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ŠAINOVIĆ GRANTED PROVISIONAL RELEASE

The Trial Chamber today granted Nikola Šainović temporary provisional release on the basis of urgent personal reasons to return to Serbia from 5 April to 7 April 2008.

Šainović's temporary release is subject to a number of strict conditions, including 24-hour surveillance of the accused by Serbian authorities, as detailed in the Trial Chamber's decision.

Šainović was the former Deputy Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. He is on trial together with 5 co-accused, Milan Milutinović, Nebojša Pavković, Dragoljub Ojdanić, Vladimir Lazarević and Sreten Lukić for an alleged campaign of terror and violence directed against Kosovo Albanians and other non-Serbs living in Kosovo in 1999. All have been charged with deportation, forcible transfer, murder and persecutions of thousands of Kosovo Albanians and other non-Serbs.

The trial commenced on 10 July 2006. The Prosecution completed its case-in-chief on 1 May 2007, following which the Trial Chamber dismissed all Defence motions for acquittal for each of the accused. The Defence case started on 6 August 2007. To date, 5 of the 6 defence cases have been completed with Lukić's defence ongoing.

The full text of the decision can be found in English on the Tribunal's website at www.un.org/icty.

Courtroom proceedings can be followed on the Tribunal's website www.un.org/icty.

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