



RESIDUAL MECHANISM FOR INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNALS

29 February 2012



Judge Meron appointed as Residual Mechanism president

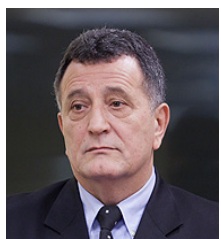
The UN Secretary-General has appointed Judge Theodor Meron as president of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for a term of four years effective 1 March 2012.

Judge Meron has been serving as the president of the ICTY since November 2011, a position that he will continue to hold while performing his functions at the Residual Mechanism. President Meron said that he was honoured by the trust shown him by the Secretary-General and the Security Council, and was looking forward to continuing his work ensuring accountability for atrocities in accordance with international law and the norms of due process.

A [biographical note](#) of Judge Meron, as well as the Secretary-General's [press release](#) announcing his appointment, can be found on the ICTY website.

CONTEMPT OF THE TRIBUNAL

24 February 2012



Tupajić sentenced to 2 months' imprisonment

On 24 February, Trial Chamber III sentenced Milan Tupajić, former wartime president and chief of the Crisis Staff of the municipality of Sokolac, Bosnia and Herzegovina, to 2 months' imprisonment for failing to comply with the Chamber's orders to appear as a witness in the trial of Radovan Karadžić.

In rendering its judgement, the Chamber "considered the gravity of the offence and the fact that by refusing to comply with the subpoenas and to testify before the Chamber, the accused had deprived the Chamber in the Karadžić case of relevant evidence." The Trial Chamber first considered Tupajić's claim that his primary reason for refusing to appear

before the Chamber related to his health concerns. After reviewing documents in support of these claims, the Chamber considered that "his health concerns do not constitute a just excuse for his failure to comply with the orders as contained in the subpoenas." The Chamber further found that Tupajić was aware of the contents of the subpoenas and the obligation contained therein, as well as of the consequences of his failure to comply with the subpoenas.

Tupajić is entitled to credit for time served in detention thus far. A copy of the [judgement](#) against Tupajić can be found on the ICTY website.

SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON

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Norman Farrell appointed STL Prosecutor

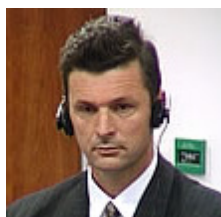
The UN Secretary-General has appointed ICTY Deputy Prosecutor Norman Farrell as the Prosecutor of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon.

Norman Farrell joined the ICTY and ICTR's Office of the Prosecutor in 1999, as Appeals Counsel. In 2002, he was appointed Senior Appeals Counsel and Head of the Appeals Section in the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of both Tribunals. In 2005, Farrell was appointed the Principal Legal Officer in the ICTY's OTP, and in July 2008, he was appointed ICTY Deputy Prosecutor.

Before joining the Tribunal, Farrell worked for the International Committee of the Red Cross in several capacities: as a Delegate and Coordinator in charge of the dissemination of International Humanitarian Law in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; a Legal Advisor on International Humanitarian Law in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and an Advisor on International Criminal Law and International Humanitarian Law in Geneva, Switzerland.

ENFORCEMENT OF SENTENCES

29 February 2012



Obrenović granted early release

A public redacted version of a decision made on 21 September 2011 by the former president of the Tribunal, Judge Patrick Robinson, granting Dragan Obrenović early release was issued on 29 February.

Obrenović, formerly an officer in the Zvornik Infantry Brigade of the Drina Corps of the Bosnian Serb Army, was transferred on 18 June 2004 to Norway to serve his sentence of 17 years' imprisonment for his participation in the crime of persecutions committed following the fall of the Serbrenica enclave in July 1995.

Obrenović pleaded guilty on 21 May 2003 to count 5 of his indictment, relating to persecutions as a crime against humanity, following which the remaining charges were withdrawn. In granting Obrenović early release, Judge Robinson considered that, while the very high gravity of his crimes and the time he has so far served in detention mitigated against his early release, his co-operation with the OTP and his demonstration of some rehabilitation weighed in favour.

The full text of the [decision](#) can be found on the ICTY website.



STUDY VISITS TO THE ICTY

1 March 2012



Tribunal hosts a group of NGO representatives from the former Yugoslavia

The Tribunal recently played host to a group of NGO representatives from the former Yugoslavia as part of a study tour on justice and reconciliation.

Thirty-two NGO representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia came to the Tribunal to meet with representatives of the Outreach Programme and Office of the Prosecutor to learn about the ICTY's work, its relationship with local courts and its impact on the region.

The visit was organised by the "People 2 People" programme

of the European Commission as part of a wider tour, the aim of which is to provide regional civil society representatives with an opportunity to familiarise themselves with EU policies and programmes related to justice and reconciliation.

Commenting on the visit, Philippe Bartholmé, Project Manager at the European Commission, said: "The European Commission considers the work of the ICTY as an important step towards justice and reconciliation in the Western Balkans. We are therefore pleased to give the opportunity to a group of civil society representatives from the former Yugoslavia to visit the Tribunal."



COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 5 MARCH - 16 MARCH

Public proceedings are broadcast with a 30-minute delay on the ICTY website. The Court Schedule is subject to last minute changes. Time used is CET (Central European Time).

Monday 5 March	Courtroom I	09:00 - 13:45	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom III	14:15 - 19:00	Šešelj	Trial
Tuesday 6 March	Courtroom I	14:15 - 19:00	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom II	14:15 - 19:00	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
	Courtroom III	09:00 - 13:45	Šešelj	Trial
Wednesday 7 March	Courtroom I	09:00 - 13:45	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom II	09:00 - 13:45	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
		15:00 - 18:00	Perišić	Status conference
	Courtroom III	09:00 - 13:45	Stanišić & Župljanin	Trial
		14:15 - 19:00	Šešelj	Trial
Thursday 8 March	Courtroom I	09:00 - 15:00	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom II	09:00 - 13:45	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
	Courtroom III	09:00 - 13:45	Stanišić & Župljanin	Trial
Friday 9 March	Courtroom III	09:00 - 12:05	Stanišić & Župljanin	Trial
Monday 12 March	Courtroom I	09:00 - 13:45	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom III	14:15 - 19:00	Šešelj	Trial
Tuesday 13 March	Courtroom I	14:15 - 19:00	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom II	14:15 - 19:00	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
	Courtroom III	09:00 - 13:45	Šešelj	Trial
Wednesday 14 March	Courtroom I	14:15 - 19:00	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom II	09:00 - 13:45	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
	Courtroom III	09:00 - 13:45	Šešelj	Trial
Thursday 15 March	Courtroom I	09:00 - 15:30	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom II	09:00 - 13:45	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
	Courtroom III	09:00 - 13:45	Šešelj	Trial
Friday 16 March	No hearings			

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