



8 October

PRESIDENT ROBINSON TELLS GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT A CLAIMS COMMISSION SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE VICTIMS

Presenting the Tribunal's 16th Annual Report to the UN General Assembly, President Patrick Robinson raised the issue of compensating victims of crimes in the former Yugoslavia as a means of complementing the Tribunal's efforts to contribute to long-term peace and stability in the region. Calling upon the Assembly to support the establishment of a claims commission, President Robinson said: "I must agree that the international community has forgotten [the victims]. Currently, there is no effective mechanism by which victims can seek compensation for their injuries, despite the fact that their right to such compensation is firmly rooted in international law." He added that "justice is not only about punishing perpetrators but also about restoring dignity to victims by ensuring that they have concrete means to rebuild their lives".

In his address, the President also updated Member States on the achievements of the Tribunal in the past year and the challenges it faces in ensuring the successful completion of its mandate. "The Tribunal's commitment to its completion strategy remains steadfast," President Robinson said, stressing that "all but four trials are expected to conclude in 2010 with three finishing in early 2011 and the final trial, that of Radovan Karadzic, ending in early 2012. All appellate proceedings are expected to conclude by mid-2013."

The President urged the Member States to do all they can to ensure the two remaining fugitives (Ratko Mladić and Goran Hadžić) are arrested and brought into the Tribunal's custody before the end of its mandate, saying: "If they are not brought to justice, it will leave a stain on the historic contribution of the United Nations to peace-building in the former Yugoslavia."

Finally, the President called on the Member States to take further supportive action to retain the Tribunal's highly qualified staff, which is essential for orderly completion of its work.

The full text of the President's address can be read on the Tribunal's website.

30 September

Serbian war crimes investigators at the Tribunal

A group of Serbian war crimes investigators from the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia spent two days at the Tribunal.

The visit was organised by the OSCE Mission to Serbia and coordinated by the Tribunal's Outreach Programme, and was focused on knowledge sharing regarding detention facilities and practices, as well as practical hands-on training in investigation and analysis techniques.

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Outreach regional assistants visit the Tribunal

The Outreach Programme's four regional assistants made a two-day trip to The Hague. During their time at the Tribunal, Ernesa Begić from Sarajevo, Goran Georgijev from Belgrade, Klara Dokmanović from Zagreb and Blerim Halimi from Pristina met with the Registrar, John Hocking, and other ICTY colleagues, and received briefings on the numerous changes taking place at the Tribunal as it moves towards fulfilling its mandate.

The visit was focused on strengthening communication and cohesion in the Outreach team amid the increasing focus on legacy issues.

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Brahimaj recalled from provisional release

The Appeals Chamber ordered Lahi Brahimaj "to return to the Detention Unit for the duration of the appeal hearing" in the Haradinaj et al. case, scheduled to take place on 28 October.

On 3 April 2008, Trial Chamber I acquitted Ramush Haradinaj and Idriz Balaj on all charges of alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in

Kosovo between March and September 1998. At the time, Haradinaj was a commander of the KLA in Dukagjin area (north-western Kosovo), and Balaj was the commander of the Black Eagles Unit within the KLA. Following the judgement, they were both released from custody. Also acquitted of crimes against humanity, a third accused, Lahi Brahimaj, was convicted by the Trial Chamber for war crimes (cruel treatment and torture) against two persons at the Jablanica/Jabllanicë headquarters of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA). He was sentenced to six years' imprisonment. On 25 May 2009, Brahimaj was granted provisional release pending the appeal hearing.

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Karadžić trial to begin on 21 October at the soonest

During the Pre-Trial conference, Judge Kwon said: "The Chamber had previously decided that the trial would commence on Monday, 19 October, 2009, following which Mr Karadžić filed an application for a certification to appeal, which we granted. The Appeals Chamber is currently considering the matter and will render its decision in due course. Should the Appeals Chamber not issue its decision before 14 October, the Trial Chamber will need to consider staying the commencement of trial until such time as the Appeals Chamber's decision is issued. However, until that time, we must continue to work on the basis that the trial will commence as planned. I wish to inform you, however, that for administrative reasons the Trial Chamber intends to commence the trial on Wednesday, 21 October, rather than the 19, and will sit that week for two days, being 21 and 22 October, in the mornings."

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Tribunal calls on BiH political authorities to reconsider decision not to extend mandate of international judges and prosecutors at the State Court

At a press briefing, the Tribunal spokesperson, Nerma Jelačić, announced that "the Tribunal would like to express its disappointment with the decision of the House of Peoples of Bosnia and Herzegovina not to extend the mandates of international judges and prosecutors in the State Court and Prosecutor's Office. This is a very grave matter, and it must be taken seriously. The Tribunal recognises that at some point the State Court will have to be comprised only of nationals, which is a goal the Tribunal is committed to seeing achieved in the near future. But the time is not yet right. The Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina has been recognised as one of the biggest success stories in tackling the legacy of war in the region and the Tribunal has demonstrated its trust in this institution by referring the largest number of its Rule 11bis cases to it. The role of the international judges and prosecutors in the ongoing process of strengthening the capacity of the BiH judiciary to deal successfully with complex cases of breaches of international humanitarian law cannot be overemphasised. The Tribunal calls on political representatives in Bosnia and Herzegovina to reconsider the matter and not to undermine the progress made to date in strengthening the rule of law. The Tribunal also asks that the international community continue supporting the local judiciary in its fight against impunity."

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 12 OCTOBER – 23 OCTOBER

MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

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

TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER

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

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial

MONDAY 19 OCTOBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 16:15, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial - extended sitting
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 16:15, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial - extended sitting
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Karadzic**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Đorđević**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 – 16:15, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial - extended sitting.

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Karadzic**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Đorđević**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial
Courtroom III 10:00 – 12:00, **Tolimir**, Status Conference

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER

HOLIDAY: UN DAY

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

PROCEEDINGS COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO 120 ACCUSED

Since the very first hearing (deferral 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 120 of them: 11 have been acquitted, 60 sentenced (two are awaiting transfer, 29 have been transferred, 27 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 41 accused: 14 are at the appeals stage, 23 are currently on trial, and two are at the pre-trial stage. Two fugitives are still at large.

A further 30 individuals have been or are the subject of contempt proceedings.

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