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Deputy Registrar John Hocking acts as Registrar

Following the expiration of the term of office of the Registrar, Hans Holthuis (The Netherlands), his Deputy, John Hocking (Australia), is designated Officer in Charge of the Registry. He will act as Registrar until the successor to Hans Holthuis is appointed.

[2 January](#)

Appeals filed in the Haraqija and Morina contempt case

The Prosecution and the Defence file their appeals against the Trial Chamber's Judgement of 17 December in which Astrit Haraqija and Bajrush Morina were found guilty of contempt of the Tribunal and sentenced, respectively, to five and three months' imprisonment.

On 17 December 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 found guilty of contempt of court for having knowingly and willingly interfered with the administration of justice by trying to persuade a protected witness not to testify against Ramush Haradinaj in the trial of Haradinaj et al.

[5 January](#)

Detention Unit's new Commanding Officer takes up her office

Michelle Paynter is a native from Australia.

Prior to joining the ICTY, Michelle was General Manager of the Mid North Coast Correctional Centre in New South Wales, Australia, a 618 bed multi classification male prison. Michelle Paynter worked in corrections for 20 years across three states of Australia - Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales. Her extensive experience includes managing male facilities of open to maximum security in Queensland and New South Wales.

Michelle Paynter holds university degrees in Social Sciences - Interprofessional Leadership and Public Sector Management. She also holds a Graduate Diploma of Correctional Administration and a Diploma of Justice Administration.

[6 January](#)

Župljanin and Karadžić will be tried separately

A specially appointed Trial Chamber (Judge Kwon, Presiding, Judge Bonomy, and Judge Parker) issues its Decision with regards to Stojan Župljanin's motion to have his case joined to Radovan Karadžić's: the Motion is denied.

The Chamber's Decision hinges on the finding that "there are significant differences between the two indictments".

[15 January](#)

Stanislav Galić to serve his life sentence in Germany life sentence

"Stanislav Galić, a former senior Bosnian Serb Army commander, was transferred today to Germany to serve his life sentence for crimes committed in and around the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo from 1992 to 1994," reads a press release, which is available from the ICTY website in BCS, English and French.

The transfer of Galić brings the number of convicted persons transferred and currently serving their sentence to 29; 24 others have finished serving their sentence and two died while serving their sentence. Only two convicted persons are awaiting their transfer: Milan Martić and Pavle Strugar.

[16 January](#)

**Pavle Strugar
granted early
release**

President Robinson issues an Order granting early release to Pavle Strugar, convicted for war crimes committed by JNA troops under his command during the attack on the Old Town of Dubrovnik (Croatia) on 6 December 2001 and sentenced on 17 July 2008 by the Appeals Chamber to 7, 5 years imprisonment. Pavle Strugar will be on early release as of 20 February.

The President mainly considered two factors: the fact that Pavle Strugar will have served two thirds of his sentence on 16 February 2009; and his deteriorating medical condition.

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 20 JANUARY – 30 JANUARY

TUESDAY 20 JANUARY

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

WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY

Trial Chamber I 09:00 – 12:30, **Mrksić & Sljivancanin**, Appeal
14:15 – 17:45, **Mrksić & Sljivancanin**, Appeal
Trial Chamber II 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Šešelj**, Trial
Trial Chamber III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Popović et al**, Trial

THURSDAY 22 JANUARY

Trial Chamber I 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
14:15 – 18:30, **Šešelj**, Trial
Trial Chamber II 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić & Lukić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial
Trial Chamber III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Popović et al**, Trial

FRIDAY 23 JANUARY

Trial Chamber I 09:00 – 13:00, **Mrksić & Sljivancanin**, Appeal
14:15 – 16:00, **Mrksić & Sljivancanin**, Appeal
Trial Chamber II 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić & Lukić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Djordjević**, Trial
Trial Chamber III 09:00 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al**, Trial

MONDAY 26 JANUARY

Trial Chamber I 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial
15:30 – 19:00, **Djordjević**, Pre- Trial
Trial Chamber II 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
14:15 – 19:10, **Lukić & Lukić**, Trial
Trial Chamber III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić**, Trial

TUESDAY 27 JANUARY

Trial Chamber I 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordjević**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
Trial Chamber II 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:10, **Lukić & Lukić**, Trial
Trial Chamber III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al**, Trial

WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY

Trial Chamber I 09:00 – 13:45, Djordjević, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, Gotovina et al, Trial
Trial Chamber II 08:30 – 13:15, Šešelj, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, Lukić & Lukić, Trial
Trial Chamber III 09:00 – 13:45, Popović et al, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, Prlić, Trial

THURSDAY 29 JANUARY

Trial Chamber I 09:00 – 13:45, Perišić, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, Gotovina et al, Trial
Trial Chamber II 08:30 – 13:15, Šešelj, Trial
14:15 – 19:10, Lukić & Lukić, Trial
Trial Chamber III 09:00 – 13:45, Popović et al, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, Prlić, Trial

FRIDAY 30 JANUARY

Trial Chamber I 09:00 – 13:45, Djordjević, Trial
Trial Chamber II 09:00 – 13:45, Gotovina et al, Trial
Trial Chamber III 09:00 – 13:45, Popović et al, Trial

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

PROCEEDINGS COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO 116 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 116 of them: 10 have been acquitted, 57 sentenced (two are awaiting transfer, 29 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 45 accused: ten are at the appeals stage, six are awaiting the Trial Chamber's judgement, 20 are currently on trial, and seven 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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