Mladić continues to face two counts of genocide as charged in the indictment

The Appeals Chamber upheld on 24 July the Trial Chamber’s decision that Ratko Mladić has a case to answer regarding counts 1 and 2 of his indictment, charging him with genocide committed in a number of municipalities in Bosnia and Herzegovina between 1992 and 1995, and genocide committed in Srebrenica in 1995.

This was the final decision pursuant to Rule 98bis of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence. Rule 98bis provides that the Trial Chamber will decide at the close of the Prosecutor’s case, and after having heard the parties, whether to enter a judgement of acquittal on a count of the indictment if there is no evidence capable of supporting a conviction.

Following the Appeals Chamber’s ruling, Mladić continues to stand trial on all 11 counts of his indictment.

President’s visit to Croatia

The Tribunal’s President, Judge Theodor Meron, paid an official two-day working visit to the Republic of Croatia on 6 and 7 July to discuss the work and activities of the ICTY. It was the President’s first working visit to Croatia during the period of his current presidency.

The President held meetings with Croatian Government officials, including President Dr. Ivo Josipović, Premier Zoran Milanović and Minister of Justice Orsat Miljenić. Interlocutors exchanged views on various issues of common interest, such as the importance of the rule of law. They also discussed the achievements of the ICTY and the launch of The Hague branch of the Mechanism for the International Criminal Tribunals.

The President also attended a dinner hosted by Mr Branko Hrvatin, President of the Supreme Court of Croatia, and a working lunch hosted by Professor Vesna Pusić, Ph.D., First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs.

Prosecutor at 8th Annual International Humanitarian Law Dialogs

The Tribunal’s Prosecutor, Mr Serge Brammertz attended the Eighth Annual International Humanitarian Law Dialogs held on 24-26 August at the Chautauqua Institution in Upstate New York, USA.

The gathering included Prosecutors of the world’s international courts and tribunals, including the ICTY, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the International Criminal Court, the Special Court for Sierra Leone, and the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia.

The conference examined the impact of modern international law on war crimes and crimes against humanity, centering on the theme, “The New World (Dis)Order: International Humanitarian Law in an Uncertain World.” The Prosecutors signed the 8th Chautauqua Declaration.

Video: Reading out and signing of the Declaration.
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ICTY PRINCIPALS

Mothers of Srebrenica visit the ICTY

To mark the anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, on 11 July ICTY President Theodor Meron issued the following statement:

“This month marks the nineteenth anniversary of the tragic events at Srebrenica. Today, no one can deny that in the Krstić Appeal Judgement, a unanimous bench of ICTY Judges found that acts committed in Srebrenica constituted genocide. This Judgement, along with other decisions of the Tribunal, is an important contribution to establishing the rule of law in the former Yugoslavia. It is my great hope that members of all communities in the region will use this anniversary as an opportunity to affirm their desire for peace and reconciliation, declaring loudly and clearly that genocide can never again be allowed to occur.”

On 15 July, the President and Prosecutor Mr Serge Brammertz both held separate meetings with representatives of victims’ associations from Bosnia and Herzegovina, including the Association of Mothers of Srebrenica. The President and the Prosecutor provided the visitors with a briefing on the Tribunal’s current work and discussed issues of common interest.

ICTY PRINCIPALS

The ICTY welcomes Michael Brand

On 23 July, Mr Michael Brand, Chairman of the Committee of the Human Rights Commission of the Federal Parliament of the Federal Republic of Germany, visited the ICTY to conduct meetings with President Theodor Meron and Prosecutor Serge Brammertz.

The Chairman’s meeting with the President was also attended by the German Ambassador in The Hague, Mr Franz-Josef Kremp. At the Tribunal, the Chairman had the opportunity to attend the Mladić trial and meet Judge Christoph Flügge and Judge Alphons Orie.

OUTREACH

Through their Eyes: Witnesses to Justice

Starting from August, the third feature-length documentary produced by the Tribunal’s Outreach Programme - Through their Eyes: Witnesses to Justice - can be viewed on ICTY’s YouTube channel. The documentary focuses on the role played by survivors of crimes in the work of the ICTY, through the stories of five victims of wartime crimes from the former Yugoslavia who share their personal experiences of giving testimony before the Tribunal.

The documentary premiered in November last year during the ICTY’s 20th anniversary conference in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). It was further screened in March this year in the capitals of Serbia, Croatia and BiH. The screenings attracted 150 guests, including NGO representatives, academics, government officials, diplomats, students and journalists.

Ms Minka Čehajić, a former ICTY witness and one of the protagonists in the film, said: “I felt it was my moral duty to come before the court and testify and I felt deep satisfaction for doing that. I have no doubt that I would do it again, if required.”

Watch the documentary.