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Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon at the ICTY

The United Nations Secretary-General is in the Netherlands to meet with Dutch authorities. He also pays a visit to the International Court of Justice, the ICTY and the International Criminal Court. After his meetings with the Tribunal's President Fausto Pocar and Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte, Ban Ki-moon addresses the staff, saying that he "stand(s) firmly behind the very noble and important work done by the ICTY."

Following the S-G's visit, the following press release was issued: RH /MOW/1144e at <http://www.un.org/icty/latest-e/index.htm>

During his tenure, the former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan visited the Tribunal twice, namely on 3 March 1997 and on 12 April 2006.

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End of provisional release for Haradinaj

Trial Chamber I orders the former Prime Minister of Kosovo, Ramush Haradinaj, who has been on provisional release since June 2005, to "return to the United Nations Detention Unit on Monday 26 February 2007." The trial of Ramush Haradinaj and his co-accused, Idriz Balaj and Lahi Brahimaj, is to begin on Monday 5 March.

Prior to becoming Prime Minister, Ramush Hardinaj was a senior leader of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA). Idriz Balaj and Lahi Brahimaj were both members of the KLA and subordinates to Haradinaj.

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ICTY President, Prosecutor and Registrar in Zagreb

ICTY President Fausto Pocar travels to Zagreb 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 addresses the conference on the role of war crimes trials in establishing the truth in post-conflict societies. He is also using this opportunity to meet with representatives of the Croatian Government.

The Prosecutor, Carla Del Ponte, and the Registrar, Hans Holthuis, are also attending the conference. On Thursday 8 February, the Prosecutor will be discussing the role of war crimes trials in truth-telling, while the Registrar will participate at a conference session on Friday dealing with the importance and the future of ICTY archives.

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Prosecutor in Rome on Thursday

Carla del Ponte will meet with the Italian Foreign Minister, Massimo D'Alema, on Thursday to discuss issues pertaining to the cooperation of countries in the area of the former Yugoslavia with her office.

On 29 January, the Prosecutor met in The Hague with Mr. Geoff Hoon, United Kingdom Minister for Europe. Two days later she traveled to Brussels to meet with Mr. Javier Solana, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy. On 7 February, she was in Madrid, meeting with Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos, Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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**Margetić
sentenced to
three months in
jail and a fine for
contempt**

A freelance journalist from Croatia, Domagoj Margetić is found guilty of contempt of the Tribunal for having published the names of protected witnesses in the Blaškić case on his internet site between 7 July 2006 and 2 August 2006. He has been sentenced to a prison term of three months and a fine of 10,000 euros, and was placed in detention immediately after the hearing.

A press release and a summary of the Judgement are available at: CT /MOW/1145e at <http://www.un.org/icty/latest-e/index.htm>

To date, the Tribunal has held contempt proceedings against 19 individuals (accused, defence counsel, witnesses, journalists and others) for charges such as intimidating witnesses, refusing to answer questions of the court, leaking confidential court documents, and breaching protective measures.

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).

A further 19 individuals have also been the subject of contempt proceedings.

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