribunal has signed such agreements with 17 States.

## OPEN DAY AT THE TRIBUNAL



### ICTY to open its doors for The Hague International Day

The ICTY will be opening its doors to the public on 23 September 2012 as part of the fifth annual 'International Day' organised by the Municipality of The Hague.

The event gives the public the chance to catch a glimpse behind the scenes of the International City of Peace and Justice. The ICTY welcomes the chance to reach out to its neighbours, and to present its mandate, work and achievements to the citizens of The Hague and to the general public at large.

The doors of the Tribunal will be open between 11.00 and 17.00, and events on the day will include presentations by ICTY officials and staff, including President Theodor Meron, Registrar John Hocking and Judge Alphons Orić; question and

answer sessions; a chance to explore the inside of one of the Tribunal's courtrooms with a guided tour; and an exhibition and films introducing the work of the Tribunal.

The ICTY will also be represented at the International Market, taking place at the World Forum Convention Centre on the same day. Visitors to the Tribunal's booth at the Market will have the chance to peruse a wide variety of information materials covering the work of the ICTY and to address any questions they may have to representatives of the Tribunal.

Those wishing to join in with the Open Day activities can register on the [website of the Municipality](#).

## IN THE COURTROOMS



### Tolimir closing arguments

Closing arguments in the case of Zdravko Tolimir were held on 14, 15 and 16 August.

Tolimir is charged with genocide, conspiracy to commit genocide, crimes against humanity and violations of the laws or customs of war committed between July and November 1995 against Bosnian Muslims in Srebrenica and Zepa. During this period, Tolimir was the Assistant Commander for Intelligence and Security of the Main Staff of the Bosnian Serb Army.

### Đorđević status conference

A status conference in the case of Vlastimir Đorđević was held on 23 August.

From 1 June 1997 to 30 January 2001, Đorđević was Assistant Minister of the Serbian Ministry of Internal Affairs (MUP) and Chief of the Public Security Department (RJB) of the MUP. He was responsible for all units and personnel of the RJB in Serbia, including Kosovo between 12 January and 20 June 1999.

On 23 February 2011, a Trial Chamber found Đorđević guilty of the crimes of deportation, murder, forcible transfer and persecutions, and sentenced him to 27 years in prison. On 24 May 2011, both parties filed their notices of appeal against the judgement.

### Karadžić status conference

On 3 September, a status conference was held in the case of Radovan Karadžić.

The trial of Radovan Karadžić began on 26 October 2009. The Prosecution rested its case on 25 May 2012 and the Defence case is currently scheduled to commence on 16 October 2012.



## STATUS OF CASES

### CASES IN PRE TRIAL

Hadžić	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pleded not guilty on 24 August 2011</li> </ul>
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### CASES AT TRIAL

Haradinaj <i>et al.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing arguments took place on 25, 26 and 27 June 2012</li> </ul>
Karadžić	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Defence case is scheduled to commence on 16 October 2012</li> </ul>
Mladić	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trial commenced on 16 May 2012</li> </ul>
Prlić <i>et al.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing arguments took place between 7 February and 2 March 2011</li> </ul>
Šešelj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The parties presented their closing arguments between 5 and 20 March 2012</li> </ul>
Stanišić & Simatović	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Defence case commenced on 15 June 2011</li> </ul>
Stanišić & Župljanin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing arguments took place from 29 May until 1 June 2012</li> </ul>
Tolimir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing arguments took place on 14, 15 and 16 August 2012</li> </ul>

### CASES ON APPEAL

Đorđević	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trial judgement was pronounced on 23 February 2011 (sentence: 27 years' imprisonment)</li> <li>• Both the Prosecution and the Defence have filed their appeal briefs</li> </ul>
Gotovina <i>et al.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trial judgement was pronounced on 15 April 2011 (sentences: Gotovina - 24 years' imprisonment; Markač - 18 years' imprisonment)</li> <li>• The appeal hearing took place on 14 May 2012</li> </ul>
Lukić & Lukić	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trial judgement was pronounced on 20 July 2009 (sentences: Milan Lukić - life imprisonment; Sredoje Lukić - 30 years' imprisonment)</li> <li>• The appeal hearing took place on 14 and 15 September 2011</li> </ul>
Perišić	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trial judgement was pronounced on 6 September 2011 (sentence: 27 years' imprisonment)</li> <li>• Both the Prosecution and the Defence have filed their appeal briefs</li> </ul>
Popović <i>et al.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trial judgement was pronounced on 10 June 2010 (sentences: Popović - life imprisonment; Beara - life imprisonment; Nikolić - 35 years' imprisonment; Borovčanin - 17 years' imprisonment; Miletić - 19 years' imprisonment; Gvero - 5 years' imprisonment; Pandurević - 13 years' imprisonment)</li> <li>• Both the Prosecution and the Defence have filed their appeal briefs in respect of all accused except Borovčanin, whose sentence is therefore final</li> </ul>
Šainović <i>et al.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trial judgement was pronounced on 26 February 2009 (sentences: Šainović - 22 years' imprisonment; Ojdanić - 15 years' imprisonment; Pavković - 22 years' imprisonment; Lazarević - 15 years' imprisonment; Lukić - 22 years' imprisonment; Milutinović - acquitted)</li> <li>• Both the Prosecution and the Defence have filed their appeal briefs in respect of all accused except Milutinović, whose acquittal is therefore final</li> </ul>

### CONTEMPT CASES

Rašić	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trial judgement was pronounced on 7 February 2012 (sentence: 12 months' imprisonment)</li> <li>• Both the Prosecution and the Defence have filed their appeal briefs</li> </ul>
Šešelj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second contempt case - the trial judgement was pronounced on 31 October 2011 (sentence: 18 months' imprisonment)</li> <li>• On 14 November 2011, the Amicus Curiae Prosecutor filed his notice of appeal</li> </ul>
Šešelj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Third contempt case - the trial commenced on 12 June 2012. The judgement was issued on 28 June 2012 (sentence: two years' imprisonment)</li> </ul>

## 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 **126** of them:

**13** have been acquitted, **64** sentenced (**25** have been transferred, **36** have served their term, and **three** died while serving their sentence), **13** have had their cases transferred to local courts.

<b>126</b>	Total number of accused whose proceedings have been completed.
<b>36</b>	Cases terminated (either because indictments were withdrawn or because the accused died, before or after transfer to the Tribunal).
<b>35</b>	Proceedings are on-going with regard to 35 accused: 17 are at the appeals stage, 17 are currently on trial, and one is at the pre-trial stage.
<b>34</b>	A further 34 individuals have been or are the subject of contempt proceedings.

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