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Miodrag Jokić granted early release

ICTY President Pocar issues a Decision granting the early release of Miodrag Jokić who has been serving a seven-year term of imprisonment in Denmark.

A co-accused of Pavle Strugar and Vladimir Kovačević in the Dubrovnik case, Miodrag Jokić surrendered in 2001 and pleaded guilty on 27 August 2003 to the crimes of unlawful attack on civilians within the Old Town of Dubrovnik, to the murder of two persons in the course of the attack, and to the cruel treatment, by wounding, of three others in the course of the same attack. He also pleaded guilty to devastation not justified by military necessity, for unlawful attack on civilian objects and for the destruction or wilful damage done to institutions dedicated to religion, charity, and education, the arts and sciences, historic monuments and works of art and science.

On 18 March 2004, a Trial Chamber sentenced Miodrag Jokić to seven years' imprisonment. On 30 August 2005, the Appeals Chamber affirmed this sentence. Miodrag Jokić was transferred to Denmark on 5 October 2006.

[2 September](#)

Rasim Delić: judgement to be rendered on 15 September

The Trial Chamber consisting of Judge Moloto (Presiding), Judge Harhoff and Judge Lattanzi will render its judgement in the case of Rasim Delić, the former chief-of-staff of the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at 2:30 p.m.

The trial commenced on 9 July 2007 and concluded on 11 June 2008. The accused faced four counts of violations of the laws or customs of war (murder, cruel treatment, rape) for not having taken measures to prevent or punish the crimes committed by the El Mujahed Detachment under his alleged command between June 1993 and September 1995. The Prosecution recommended a sentence of 15 years' imprisonment. The Defence held that the accused should be acquitted.

[3 September](#)

Predrag Banović granted early release

President Pocar issues a Decision granting the early release of Predrag Banović, who has been serving an eight-year sentence in France.

Pursuant to a plea agreement, Banović pleaded guilty on 26 June 2003 to one count of persecution of non-Serbs detained at the Keraterm camp, and on 28 October 2003, he was sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment. Banović, who had been in custody since 9 November 2001, was transferred to France on 28 July 2004 to serve the remainder of his sentence.

[4 September](#)

Haxhiu contempt case closed

The Appeals Chamber (Judge Schomburg, Presiding; Judge Shahabuddeen, Judge Guney, Judge Vaz and Judge Meron) declared "inadmissible" the notice of appeal filed by Baton Haxhiu against the Judgement of 24 July 2008. Haxhiu was found guilty of contempt for knowingly revealing confidential information related to a protected witness in violation of an order of a Trial Chamber; he was sentenced to a fine of 7,000 euros.

On 18 August 2008, Haxhiu filed his notice of appeal but the Appeals Chamber considered that this notice was filed "outside the time limit." It accordingly declared "the case closed."

[5 September](#)

Outreach conference on Brčko cases held in Belgrade

The Outreach Programme takes part in a conference addressing war crimes committed in Brčko. The event, held in Belgrade, gathers an audience of around 200, including victims from Brčko as well as several youth groups from Serbia. Laurel Baig from the OTP and Rebecca Cuthill and Matias Hellman from the Registry give presentations explaining the Tribunal's investigations and court cases, notably those of Goran Jelisić and Ranko Češić.

The following press release was issued: NJ/MOW/1280e at <http://www.un.org/icty/latest-e/index.htm>

[8-11 September](#)

Haraqija and Morina on trial for contempt

Astrit Haraqija and Bajrush Morina stand trial on charges of contempt. The Trial Chamber (Judge Orić, Presiding; Judge Van den Wyngaert and Judge Moloto) is now considering its judgement.

On 25 April 2008, Astrit Haraqija, former Kosovo Minister for Culture, Youth and Sport, and Bajrush Morina, former political advisor to the Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, were both indicted for contempt of court after allegedly trying to persuade a protected witness not to testify against Ramush Haradinaj. At their initial appearance of 28 April 2008, both accused pleaded not guilty.

[10-11 September](#)

Prosecutor Brammertz in Belgrade

Prosecutor Serge Brammertz goes for his second official visit to Serbia in his capacity as ICTY Prosecutor of the Tribunal. Prosecutor Brammertz meets with Serbian officials in charge of cooperation with the ICTY – Prosecutor Vukčević and the Action Team, Minister Ljajić and his colleagues from the Office for Cooperation with the ICTY, as well as the President and the Prime Minister of Serbia.

"The purpose of the working meetings is to discuss current issues in relation to cooperation, such as access to documents and archives, access to and protection of witnesses as well as the search for the remaining two fugitives – Ratko Mladić and Goran Hadžić," according to the Prosecutor's Spokesperson, Olga Kavran.

[10 September](#)

Hartmann contempt case delayed

Judge Orić issues an order postponing the initial appearance of Florence Hartmann, initially scheduled for this Monday, until Monday 13 October, at 2:15 p.m. The Order considers a filing by the accused in which she sets forth "professional obligations with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe which make her unable to travel" next week.

On 27 August, Florence Hartmann was charged with two counts of contempt for having "knowingly and willfully...disclos[ed] information in violation of an order of the Appeals Chamber," in a book and an article she published after her departure from the ICTY.

[11 September](#)

Petković sentenced to four months' imprisonment

Trial Chamber III (Judge Antonetti, Presiding, Judge Harhoff and Judge Lattanzi) finds Ljubiša Petković guilty of contempt of the Tribunal by refusing to appear as a Chamber's witness in the case of Vojislav Šešelj. The accused is sentenced to four months' imprisonment, with credit being given for the three months and 14 days already spent in the Detention Unit.

The following press release, including a link to the summary of the Judgement was issued: NJ/MOW/1282e at <http://www.un.org/icty/latest-e/index.htm>

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 15 SEPTEMBER – 26 SEPTEMBER 2008

MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al.**, Trial
14:30 – 17:00, **Rasim Delić**, Judgement by the Trial Chamber
Courtroom II 14:15 – 19:00, **Lukić&Lukić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al.**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić et al.**, Trial

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić et al.**, Trial
Courtroom II 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić&Lukić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al.**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Popović et al.**, Trial

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić et al.**, Trial
14:15 – 17:00, **Radovan Karadžić**, Status Conference
Courtroom II 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić&Lukić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al.**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Popović et al.**, Trial

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić et al.**, Trial
Courtroom II 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić&Lukić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al.**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Popović et al.**, Trial

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al.**, Trial
Courtroom II 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić&Lukić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al.**, Trial

MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I 14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić et al.**, Trial
Courtroom II 14:15 – 19:00, **Lukić&Lukić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al.**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al.**, Trial

TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I 14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić et al.**, Trial
Courtroom II 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić &Lukić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al.**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al.**, Trial

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I 14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić et al.**, Trial,
Courtroom II 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić &Lukić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al.**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al.**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Momčilo Perišić**, Pre-trial Conference

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I 14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić et al.**, Trial
Courtroom II 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić &Lukić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al.**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al.**, Trial

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al.**, Trial
Courtroom II 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić &Lukić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al.**, Trial

****Public proceedings are also broadcast with a 30 minute delay on the ICTY's website.***

PROCEEDINGS COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO 115 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 115 of them: 10 have been acquitted, 56 sentenced (three are awaiting transfer, 27 have been transferred, 24 have served their term, and two died while serving their sentence), 13 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 46 accused: ten are at the appeals stage, seven are awaiting the Trial Chamber's judgement, 21 are currently on trial, six are at the pre-trial stage. Two fugitives are still at large.

A further 29 individuals have been or are the subject of contempt proceedings.

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