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## [9 March](#)

### **Šešelj contempt case: initial appearance scheduled**

The initial appearance in the new contempt case against Vojislav Šešelj will take place at 9 a.m. on Tuesday 20 April. Šešelj was indicted for contempt "for having disclosed information which may identify...11 protected witnesses in violation of orders of a Chamber."

*Šešelj has already been found guilty of contempt of the Tribunal: on 24 July 2009, he was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment for disclosing the names and other personal details of protected witnesses in a book he authored.*

## [11 March](#)

### **Prosecutor travels to the USA**

Serge Brammertz was in Washington on 11 and 12 March. He met with senior officials at the US Department of State and National Security Council to discuss the work of the Tribunal, cooperation of States, and the Tribunal's completion strategy. The Prosecutor underlined the importance of the support given by the US to the Office of the Prosecutor.

Whilst in America, the Prosecutor also attended a conference entitled "Forging a Convention on Crimes Against Humanity" organised by the Washington School of Law and the Whitney Harris World Law institute.

## [12 March](#)

### **Mitar Vasiljević granted early release**

Vasiljević was released from the Austrian prison facility where he had been serving his sentence since July 2004. In an order made in February but kept confidential until last week, President Robinson considered a number of factors: the eligibility of Vasiljević for conditional release under Austrian law as of 25 January 2010, at which date he had served two-third of his sentence; his good behaviour while serving his sentence; and the fact that he has provided the Office of the Prosecutor "some substantial cooperation".

*On 29 November 2002, Mitar Vasiljević, a member of the paramilitary unit led by Milan Lukić in Vasiljević, was found guilty of persecution, murder and inhumane treatment with regard to seven Muslim men, and sentenced to 20 years. On 25 February 2004, the Appeals Chamber changed the mode of liability under which the accused was convicted, and reduced his sentence to 15 years. At this time, Milan Lukić and Sredoje Lukić, co-accused of Mitar Vasiljević in the initial 'Višegrad' indictment, had not been arrested. Their trial took place later and on 29 July 2009 Milan Lukić was sentenced to life imprisonment and Sredoje Lukić to 30 years' imprisonment for crimes against humanity and war crimes "characterised by a callous and vicious disregard for human life". The appeals proceedings in this case are on-going. Following the early release of Mitar Vasiljević, 26 persons convicted by the ICTY are serving their sentence. Three are awaiting transfer. Thirty have finished serving their sentence, while two others died during their term.*

## [15 March](#)

### **Tabaković sentenced to three months' imprisonment on three counts of contempt**

At the opening of the proceedings in the contempt case against Zuhdija Tabaković it was announced that the Trial Chamber had accepted a Plea Agreement between the Prosecution and the Defense. In the agreement, Tabaković pleaded guilty to the three counts of contempt in his indictment, and the Prosecution dismissed the three remaining counts of attempt or incitement to commit contempt.

*Tabaković was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. Credit was given in respect of the time Tabaković had spent in custody, with the effect that he was eligible for release later the same week.*

On 18 March, Tabakovic was released from the UN Detention Unit.

*The indictment against Tabaković stated that he had been approached by Jelena Rasić, a "case manager" for the defence of Milan Lukić, and was asked to sign a pre-written statement even though he did not witness or have any knowledge of the events discussed in the statement. It was alleged that once he signed the statement and the signature was certified at the Novi Grad Municipality building in Sarajevo,*

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*Rasic gave Tabaković an envelope containing €1,000 and stated he would be paid more money once he testified.*

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[18 March](#)

**Security Council  
further extends  
terms of two ad  
litem judges**

The Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 1915 (2010), allowing Judge Kimberley Prost (Canada) and Judge Ole Bjørn Støle (Norway) to complete the Popovic case (now not scheduled to end until May 2010). The terms of Judges Prost and Støle had initially been extended until to expire on 31 March 2010.

*The Security Council once again decided that the total number of ad litem judges serving on the Tribunal might temporarily exceed the maximum of 12 and reach a maximum of 13 at any one time, returning to a maximum of 12 by 30 June 2010.*

## **COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 22 MARCH – 2 APRIL**

### **MONDAY 22 MARCH**

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al**, Trial  
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Đorđević**, Trial  
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Tolimir**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić**, Trial

### **TUESDAY 23 MARCH**

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial  
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial  
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al**, Trial

### **WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH**

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al**, Trial  
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial  
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial

### **THURSDAY 25 MARCH**

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al**, Trial  
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial  
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Tolimir**, Trial

### **FRIDAY 26 MARCH**

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial  
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial  
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial

### **MONDAY 29 MARCH**

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial  
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Tolimir**, Trial  
Courtroom III 14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić**, Trial

## **TUESDAY 30 MARCH**

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial  
14:15 – 15:15, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial  
Courtroom II 14:15 – 19:00, **Đorđević**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Šešelj**, Trial  
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Tolimir**, Trial

## **WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH**

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial  
14:15 – 19:00, **Šešelj**, Trial  
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial  
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial

## **THURSDAY 1 APRIL**

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial  
Courtroom III 14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić**, Trial

## **FRIDAY 1 APRIL**

UN HOLIDAY: Good Friday

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

### **PROCEEDINGS COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO 121 ACCUSED**

Since the very first hearing (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 121 of them: 11 have been acquitted, 61 sentenced (three are awaiting transfer, 26 have been transferred, 30 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 40 accused: 13 are at the appeals stage and 25 are currently on trial. Two fugitives are still at large.

A further 31 individuals have been or are the subject of contempt proceedings.

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