UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA



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Please note that the next Update will be issued on 17 January 2014

PROCEDURAL DEVELOPMENTS

I. OVERVIEW OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

KARADŽIĆ case

Trial Chamber III – Judges Kwon (Presiding), Morrison, Baird and Lattanzi (Reserve Judge)

Continuation of the Defence case

On 16 December 2013, the following witnesses testified:

- *Sveto Veselinović* (testifying about the events in Rogatica during the relevant period)
- Sveto Kovačević (municipal official in Čelinac during the relevant period)

On 16 and 17 December 2013, the following witness testified:

• *Milomir Stakić* (municipal official in Prijedor during the relevant period)

On 17 December 2013, the following witness testified:

• *Ljubiša Beara* (*Republika Srpska Army officer – Main Staff during the relevant period*)

On 18 December 2013, the following witness testified:

• **Radomir Radinković** (Republika Srpska Army officer – 1st Krajina Corps during the relevant period)

On 18 and 19 December 2013, the following witness testified:

• *Simo Mišković* (*President of the SDS political party in Prijedor during the relevant period*)

The trial is adjourned until 16 January 2013.

HADŽIĆ case

Trial Chamber II – Judges Delvoie (Presiding), Hall and Mindua

Rule 98bis submissions

On 16 December 2013, the Defence presented its motion for acquittal of Goran Hadžić, claiming that the Prosecution did not prove any of the counts against him. On 18 December 2013, the Prosecution responded. The Rule 98*bis* decision will be announced in due course.

ŠAINOVIĆ et al. case

Judge Liu

Status Conference

On 18 December 2013, the parties met before Judge Liu for a Status Conference. The appeal judgement in this case is scheduled to be pronounced on 23 January 2014.

II. OVERVIEW OF SELECTED COURT DOCUMENTS

MRKŠIĆ case

Judge Meron – ICTY President

DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT ON THE EARLY RELEASE OF MILE MRKŠIĆ

On 13 December 2013, in a public redacted version of his decision, President Meron denied Mrkšić's motion for early release from the prison in Portugal concluding that he only served half of his 20-year sentence but also due to very serious crimes he was convicted of.

ŠEŠELJ case

Trial Chamber III – Judges Antonetti (Presiding), Niang and Lattanzi

DÉCISION RELATIVE À LA CONTINUATION DE LA PROCÉDURE

On 13 December 2013, the Chamber ordered that the proceedings in Šešelj case would resume from the point after the closing arguments, and move into the deliberations phase, as soon as Judge Niang has familiarized himself with the file – *See Press Release number 1592, filed on 16 December 2013.*

Rasim DELIĆ case

Appeals Chamber - Judges Agius (Presiding), Robinson, Güney, Pocar and Daqun

DECISION ON DEFENCE MOTION FOR REVIEW

On 17 December 2013, The Appeals Chamber, presided by Judge Agius, dismissed the motion for review of judgement against Rasim Delić in light of the letter by Judge Harhoff, who sat on this case. The Appeals Chamber dismissed the motion because neither Delić's son nor Delić's counsel had standing to submit motions before the ICTY "in circumstances where the appellant had died and the appellate proceedings before the Tribunal have been terminated."

Darko MRĐA case

Judge Meron – ICTY President

DECISION OF PRESIDENT ON EARLY RELEASE OF DARKO MRĐA

On 18 December 2013, a public redacted version of the President's decision was filed granting early release to Darko Mrđa, effective on 10 October 2013.

STANIŠIĆ&ŽUPLJANIN case

Appeals Chamber - Judges Agius (Presiding), Sekule, Robinson, Daqun and Ramaroson

DECISION ON STOJAN ŽUPLJANIN'S REQUEST FOR PROVISIONAL RELEASE

DECISION ON MOTION ON BEHALF OF MIĆO STANIŠIĆ SEEKING PROVISIONAL RELEASE

On 19 December 2013, the Appeals Chamber dismissed the motions for provisional release, filed by each appellant, concluding that "there are no special circumstances warranting such release.

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: Winter recess

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

Date	Number	Title	E	F	B/C/S
16/12/2013	1592	ŠEŠELJ'S PROCEEDINGS TO CONTINUE AFTER	Е		B/C/S
		JUDGE NIANG FAMILIARISES HIMSELF WITH			
		CASE RECORD			
		http://www.icty.org/sid/11430			
16/12/2013	1593	NEW SEARCH TOOL ON ICTR AND ICTY	Е		B/C/S
		JURISPRUDENCE			
		http://www.icty.org/sid/11431			

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