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## TEMPORARY PROVISIONAL RELEASE GRANTED FOR DRAGOLJUB OJDANIĆ

The Trial Chamber yesterday granted Dragoljub Ojdanić's request for temporary provisional release to Serbia on compassionate grounds. Ojdanić is to be provisionally released for five days, between 12 and 18 July and his release is subject to specific terms and conditions including 24 hour surveillance by Serbian authorities.

On 22 June 2007, Ojdanić filed a motion requesting temporary provisional release to visit an ailing sister and to attend to his daughter's wedding preparations. The Trial Chamber granted the request as it considered the case appropriate based on family circumstances.

As a former high-level political and military leader of Serbia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY), the charges against Ojdanić focus on an alleged campaign of terror and violence directed against Kosovo Albanians and other non-Serbs living in Kosovo during 1999. He is charged with crimes against humanity and war crimes that include deportation, forcible transfer, murder and persecutions of thousands of Kosovo Albanians.

The trial began on 10 July 2006 and the Prosecution completed its case-in-chief on 1 May 2007. The Defence case is scheduled to commence on 6 August 2007.

The full text of the Trial Chamber's decision can be found on the Tribunal's website at [www.un.org/icty](http://www.un.org/icty).

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