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[15 October](#)**Retention of staff  
is a pressing  
issue, says  
President Pocar**

Presenting to the General Assembly the ICTY's fourteenth Annual Report, President Pocar highlights the organisation's unparalleled efficiency and its profound impact on the development of international criminal justice. He also flags up issues "relevant to the completion of [the] mandate" [of the Tribunal] including "the pressing issue of the retention" of qualified staff and Judges.

*The following press release was issued: MOW/1191e at*

<http://www.un.org/icty/latest-e/index.htm>

*The full text of the President's speech can be found at:*

<http://www.un.org/icty/pressreal/2007/pr1191e-annex.htm>

[15 October](#)**Serbia's  
cooperation is too  
slow and not yet  
sufficient, says  
the Prosecutor...**

...in her address to the General Affairs and External Relations Council of the EU, in Luxembourg.

*The following press release was issued: MOW/1190e at*

<http://www.un.org/icty/latest-e/index.htm>

*The full text of the Prosecutor's speech can be found at:*

<http://www.un.org/icty/pressreal/2007/pr1190e-annex.htm>

[16 October](#)**Appeals Chamber  
affirms the  
acquittal of Sefer  
Halilović, ...**

... former Deputy Commander and Chief of Main Staff of the Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (ABiH), who had been found not guilty in November 2005 of all charges regarding his alleged command responsibility for murders committed by ABiH troops in the villages of Grabovica and Uzdol in the Jablanica and Prozor areas of Herzegovina in September 1993. The Prosecution had appealed the judgement. However, the Appeals Chamber concluded that the Prosecution had failed to show that the Trial Chamber erred in finding that a superior-subordinate relationship between Sefer Halilović and the offending troops had not been established.

*The summary of the judgement can be found on the Tribunal's website at:*

<http://www.un.org/icty/pressreal/2007/pr1192e-summary.htm>

[17 October](#)**Zelenović case:  
the Appeals  
Chamber's  
Judgement will be  
rendered on 31  
October**

...at 3:30 p.m. in courtroom 3. The judgement will be rendered less than three weeks after the appeal hearing, which took place last Monday, 15 October.

*Dragan Zelenović pleaded guilty on 17 January 2007 to seven counts of rape and torture, crimes committed in Foča in 1992. On 4 April 2007, the Trial Chamber sentenced him to 15 years' imprisonment.*

[22 October](#)**Registrar visits  
Priština and  
Belgrade**

Registrar Hans Holthuis travels to Priština where he is to meet with UNMIK Chief Joachim Rucker and the staff of the ICTY Field Office. On Tuesday, he will chair a roundtable on ICTY Archives and Legacy and hold discussions with justice professionals such as the Head of the Department of Justice and prosecutors and judges handling war crimes cases.

In Belgrade from Wednesday through Friday, the Registrar will discuss various issues with the OSCE Mission and the UNDP, chair one more discussion on Archives and Legacy, meet with Rasim Ljajić (Chairman of the National Council for Cooperation) and visit the Belgrade War Crimes Chamber.

He concludes his one-week mission by addressing an international conference on

"Reconciliation and Human Security", organized by the European Center for Peace and Development.

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23 October

**Šešelj trial: the Trial Chamber is constituted**

*Ad Litem* Judges Frederik Harhoff and Flavia Lattanzi have been assigned to the Trial Chamber which will sit on the trial of Vojislav Šešelj as of 6 November (pre-trial conference). The Chamber will be presided over by Judge Jean-Claude Antonetti.

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25/26 October

**Prosecutor in Belgrade**

Carla Del Ponte arrives in Belgrade "to assess the progress of cooperation of Serbia with her office," according to her spokesperson, Olga Kavran, adding that the Prosecutor subsequently will "brief the European Union's Enlargement Commissioner, Olli Rehn on the issue."

On Friday, the Prosecutor is invited to the Rose-Roth seminar organised by the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in the Serbian capital; she speaks about the 'ICTY and the Legacy of the Past'.

*The following press release with the full text of the Prosecutor's speech was issued: CdP/OTP/ PR1193e at <http://www.un.org/icty/latest-e/index.htm>*

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**ICTY PROCEEDINGS COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO 109 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 109 of them: eight have been acquitted, 52 sentenced (eight are awaiting transfer, 26 have been transferred, 16 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 52 accused: seven are at the appeals stage, 26 are currently on trial, 12 are at pre-trial and four are still at large. Furthermore, two accused were recently convicted and sentenced by a Trial Chamber, and a third one was acquitted, but the delay for appeals by either party is still running.**

*The figure of the accused at the appeals stage includes Amir Kubura and Naser Orić. These two accused have been sentenced and granted early release (Kubura) and release (Orić), but the OTP has appealed against the Trial Chamber's Judgements.*

**A further 20 individuals have also been the subject of contempt proceedings.**

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