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Šešelj case: amicus curiae to be appointed to look into allegations from witnesses against investigators

Trial Chamber I (Judge Antonetti, presiding, Judge Harhoff, and Judge Lattanzi) issued a decision *proprio motu* regarding allegations made by a number of witnesses that they have been pressured or intimidated by OTP investigators. The Chamber says it takes these allegations "quite seriously" as it "refuses to allow any doubt to foster concerning a possible violation of the rights of the Accused and concerning the investigation techniques employed by certain members of the Prosecution in this case." The Chamber orders the Registry to appoint an amicus curiae who will "investigate possible intimidation or pressure, even indirect, exercised by some investigators with the Prosecution," and who will say "whether there are grounds to initiate contempt proceedings" against them.

The Amicus's report is due within six months of his or her appointment.

[6 August](#)

Lukić & Lukić case: appeals hearing postponed

The Appeals Chamber (Judge Güney, Presiding, Judge Pocar, Judge Liu, Judge Meron, and Judge Agius) issued an order cancelling the date of 21 September for the hearing in the Lukić & Lukić case "for reasons of effective court management." A new date will be set in due course.

On 20 July 2009, Milan Lukić was sentenced to life imprisonment and Sredoje Lukić to 30 years' imprisonment for crimes against humanity and war crimes committed in the eastern Bosnian town of Višegrad during the 1992-1995 war.

[23 August](#)

Karadžić trial resumes

The Karadžić trial resumes this morning, following a two-week adjournment to allow the accused sufficient time to study documents relevant to the next stage of the case (specifically the recently discovered 'Mladić notebooks').

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Gotovina, Čermak and Markač: trial concludes

Closing arguments in the trial of Ante Gotovina, Ivan Čermak and Mladen Markač were heard from Monday 30 August until Wednesday 1 September.

The three Croatian generals are charged with crimes allegedly committed during the 1995 Operation Storm military offensive in Croatia. Their trial commenced on 11 March 2008 and concluded on 11 June this year. Within a total of 303 trial days, 81 OTP witnesses and 57 Defence witnesses testified. The Chamber called seven witnesses.

In its final brief, the Prosecution recommended that the Chamber sentence Gotovina to 27 years', Markač to 23 years' and Čermak to 17 years' imprisonment. The Defence asked for all three to be acquitted.

[30 August](#)

Website feature provides access to latest filings

The ICTY Web Unit has launched a new feature to further facilitate public access to ICTY legal documents. Available on the homepage of the ICTY site, the 'Selection of Latest Public Filings' provides users with direct access to recently filed public decisions, orders and transcripts (in all languages) from the Tribunal's ongoing cases.

The new feature can be viewed at www.icty.org

[29 August - 3 September](#)

Registrar visits the ICTR and Rwanda

In his first visit to the ICTR since his appointment, the Registrar met with his counterpart, Adama Dieng, in Arusha, Tanzania. The two Registrars discussed issues of common importance to the ad hoc Tribunals including cooperation, the completion strategy and the downsizing process as well as the Tribunals' engagement with local communities.

In the second-leg of his mission, the Registrar visited Rwanda, where he met with the Minister of Justice and judges of the Supreme and Higher Courts, as well as with relevant non-governmental and victims' organisations. He also visited national information centres and the Kigali and Murambi Genocide Memorials, in order to share ideas and experience on how to preserve the work of the Tribunals, the record of facts established during the course of trials and the memory of the conflicts in regions.

[1 – 3 September](#)
**Serbian judges
and prosecutors
at the ICTY**

From 1 till 3 September, the Tribunal's Outreach programme hosted a visit by five judges from the War Crimes Chamber of the Higher Court in Belgrade, five judges from the War Crimes Department of Belgrade Appellate Court and two prosecutors from the War Crimes Prosecutor's Office. The guests held peer-to-peer meetings with ICTY judges and prosecutors, during which they discussed matters of mutual interest, including plea bargaining, confirmation of indictments, protective measures for witnesses and ICTY assistance to Serbian courts.

Organised by the OSCE Mission to Serbia and the US Embassy in Belgrade, the visit forms part of the Tribunal's efforts to strengthen its co-operation with the judiciary in the former Yugoslavia and secure a lasting legacy in the region.

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 6 SEPTEMBER – 17 SEPTEMBER

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

MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I	09:00 – 14:30, Karadžić , Trial
Courtroom II	09:00 – 13:45, Perišić , Trial 14:15 – 19:00, Stanišić & Simatović , Trial
Courtroom III	09:00 – 13:45, Stanišić & Župljanin , Trial 14:15 – 19:00, Tolimir , Trial

TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I	09:00 – 13:45, Stanišić & Župljanin , Trial 14:15 – 19:00, Karadžić , Trial
Courtroom II	09:00 – 13:45, Perišić , Trial 14:15 – 19:00, Stanišić & Simatović , Trial
Courtroom III	09:00 – 13:45, Tolimir , Trial

WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I	09:00 – 14:30, Karadžić , Trial
Courtroom II	09:00 – 13:45, Perišić , Trial
Courtroom III	09:00 – 13:45, Stanišić & Župljanin , Trial 14:15 – 19:00, Tolimir , Trial

THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

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FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I	09:00 – 14:30, Karadžić , Trial
Courtroom II	09:00 – 13:45, Perišić , Trial
Courtroom III	14:15 – 19:00, Tolimir , Trial

MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I	09:00 – 14:30, Karadžić , Trial
Courtroom II	09:00 – 13:45, Perišić , Trial 14:15 – 19:00, Stanišić & Simatović , Trial
Courtroom III	09:00 – 13:45, Tolimir , Trial 14:15 – 19:00, Stanišić & Župljanin , Trial

TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I	09:00 – 13:45, Karadžić , Trial 14:15 – 19:00, Stanišić & Župljanin , Trial
Courtroom II	09:00 – 13:45, Perišić , Trial 14:15 – 19:00, Stanišić & Simatović , Trial
Courtroom III	09:00 – 13:45, Tolimir , Trial 14:15 – 16:30, Šainović et al , Status Conference

WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 14:30, **Karadžić**, Trial
Courtroom II 14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Tolimir**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial

THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 14:30, **Karadžić**, Trial
Courtroom II 14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Tolimir**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial

FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

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

PROCEEDINGS COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO 124 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 124 of them: 12 have been acquitted, 63 sentenced (three are awaiting transfer, 25 have been transferred, 32 have served their term, and three 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 37 accused: 14 are at the appeals stage, 18 are currently on trial, and three are at the pre-retrial stage. Two fugitives are still at large.

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

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