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Trial Chamber II will render its judgement in the contempt case of Vojislav Šešelj on Friday, 24 July at 14:15 in Courtroom I.

Šešelj, the leader of the Serbian Radical Party, is on trial before the Tribunal for alleged crimes committed in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia between 1991 and 1994.

The additional charges of contempt are related to the disclosure of the name and other personal details of three protected witnesses in Šešelj's war crimes trial.

Šešelj is alleged to have authored a book in which the information was published, along with other material such as excerpts of the written statement of one of these witnesses, the disclosure of which was prohibited.



Vojislav Šešelj

Trial Chamber II issued its Order in lieu of a contempt Indictment on 21 January 2009. Šešelj pleaded not guilty to the charge of contempt at his initial appearance on 6 March 2009 and the trial took place on 29 May 2009.

The Tribunal regards the safety of witnesses and the integrity of confidential materials as essential elements in the rule of law. Several persons who have attempted to interfere with the judicial process by revealing confidential information or endangering witnesses have been prosecuted.

An information sheet on this contempt case is available at:
http://www.icty.org/x/cases/contempt_seselj/cis/en/cis_seselj_contempt_en.pdf

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

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