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ICTY Spokesman denounces shameful denial of the Srebrenica genocide

During his weekly press briefing, ICTY spokesman Refik Hodžić comments on a special supplement published by the Belgrade-based daily *Glas Javnosti* which denies the genocide committed in Srebrenica: "I would like to state that the piece in question represents shameful denial of the facts that this court has established beyond reasonable doubt about the genocide committed in Srebrenica (...), in the judgements by the Trial and Appeals Chambers in the case against Radislav Krstić."

More than 7000 men and boys were killed in Srebrenica in July 1995.

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Carla Del Ponte worried that Karadzic and Mladic may never be in the Tribunal's custody

Olga Kavran, spokesperson for the OTP, says during the weekly press briefing that "the Prosecutor was very surprised to see that the response of the international community and especially the Presidency of the European Union, to the ruling of the International Court of Justice appears to be quite muted." She adds that "given the Tribunal's Completion Strategy and the ever increasing pressure on the ICTY to close its doors by the end of 2010, the Prosecutor is worried that we may never see Mladić and Karadžić in our custody. That would have a devastating impact on international justice and our battle against impunity."

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Prosecution soon to finish its case against D. Milošević

The Prosecution is ordered by Trial Chamber III to finish its case on Friday 27 April. The Defence will start their case on 18 May.

Dragomir Milošević, a former commander of the Sarajevo Romanija Corps (SRK) of the Bosnian Serb Army (VRS), has been charged with murder, terror and attacks on civilians in relation to a campaign of sniping and shelling attacks on the city of Sarajevo. His trial started on 11 January 2007. See also page two.

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Appeal judgement for Bralo next Monday

The Appeals Chamber issues a scheduling order stating that the judgement in the case against Miroslav Bralo will be rendered on Monday 2 April at 3 p.m.

A former member of the "Jokers," an anti-terrorist platoon of the Croatian Defence Council (HVO), Miroslav Bralo on 19 July 2005 pleaded guilty to a broad range of war crimes committed in and around the central Bosnian villages of Ahmići and Nadioci. On 7 December 2006, he was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment for his role in the multiple murder, rape, torture, unlawful confinement and inhumane treatment of Bosnian Muslim civilians, including a number of children, in central Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) between January and mid-July 1993.

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Appeals Chamber affirms conviction and sentence of Jović for contempt

The Appeals Chamber issues its Judgement dismissing all the grounds of appeal by Jović and affirming the fine of 20,000 euros, payable within thirty days.

A Croatian journalist, Josip Jović, on 30 August 2006 was found guilty of contempt of the Tribunal for having published closed session transcripts and parts of a witness statement given to the Office of the Prosecutor by witness Stjepan Mesić, the Croatian President who testified in the case against former Croatian Army General Tihomir Blaškić.

The full text of the Judgement can be found on the ICTY website at:
<http://www.un.org/icty/pressreal/2007/pr1146e-summary.htm>

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**Brdjanin Appeal
Judgement on
Tuesday**

The Appeals Chamber issues a scheduling order stating that it will render its judgement in the case against Radoslav Brdjanin on 3 April at 2 p.m.

Radoslav Brdjanin was sentenced to 32 years' imprisonment by Trial Chamber II on 1 September 2004. A leading political figure in the Autonomous Region of Krajina (ARK), self-established in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brdjanin was convicted on counts of persecutions as a crime against humanity (torture, deportation and forcible transfer as an inhumane act), willful killing and torture as grave breaches of the 1949 Geneva Conventions, wanton destruction of cities, towns and villages or devastation not justified by military necessity and destruction or willful damage done to institutions dedicated to religion as violations of the laws and customs of war.

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**Trial Chamber
visits alleged
crime scenes in
Sarajevo**

The Trial Chamber in the case of Dragomir Milošević, former commander of the Sarajevo Romanija Corps (SRK) of the Bosnian Serb Army (VRS), today begins a three-day site visit to several locations in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The visiting delegation consists of judges from Trial Chamber III, representatives of both the Prosecution and Defence, and support staff from the Tribunal.

ICTY PROCEEDINGS COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO 100 ACCUSED

Since the very first hearing (referral request in the Tadić case) on 8 November 1994, the Tribunal has indicted a total of 161 individuals, and has already completed proceedings with regard to 100 of them: five have been acquitted, 48 sentenced (seven are awaiting transfer, 24 have been transferred, 16 have served their term, and one died while serving his sentence), 11 have had their cases transferred to local courts. Another 36 cases have been terminated (either because indictments were withdrawn or because the accused died, before or after transfer to the Tribunal).

Proceedings are on-going with regard to 61 accused: 13 are at the appeals stage, five are awaiting judgement by a Trial Chamber, 23 are currently on trial, 14 are at pre-trial and six are still at large.

The figure of the accused at the appeals stage includes Sefer Halilović, Fatmir Limaj and Isak Musliu (who have been acquitted and released but against whom an appeal by the Office of the Prosecutor is running), as well as Amir Kubura and Naser Orić. These two accused have been sentenced and granted early release (Kubura) and release (Orić), but the OTP has appealed against the Trial Chamber's Judgements.

A further 19 individuals have also been the subject of contempt proceedings.

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