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**ACCUSED ALEKSOVSKI TURNED OVER TO THE TRIBUNAL**

**Zlatko ALEKSOVSKI**, one of the accused named in the indictment "Kordić and Others" ("Lašva Valley area") issued by the Tribunal on 10 November 1995, was turned over to the Tribunal by the Croatian authorities today.

**ALEKSOVSKI** was arrested by the Croatian police on 8 June 1996 in Split, Croatia.

**He will make his initial appearance before Judge JORDA on 29 April 1997 at 3 pm, when he will be asked to enter a plea.**

**Background**

The indictment "Kordić and Others" arose out of the investigation into "the persecution on political, racial and religious grounds of the Bosnian Muslim population" of the Lašva Valley area (Central Bosnia) between May 1992 and May 1993. The charges against General Blaškić, one of the six accused in the indictment, were amended and are now contained in a separate indictment.

According to the indictment, **Zlatko ALEKSOVSKI**, born on 8 January 1960 in Pakrac (Croatia), became in January 1993 the commander of the detention facility at Kaonik, near Busovača, prior to becoming, in May 1993, the Head of the District HVO "Heliodrom" prison in Mostar.

The indictment alleges that "Many of the detainees under his control were subjected to inhumane treatment, including, but not limited to, excessive and cruel interrogation, physical and psychological harm, forced labour (digging trenches), in hazardous circumstances, being used as human shields and some were murdered or otherwise killed."

**ALEKSOVSKI** is charged with Grave breaches of the 1949 Geneva Conventions, and a Violation of the law or customs of war, for the unlawful treatment of Bosnian Muslim detainees in his capacity as a commander of the detention facility at Kaonik.

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