12 January

Šešelj trial resumes

On 11 February 2009, the Trial Chamber, by majority (Judge Antonetti dissenting), ordered the adjournment of proceedings against Vojislav Šešelj on the request of the Prosecution amid allegations of intimidation of witnesses. With 11 witnesses remaining in the Prosecution's case, the Chamber concluded it would not be in the interests of justice to hear their testimony until such time when they are able to testify freely and in a safe environment.

In a decision issued in November 2009, the Chamber decided that the trial should recommence: "In light of all the new facts that the Chamber has at its disposal...and the length of time that has elapsed since the Decision on Adjournment was rendered, the Chamber considers that it is appropriate to end adjournment of the hearings of the remaining witnesses...and to issue an order to resume their examination."

19 January

ICTY to host major conference on legacy The ICTY will later this month play host to a two-day international conference on the legacy of the Tribunal. The conference - "Assessing the Legacy of the ICTY" - will be held at the World Forum in The Hague on 23 and 24 February.

The conference is intended to provide a platform for the Tribunal and various stakeholders to exchange views on what the ICTY's legacy will be, and present visions of how the legacy should best be utilised. It also aims to promote co-ordination and co-operation among relevant parties in order to streamline efforts to use the Tribunal's legacy for the purposes of strengthening the rule of law and promoting peace and justice in the former Yugoslavia and beyond. Conference participants and invitees include the Tribunal's Principals, Judges and senior staff, as well as the Host Country, the Security Council Working Group on the ad hoc Tribunals, the Office of Legal Counsel and Rule of Law Unit from UNHQ, representatives of the national jurisdictions in the former Yugoslavia, victim groups, and NGOs.

For more information, including a full programme of the Conference, please visit the ICTY website.

19 January

Delić case: Appeal hearing held

On 15 September 2008, Rasim Delić, the former Commander of the Main Staff of the Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (ABiH), was found guilty by a majority of the Trial Chamber for failing to prevent and punish one instance of cruel treatment committed by the El Mujahed Detachment (EMD), part of the 3rd Corps of the ABiH. The Trial Chamber unanimously acquitted Delić of three other counts of murder and cruel treatment for crimes committed by EMD members in the villages of Maline and Bikoši in the Travnik municipality, in the village of Kesten and at the Kamenica Camp. Delić was sentenced to three years' imprisonment. Both parties appealed against the judgement.

The Appeals Chamber (Judge Fausto Pocar (presiding), Judge Mehmet Güney, Judge Liu Daqun, Judge Andrésia Vaz and Judge Theodor Meron) will render its judgement in due course.

20 January

Gotovina et al: Defence calls their last witness The Defence cases for Ante Gotovina, Ivan Čermak and Mladen Markač, which opened on 28 May 2009, are completed with the calling of the last Defence witness.

The Gotovina et al trial commenced on 11 March 2008. The Prosecution completed its case-in-chief on 5 March 2009.

22 January & 25 January

Perišić trial: Prosecution case rested In an oral order issued on 12 November 2009, the Trial Chamber had set the date for Pre-Defence Conference as 25 January 2010, with the commencement of the Defence case on 26 January. However, on 22 January, the Trial Chamber issued a written order stating that the Prosecution case will resume on 25 January and deferring its decision on the commencement of the Defence until after "the Prosecution has officially closed its case".

On 25 January, the Prosecution rested its case.

Chief Of the General Staff of the Yugoslav Army (VJ) from around 26 August 1993 until 24 November 1998, Momcilo Perišić was according to the indictment "the most senior officer in the VJ having overall authority and responsibility of its functioning," and "planned, instigated, ordered, committed, or otherwise aided and abetted in the planning, preparation, or execution" of crimes against humanity (murder; inhumane acts; persecutions on political, racial or religious grounds; extermination) and war crimes (murder; attacks on civilians) in Sarajevo, Zagreb and Srebrenica.

His trial commenced on 2 October 2008 with the Prosecution calling their first witness the day after. Since then, 82 viva voce witnesses have been heard by the Trial Chamber (Judge Moloto, Presiding, Judge David and Judge Picard).

22 January

Tolimir case: Trial will commence on 26 February The Trial Chamber sitting in the case of Zdravko Tolimir (Judges Flugge, Mindua and Nyambe) issued an order scheduling the pre-trial conference on Thursday 25 February, and the opening statements on Friday 26 February and, if necessary, on Monday 1 March. The OTP shall commence presenting its evidence in the week of 8 March.

The Tolimir trial will be the last to start at the Tribunal, until the two fugitives (Goran Hadžić and Ratko Mladić) are arrested and surrendered.

Tolimir was initially indicted on 10 February 2005 on charges of genocide, crimes against humanity and violations of the laws or customs of war in relation to the events in Srebrenica. An intelligence officer and a senior aid to Ratko Mladić, he was arrested on 31 May 2007. In June and July 2007, he refused to enter a plea and Judge Prost entered a plea of not guilty on his behalf.

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 1 FEBRUARY – 12 FEBRUARY

MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin,** Trial

14:15 – 19:00, Stanišić & Župljanin, Trial

Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial

TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Courtroom I 14:15 – 19:00, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial

Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Šešelj**, Trial

WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY

Courtroom I 14:15 – 19:00, **Stanišić & Župljanin,** Trial

Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial

14:15 – 19:00, **Stanišić & Simatović,** Trial

Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Šešelj,** Trial

THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić,** Trial

14:15 – 19:00, Stanišić & Župljanin, Trial

Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević,** Trial

14:15 – 19:00, Stanišić & Simatović, Trial

FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial

14:15 – 19:00, Stanišić & Župljanin, Trial

Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial

MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial

Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45. **Đorđević**, Trial

14:15 – 19:00, Stanišić & Simatović, Trial

Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić,** Trial

14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić**, Trial

TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin**, Trial

14:15 – 19:00. **Đorđević.** Trial

Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial

14:15 – 19:00, Stanišić & Simatović, Trial

Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial

14:15 – 19:00, **Šešelj,** Trial

WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin,** Trial

Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial

14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić,** Trial

Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial

14:15 – 19:00, **Šešelj,** Trial

THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin,** Trial

Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial

14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial

Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial

FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Stanišić & Župljanin,** Trial

Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Đorđević**, Trial

14:15 - 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial

PROCEEDINGS COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO 121 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 121 of them: 11 have been acquitted, 61 sentenced (three are awaiting transfer, 27 have been transferred, 29 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 40 accused: 13 are at the appeals stage, 24 are currently on trial, and one is at the pre-trial stage. Two fugitives are still at large.

A further 31 individuals have been or are the subject of contempt proceedings.

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