

TWO IMPORTANT DATES

5 May: The Appeals Chamber renders its Judgement in the Vukovar Hospital case

The Appeals Chamber Judgement in the case of Mile Mrkšić and Veselin Šljivančanin, former senior officers in the Yugoslav People's Army (JNA) convicted for their part in the executions of prisoners of war after the fall of Croatian town of Vukovar in 1991, will be rendered tomorrow, 5 May, at 14:15 in courtroom 1.

On 27 September 2007 the Trial Chamber found Mrkšić, a former JNA Colonel, guilty and sentenced him to 20 years' imprisonment for aiding and abetting the murder, torture and cruel treatment of 194 non-Serb prisoners of war taken from Vukovar Hospital following the town's fall to JNA and Serb paramilitary forces in November 1991. The victims were transported to a farm building in nearby Ovčara where they were beaten, tortured and murdered. The Trial Chamber found Šljivančanin, a JNA major at the time, guilty of aiding and abetting the torture of the prisoners and sentenced him to five years' imprisonment.

Both the Prosecution and the Defence appealed against the Trial Chamber's Judgement. The appeals hearings took place on 21 and 22 January 2009.

28 May: Diplomatic Seminar

The President, the Prosecutor, and the Acting Registrar will update the diplomatic community on the Tribunal's work, achievements, and challenges.

The Seminar will be followed by the launch of the *ICTY Manual 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 will be extended shortly.

20 April

Judge Meron receives top US honour

Judge Theodor Meron is elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Each year the Academy, which was established in 1780 by the Founding Fathers of America, elects leaders in the sciences, the humanities and the arts, business, public affairs, and the nonprofit sector, and undertakes studies of complex and emerging problems.

21 April

Lukić & Lukić trial: evidentiary phase completed

The completion of Radomir Simsić's testimony brings an end to the evidentiary phase of the proceedings.

The trial started on 9 July 2008. Since then the Prosecution has presented 45 witnesses whereas both the Defence teams called a total of 31 witnesses. The Chamber called four witnesses.

According to the indictment, Milan Lukić was the leader of the "White Eagles" or "Avengers", a group of local Bosnian Serb paramilitaries in Višegrad (south-eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina) which terrorised the local Bosnian Muslim population during the 1992-1995 conflict. Sredoje Lukić, Milan Lukić's cousin, was a member of the unit. Milan and Sredoje Lukić are charged with multiple crimes, including murdering approximately 70 Bosnian Muslim women, children and elderly men in a house in Višegrad by barricading the victims in one room of the house, setting the house on fire and then firing automatic weapons at those people who tried to escape through the windows, killing some and injuring others. In addition, they are charged with murdering approximately 70 Bosnian Muslim women, children and elderly men in a house in the village of Bikavac, near Višegrad, by forcing the victims into the house, barricading all the exits and throwing in several explosive devices.

On 22 April the Chamber issued a Scheduling Order stating that final trial briefs must be filed by Tuesday 12 May, and that closing arguments would be heard one week later on Tuesday 19 May.

[23 April and 28 April](#)
**Karadžić case :
status conference
this Wednesday;
indictment to be
amended**

The Status Conference in the Karadžić case will take place on Wednesday 6 May, at 2.15 p.m. in courtroom 1.

On 28 April, the Trial Chamber granted in part a motion by Radovan Karadžić (“Preliminary motion to dismiss joint criminal enterprise III – foreseeability”) and ordered the Prosecution to propose an amendment to the current indictment.

[24 April](#)
**Stanišić &
Simatović trial to
re-commence on
25 May**

Trial Chamber I grants a Prosecution motion to revoke the accused’s provisional release and orders them to return to the Detention Unit by May 4 at the latest. A separate order is also issued scheduling a Status Conference on 12 May, the Pre-trial Conference on 18 May, and the re-commencement of the trial on 25 May.

The proceedings in this case have been adjourned since 20 May 2008 due to the medical condition of Jovica Stanišić. He and his co-accused were granted provisional release on 26 May 2008.

Indicted on 1 May 2003, Jovica Stanišić and Frank Simatović were the Chief of the State Security Service (DB) and the Commander of the DB’s Special Operations Unit, respectively. The DB belonged to Serbia’s Ministry of Internal Affairs (MUP). They are both accused of crimes committed between 1991 and 1995 throughout Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina: murder, persecutions on political, racial and religious grounds, deportation, and forcible transfers.

[27 April](#)
**Visit by the US
Ambassador for
War Crimes**

The American Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes, Clint Williamson, visits the Tribunal and meets with President Patrick Robinson, Prosecutor Serge Brammertz and Acting Registrar John Hocking. A press release issued after the visit says that "the Tribunal’s Principals updated the Ambassador on a range of issues including the institution’s achievements to date, the implementation of completion strategy and plans for preserving the Tribunal’s legacy."

[1 May](#)
**Šešelj contempt
case: status
conference...**

...on Thursday 7 May at 11.30 am in courtroom 2.

On 21 January, Vojislav Šešelj was indicted for contempt following the alleged disclosure, in a book, of the name and other personal details of three protected witnesses in his separate trial for crimes allegedly committed in Croatia and in Bosnia and Herzegovina. His initial appearance in the contempt case took place on 6 March.

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 04 MAY – 15 MAY

MONDAY 04 MAY

Courtroom I	14:15 – 19:00, Djordević , Trial
Courtroom II	Nothing scheduled
Courtroom III	09:00 – 13:45, Popović et al , Trial 14:15 – 19:00, Prlić , Trial

TUESDAY 05 MAY

Courtroom I	09:00 – 13:45, Perišić , Trial 14:15 – 15:30, Mrkšić & Šljivančanin , Appeals Judgement
Courtroom II	10:15 – 17:00, Djordević , Trial
Courtroom III	09:00 – 13:45, Popović et al , Trial 14:15 – 19:00, Prlić , Trial

WEDNESDAY 06 MAY

Courtroom I	09:00 – 13:45, Djordević , Trial
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Courtroom II 14:15 – 19:00, **Karadžić**, Status Conference
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial
09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić**, Trial

THURSDAY 07 MAY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial
14:15 – 18:30, **Prlić**, Trial
Courtroom II 08:30 – 11:00, **Šešelj**, Status Conference
11:30 – 13:45, **Šešelj**, Status Conference
14:15 – 19:00, **Djordević**, Trial
Courtroom III 14:15 – 19:00, **Popović et al**, Trial

FRIDAY 08 MAY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordević**, Trial
Courtroom II Nothing scheduled
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al**, Trial

MONDAY 11 MAY

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

TUESDAY 12 MAY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordević**, Trial
14:15 – 17:30, **Stanisic & Simatovic**, Status Conference
Courtroom II 14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Popović et al**, Trial

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY

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

THURSDAY 14 MAY

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

FRIDAY 15 MAY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordević**, Trial
Courtroom II Nothing scheduled
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al**, Trial

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

PROCEEDINGS COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO 117 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 117 of them: 10 have been acquitted, 58 sentenced (two 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 44 accused: nine 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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