

# Aleksovski case update: Accused seeks separate trial and challenges the form of his indictment.

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## **ALEKSOVSKI CASE UPDATE: ACCUSED SEEKS SEPARATE TRIAL AND CHALLENGES THE FORM OF HIS INDICTMENT**

In a motion filed on 19 June 1997, the accused Zlatko Aleksovski seeks an amendment of his indictment and a separate trial from his co-accused in the indictment (Kordic & Others ("Lasva River Valley area")).

### **I. Form of the Indictment**

The accused requests the trial Chamber to *"order the Prosecutor to supply a sufficient description of the relevant conduct of the accused in connection with the specific elements constituting a crime as meant in the indictment"*, and *"add to the individual charges a precise description of the place, time and manner of execution of the alleged crime and, above all, persons involved"*.

### **II. Separate Trial**

In his motion, the accused also seeks to be severed from his 4 co-accused in the indictment, issued on 10 November 1995, and tried separately, *"to avoid a possible conflict of interests and to protect the interests of justice"*. The accused's right to be tried without undue delay can only be protected if he is tried separately, he claims.

The accused seeks a ruling from the Trial Chamber that he be tried separately to protect the interests of justice.