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THE TRIAL OF GENERAL BLAŠKIĆ WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY 24 JUNE

Judge Shahabuddeen assigned to the Trial Chamber

At the Prosecutor's request, Trial Chamber I will hold on Monday 23 June a closed hearing related to protective measures for witnesses which, under Rule 67 (A), must be taken "prior to the commencement of the trial".

Therefore, the trial of General Blaškić will begin on Tuesday 24 June at 9.30 a.m.

Judge Mohamed SHAHABUDDEEN assigned to Trial Chamber I

As expected, Judge Mohamed SHAHABUDDEEN, one of the Judges newly elected on 20 May 1997 (see PR 197), has joined the Tribunal to replace Judge Deschênes who resigned for health reasons. In an Order dated 16 June 1997, President Cassese assigned him to Trial Chamber I.

Trial Chamber I, which will sit in the Blaškić case, will thus be composed of Judges Jorda (presiding), Riad and Shahabuddeen.

Biographical note of Judge Shahabuddeen

Judge Shahabuddeen, from Guyana, was born in 1931.

He has occupied many judicial and governmental positions in Guyana, including those of Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs.

He has also served as a Judge at the International Court of Justice from 1988 to February 1997 and has worked as an Arbitrator and Consultant in international law.

Judge Shahabuddeen is, among others, member of the *Institut de droit international* and of the *Société française de droit international*. He has published numerous books and articles.

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