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ICTY WEEKLY UPDATE – 248

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT *WEEKLY UPDATE* WILL BE PUBLISHED ON
10 JANUARY 2003.

PROCEDURAL DEVELOPMENTS:

I. OVERVIEW OF COURT PROCEEDINGS:

MILOŠEVIĆ Case (“Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina”)

Trial Chamber III – Judges May (Presiding), Robinson and Kwon

12th week of the Prosecution case (only on Wednesday 18 December).

On 18 December 2002, the following witness was examined by the Prosecution and subsequently cross-examined by the Accused and one of the *amici curiae*:

- Witness Petar Poljanić

The Trial Chamber gave its conclusions as to the future conduct of the proceedings:

1. The trial will proceed according to timetable, due allowance being made for illness and such rest days as appropriate. There will be no other extension of time for the Prosecution case.
2. Defence counsel will not be imposed upon the accused against his wishes in the present circumstances. It is not normally appropriate in adversarial proceedings such as these. The Trial Chamber will keep the position under review.
3. The Accused will not be provisionally released, as he has asked, during the course of these proceedings.

The trial was then adjourned until **9 January 2003**.

PLAVŠIĆ Case (“Bosnia and Herzegovina”)

Trial Chamber III – Judges May (Presiding), Robinson and Kwon

From 16 until 18 December 2002, the Trial Chamber convened for the Sentencing Hearing, following the guilty plea entered by the Accused on 2 October 2002.

Prosecution witnesses:

- Witness Mirsad Tokača
- Witness Adil Draganović
- Witness Teufika Ibrahimfendić
- Witness Prof. Elie Wiesel (via video link)

Defence witnesses:

- Witness Milorad Dodik
- Witness Carl Bildt
- Witness Robert Frowick

Common witnesses for Prosecution and Defence:

- Witness Dr. Madeleine Albright
- Witness Dr. Alex Boraine

The Accused, Biljana Plavšić, gave a statement.

On 18 December 2002, the Prosecution and the Defence presented their closing statements. The Trial Chamber will render its Sentencing Judgement in due course and the Accused will remain provisionally released until the time of sentencing (see below).

II. OVERVIEW OF SELECTED COURT DOCUMENTS:

KVOČKA *et al.* Case (“Omarska, Keraterm and Trnopolje Camps”)

President of the Tribunal – Judge Jorda

DÉCISION DU PRÉSIDENT RELATIVE À LA LIBÉRATION ANTICIPÉE DE MIROSLAV KVOČKA

On 13 December 2002, the President of the Tribunal rejected Miroslav Kvočka’s request for early release. Miroslav Kvočka filed his request on 25 November 2002.

PLAVŠIĆ Case (“Bosnia and Herzegovina”)

Trial Chamber III – Judges May (Presiding), Robinson and Kwon

ORDER FOR CONTINUATION OF PROVISIONAL RELEASE

On 18 December 2002, the Trial Chamber granted the confidential Defence Request seeking the continuation of provisional release for the Accused. It ordered that the provisional release for Biljana Plavšić continue as soon as practicable under the same conditions as set out in the Trial Chamber Decision of 6 September 2001. The Trial Chamber further ordered that Biljana Plavšić shall return at such time and on such date as the Trial Chamber may order prior to the rendering of the Sentencing Judgement in this matter.

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 06 JANUARY – 10 JANUARY 2003*

MONDAY 6 JANUARY

No hearing

TUESDAY 7 JANUARY

No hearing

WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY

Courtroom I 14:15 - 19:00, **Galić**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 - 13:45, **Stakić**, Trial
Courtroom III 14:15 - 19:00, **Simić *et al.***, Trial

THURSDAY 9 JANUARY

Courtroom I 09:00 - 13:45, **Milošević**, Trial
14:15 - 19:00, **Galić**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 - 13:45, **Stakić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:30 - 13:00, **Simić *et al.***, Trial
14:30 - 16:30, **Simić *et al.***, Trial

FRIDAY 10 JANUARY

Courtroom I 09:00 - 13:45, **Milošević**, Trial
14:15 - 19:00, **Galić**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 - 13:45, **Stakić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:30 - 13:00, **Simić *et al.***, Trial
14:30 - 16:30, **Simić *et al.***, Trial

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DATE	NUMBER	TITLE	E	F	B/C/S
13/12/02	717	MILORAD KRNOJELAC GRANTED A FIVE-DAY PROVISIONAL RELEASE FOR FAMILY REASONS	E		B/C/S
13/12/02	718	27 th PLENARY OF THE ICTY JUDGES	E	F	B/C/S
19/12/02	719	SECURITY COUNCIL STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF STATES’ FULL COOPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNALS	E		B/C/S
19/12/02	720	ASSOCIATION OF DEFENCE COUNSEL FORMALLY RECOGNISED BY THE ICTY	E		B/C/S
20/12/02	721	ICTY PROSECUTOR, CARLA DEL PONTE ADDRESSES ONCE AGAIN “THE UNSATISFACTORY CO-OPERATION” OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA	E		

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