

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

Tribunal Pénal International pour l'ex-Yougoslavie

ICTY WEEKLY UPDATE-55

LAST MINUTE NEWS

KORDIC & CERKEZ CASE

20 NOVEMBER 1998

DEFENSE SUBMITS MOTION TO DISMISS THE CASE:

On 16 November 1998, the Defense for Dario Kordic and Mario Cerkez submitted to Trial Chamber I a motion to dismiss the case against the accused, drop all charges and immediately release the accused from custody.

Rule 66(A)(i) provides that the Prosecution shall disclose to the Defense, within 30 days of the initial appearance of the accused, copies of the supporting material accompanying the indictment when confirmation is sought. This, the Defence asserts, has not happened.

According to the motion, the Prosecution acknowledges its failure. In fact, the Defence claims to have been informed by the Prosecution that it would be a deliberate decision not to submit the material until a decision by the Trial Chamber on a proposed amendment of the current witness protection order. The Defence, however, submits that it was not for the Prosecution to make this decision, but for the Trial Chamber. The consequential infringement of the accused's right to a fair and expeditious trial would justify the granting of the motion.

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 1998*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Courtroom I	No proceedings	10.00, TC I	No proceedings	10.00, TC I	9.45-13.30, TC I
		Blaskic trial		Blaskic trial	Blaskic trial
	14.00-18.00, TC I	14.30, TC I	14.00-18.00, TC I	14.30, TC I	No proceedings
	Blaskic trial	Blaskic trial	Blaskic trial	Blaskic trial	No proceedings

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