

United Nations  
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pour l'ex-Yougoslavie

## “VUKOVAR HOSPITAL” (IT-95-13a)

# SLAVKO DOKMANOVIĆ


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DOKMANOVIĆ**
*Indicted for: willfully causing great suffering; willful killing; cruel treatment; murder and inhumane acts*


President of the Vukovar municipality in eastern Croatia from 1990 until mid-1991

- Deceased on **29 June 1998**
- Proceedings terminated on **15 July 1998**

### *Crimes indicted for (examples):*

**Inhumane acts; murder** (crimes against humanity)

**Cruel treatment; murder** (violations of the laws or customs of war)

**Wilfully causing great suffering; wilful killing** (Grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions)

- JNA and Serb paramilitary soldiers took non-Serb men from Vukovar Hospital to a farm building where they beat them for several hours, resulting in at least two deaths. The men were later transported to a site between Ovčara farm and Grabovo, where they were shot or otherwise killed by the same soldiers. Slavko Dokmanović, as President of Vukovar Municipality, aided and abetted or participated in these events.

<b>Born</b>	14 December 1949
<b>Indictment</b>	Initial: 3 April 1996; second amended: 2 December 1997
<b>Arrested</b>	27 June 1997 by UNTAES
<b>Transferred to ICTY</b>	27 June 1997
<b>Initial and further appearances</b>	4 July 1997, pleaded "not guilty" to all counts

## STATISTICS

Witnesses called by Prosecution	43
Witnesses called by Defence	42

Trial	
Trial Chamber I	Judge Antonio Cassese (Presiding), Richard May, Florence Mumba
Counsel for the Prosecution	Grant Niemann, Clint Williamson, Stefan Waespi, Ann Sutherland
Counsel for the Defence	Toma Fila, Vladimir Petrović

RELATED CASES <i>by geographical area</i>
MRKSIC <i>et al.</i> (IT-95-13/1) "VUKOVAR HOSPITAL"

## INDICTMENT AND CHARGES

The initial indictment against Mile Mrkšić, Miroslav Radić and Veselin Šljivančanin was confirmed on 7 November 1995. The first amended indictment, confirmed on 3 April 1996, added Slavko Dokmanović to this indictment and it remained under seal until his apprehension by the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia ("UNTAES") on 27 June 1997.

The second amended indictment ("indictment"), dated 2 December 1997, alleges that, by late August 1991, the federal Yugoslav Peoples Army ("JNA") had surrounded the city of Vukovar and engaged in a sustained artillery attack on the city, resulting in its fall on 18 November 1991. In the last days of the siege, several hundred people sought refuge at the Vukovar Hospital.

According to the indictment, on about 20 November 1991, the JNA and Serb paramilitary soldiers, aided and abetted by Slavko Dokmanović and under the command or supervision of Mile Mrkšić, Miroslav Radić and Veselin Šljivančanin, removed at least 200 non-Serb individuals from the Vukovar Hospital and then transported them to a farm building in Ovčara where they beat them for several hours. Afterwards, soldiers under the command or supervision of Mile Mrkšić, Miroslav Radić, Veselin Šljivančanin and aided and abetted by Slavko Dokmanović transported their non-Serb captives in groups of ten to twenty to a site between Ovčara farm and Grabovo, where they shot and otherwise killed them.

According to the indictment, Slavko Dokmanović was the President of the Vukovar municipality from 1990 to mid-1991. He resumed this position after the fall of Vukovar, in November 1991.

Slavko Dokmanović was charged on the basis of his individual criminal responsibility (Article 7(1)) and, or alternatively, superior criminal responsibility (Article 7(3) of the Statute) with:

- Willfully causing great suffering; willful killing (Grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions, Article 2(c))
- Murder; cruel treatment (violations of the laws or customs of war, Article 3)
- Murder; inhumane acts (crimes against humanity, Article 5 (a) and (i))

## THE TRIAL

The trial against Slavko Dokmanović commenced on 19 January 1998 and lasted until 25 June 1998.

## TERMINATION OF PROCEEDINGS

Slavko Dokmanović died on 29 June 1998 at the ICTY Detention Unit. On 15 July 1998, the Trial Chamber terminated proceedings against him.