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Zelenović pleads guilty to torture and rape as crimes against humanity

Following a plea agreement with the Prosecution, Dragan Zelenović, a former Bosnian Serb soldier and *de facto* military policeman in the town of Foča, pleads guilty to seven counts of torture and rape committed as part of a widespread and systematic attack on Bosnian Muslims in the eastern Bosnian municipality.

Accepting the plea agreement, the Trial Chamber finds the accused guilty on seven counts of crimes against humanity contained in the plea agreement and grants the Prosecution's motion to withdraw the remaining seven counts of torture and rape, charged as violations of laws and customs of war.

The Trial Chamber asked both parties to submit their written sentencing briefs by 14 February 2007. Dragan Zelenović's defence recommended a sentence in the range of 7 to 10 years, and the Prosecution recommended a sentence in the range of 10 to 15 years' imprisonment.

The Office of the Prosecutor had previously submitted a request to refer the case of Dragan Zelenović to Bosnia and Herzegovina for trial. Since the accused pleaded guilty while that request was pending before the Referral Bench, his sentencing will now take place before the ICTY.

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Three new trials scheduled to begin in March, April and May

A former senior leader of the Kosovo Liberation Army (and Prime Minister of Kosovo at the time of his indictment in March 2005), Ramush Haradinaj will be on trial as of Monday 5 March 2007, along with his co-accused, Idriz Balaj and Lahi Brajimah, both former members of the KLA and subordinates to Haradinaj.

The trial of the former Minister of Interior of the FYROM (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), Ljube Boškoski, and Johan Tarčulovski, a former police officer, will begin on Friday 16 April 2007.

Croatian army's General Ante Gotovina and Colonel General Ivan Čermak, and Croatian police's Colonel general Mladen Markač will stand trial as of Monday 7 May.

Details on the indictments and the cases referred to above can be found on the ICTY website, ICTY Cases and Judgements page, Case Information Sheets.

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President Pocar in Zagreb on 8 February

President Pocar will travel to Zagreb on 8 February to take part in an international conference titled 'Establishing Truth after Armed Conflict'. The conference is organized by Documenta - Centre for Dealing with the Past from Zagreb, the Humanitarian Law Centre from Belgrade and the Research and Documentation Centre from Sarajevo. The ICTY President will address the conference on the role of war crimes trials in establishing the truth in post-conflict societies. He will use the opportunity to meet with the representatives of Croatian Government.

The Prosecutor, Carla Del Ponte, and the Registrar, Hans Holthuis, will also attend the conference. The former will speak on the role of war crimes trials in truth-telling, while the latter will participate in the session dealing with the importance and the future of ICTY archives.

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High level European meetings for the Prosecutor

The Prosecutor's spokesperson, Olga Kavran, announces that Carla Del Ponte is to meet on Monday 29 January at the Tribunal with Mr. Geoff Hoon, United Kingdom Minister of Europe. Two days later, she will travel to Brussels to meet with Mr. Javier Solana, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, and Mr. Olli Rehn, EU Commissioner for Enlargement. On 7 February, Mme Del Ponte will be in Madrid, meeting with Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos, Foreign Minister of Spain.

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Judgement in the Margetić contempt case

It will be delivered on Wednesday 7 February at 4 p.m. in courtroom 1.

A freelance journalist from Croatia, Domagoj Margetić was indicted on 11 September for contempt of the Tribunal after publishing the names of protected witnesses in the Blaškić case on his internet site between 7 July 2006 and 2 August 2006. The accused entered a plea of not guilty. His trial commenced on 30 November 2006 and subsequently resumed and concluded on 8 December 2006.

THE ICTY REMAINED IN 2006 A SUBJECT OF WELCOMED PUBLIC SCRUTINY

Last year 249 groups totaling 6,342 individuals visited the Tribunal, making 2006 the second year in a row in which the 6,000-benchmark was reached (the figures for 2005 read: 249 groups, 6,338 visitors). Students, mainly of law, represented the overwhelming majority of visitors (4,334) followed by "professionals" (legal practitioners, military and police representatives: 1,354 visitors).

Most of the groups came from the Netherlands (65) and nearby countries (Germany: 25; Belgium: 19; France: 13) but 23 groups came from the USA, four from Canada, eight from Norway, and four from Iraq.

In terms of virtual visits, the ICTY website was checked out by some 17 million persons (17,505,532), which is a slight decrease compared to the year before (20,603,889). However, and this constitutes a major development, the three sites offered in languages spoken in the former Yugoslavia (Albanian, Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, and Macedonian) have been visited 4,320,871 times, which is a growth of 77% compared to 2005 (2,435,918 visits).

ICTY PROCEEDINGS COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO 100 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 100 of them: five have been acquitted, 48 sentenced (seven are awaiting transfer, 24 have been transferred, 16 have served their term, and one died while serving his sentence), 11 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 61 accused: 13 are at the appeals stage, two are awaiting judgement by a Trial Chamber, 23 are currently on trial, 17 are on pre-trial and six are still at large.

The figure of the accused at the appeals stage includes Sefer Halilović, Fatmir Limaj and Isak Musliu (who have been acquitted and released but against whom an appeal by the Office of the Prosecutor is running), as well as Amir Kubura and Naser Orić. These two accused have been sentenced and granted early release (Kubura) and release (Orić), but the OTP has appealed against the Trial Chamber's Judgements (Kubura and Orić).

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