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MLAĐO RADIĆ TRANSFERRED TO FRANCE TO SERVE HIS 20 YEAR PRISON SENTENCE

Yesterday, 15 November 2005, Mlađo Radić was transferred to France to serve his sentence of 20 years' imprisonment for one count of crimes against humanity and three counts of violations of the laws or customs of war.

On 2 November 2001, Radić was sentenced by the Trial Chamber, alongside Miroslav Kvočka, Milojica Kos, Zoran Žigić and Dragoljub Prcać for crimes committed at the Omarska, Trnopolje and Keraterm camps in the Prijedor municipality of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Radić was a professional policeman attached to the Omarska police station. The Trial Chamber found that he took up his duties as shift leader of guards in the Omarska camp on approximately 28 May 1992 and remained there until the end of August 1992. As a guard shift leader, Radić was found to have been in a position of substantial authority over guards on his shift. He used his power selectively to prevent crimes, ignoring the vast majority of crimes committed on his shift. The Trial Chamber noted that guards on his shift were particularly brutal and that Radić personally committed sexual violence against female detainees. The Trial Chamber found that Radić played a substantial role in the functioning of the Omarska camp and that he was a co-perpetrator of the joint criminal enterprise. He was found guilty under Article 7(1) of the Tribunal's Statute as a co-perpetrator of the following crimes committed as part of a joint criminal enterprise: persecutions under Article 5 of the Statute, and murder and torture under Article 3 of the Statute. The Trial Chamber sentenced Radić to a single sentence of 20 years' imprisonment.

The Appeals Chamber dismissed all Radić's grounds of appeal and affirmed the sentence of 20 years' imprisonment as imposed by the Trial Chamber.

Seventeen other accused have been transferred and are serving their sentences: Duško Sikirica and Mitar Vasiljević in Austria; Duško Tadić and Dragoljub Kunarac in Germany; Drago Josipović, Vladimir Šantić and Darko Mrdja in Spain; Zoran Vuković, Radomir Kovač and Dragan Obrenović in Norway; Goran Jelisić in Italy; Biljana Plavšić in Sweden; Hazim Delić and Esad Landžo in Finland; Ranko Cesić in Denmark; Predrag Banović in France; and Radislav Krstić in the United Kingdom.

Courtroom proceedings can be followed on the Tribunal's website.

The Trial Chamber judgement in this case can be found at

www.un.org/icty/kvočka/trialc/judgement/index.htm.

The Appeals Chamber judgement in this case can be found at

<http://www.un.org/icty/kvočka/appeal/judgement/index.htm>.

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