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## Milutinović Granted Provisional Release

Milan Milutinović has been granted temporary provisional release to return to Serbia to undergo a medical procedure from 10 September to 2 October 2008.

Milutinović's temporary release is subject to a number of strict conditions, including 24-hour surveillance of the accused by Serbian authorities.

Milutinović was the President of Serbia from 1997 to 2002. He is on trial together with five co-accused, Nebojša Pavković, Nikola Šainović, 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 and finished on 16 May 2008. The closing arguments were held from 19 to 27 August 2008.

The full text of the decision can be found in English on the Tribunal's website at <http://www.un.org/icty/milutino87/trialc/decision-e/080905a.pdf>.

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*Courtroom proceedings can be followed on the Tribunal's website [www.un.org/icty](http://www.un.org/icty).*

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