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LAST MINUTE NEWS:

MILOŠEVIĆ CASE ("Kosovo")

MILOŠEVIĆ INITIAL APPEARANCE SCHEDULED

Following the transfer of Slobodan Milošević to the custody of the UN Detention Unit on 29 June 2001 (see Press Release 597), his initial appearance hearing has been scheduled to take place on **3 July 2001** at **10.00 a.m.** in Courtroom III.

PROCEDURAL DEVELOPMENTS:

I. OVERVIEW OF COURT PROCEEDINGS:

KUNARAC, KOVAČ & VUKOVIĆ CASE ("Foča")

Pre-Appeal Judge – Judge Shahabuddeen

On Monday 25 June, Judge Shahabuddeen held the scheduled status conference in open session.

KRNOJELAC CASE ("Foča – KP Dom Camp")

Trial Chamber II – Judges Hunt (Presiding), Mumba and Liu

Having adjourned on 14 June 2001, the Trial Chamber reconvened this week to hear the seventh week of the defence case-in-chief.

On Monday 25 June, the Trial Chamber commenced with procedural matters granting leave to the prosecution to make an amendment to the third amended indictment. In addition, the prosecution withdrew its motion to re-open the prosecution case, filed on 20 June 2001. The Trial Chamber then heard the testimony of the penultimate defence witness, the accused, Milorad Krnojelac.

Krnojelac's testimony continued on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 June during which he entered a plea of "not guilty" to additional facts charged in the amended indictment.

SIKIRICA, DOŠEN & KOLUNDŽIJA CASE ("Keraterm Camp")

Trial Chamber III – Judges Robinson (Presiding), May and Fassi Fihri

The Trial Chamber reconvened on Wednesday 27 June to hear the commencement of the Sikirica defence case-in-chief.

The defence first called protected witnesses DA and DB who worked as cooks in the Keraterm camp canteen in May 1992. The witnesses testified as to conditions within Keraterm camp in particular the provision and nature of the food. The next witness, DC, told the court that he was an ambulance driver at the Prijedor hospital and testified about events on 30 May 1992.

The next witnesses, Mr. Rajko Vignjević and Mr. Duško Corić, warehousemen at the Prijedor hospital, testified about Sikirica's presence at Prijedor hospital from 27 July 1992 and particularly Sikirica delivering a machine to the hospital on 1 August 1992.

On Thursday 28 June, the Trial Chamber heard the testimony of Mr. Dušan Grbić, a member of the security service at the Prijedor hospital. Mr. Grbić told the court that, from June to August 1992, additional people, including Sikirica, were sent to the hospital to carry out security tasks.

The defence then called witness DD who testified about events at the Hambarine checkpoint in 1992 and the Prijedor hospital in July and August 1992.

The Trial Chamber then adjourned until 2 July 2001.

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KRSTIĆ CASE ("Srebrenica")

Trial Chamber I – Judges Rodrigues (Presiding), Riad and Wald

The Trial Chamber reconvened this week to hear the parties' closing arguments.

The prosecution closing arguments were heard on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 June. The prosecution requested the Trial Chamber to sentence Krstić to consecutive life sentences for each count of the indictment for which he is found guilty.

Counsel for Krstić presented the defence closing arguments on Thursday 28 and Friday 29 June.

The Trial Chamber has now adjourned to consider its judgement.

During the case, which commenced on 13 March 2000, the Trial Chamber sat for 98 days and heard the testimony of 103 prosecution witnesses, 12 defence witnesses. Over 910 exhibits were presented by the prosecution and 183 exhibits were presented by the defence.

Milan SIMIĆ, Blagoje SIMIĆ, TADIĆ, & ZARIĆ CASE ("Bosanski Šamac")

Trial Chamber III– Judges Robinson (Presiding), May and Fassi Fihri

On Tuesday 26 June, the Trial Chamber held the scheduled pre-trial conference in open session. The Trial Chamber indicted that the trial may commence on 10 September 2001.

OBRENOVIĆ CASE ("Srebrenica")

Pre-Trial Judge – Judge Hunt

On Friday 29 June, Judge Hunt held the scheduled status conference in open session.

NIKOLIĆ CASE ("Sušica Camp")

Trial Chamber II – Judges Hunt (Presiding) and Liu

On Friday 29 June, Judges Hunt and Liu held the scheduled status conference in open session.

II. OVERVIEW OF COURT DOCUMENTS:

BRĐANIN & TALIĆ CASE ("Krajina")

DECISION ON FURTHER AMENDED INDICTMENT AND PROSECUTION APPLICATION TO AMEND

On 26 June 2001, Trial Chamber II (Judges Hunt (Presiding), Mumba and Liu) issued a decision granting in part Talić's motion, dated 12 March and 5 April 2001, alleging defects in the further amended indictment, filed by the prosecution on 12 March 2001

The Trial Chamber held that the prosecution must comply with the orders to amend the indictment, as stated in the decision, within three weeks.

KRAJIŠNIK and PLAVŠIĆ CASE ("Bosnia and Herzegovina")

DECISION ON PLAVŠIĆ'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL

On 27 June 2001, a Bench of the Appeals Chamber (Judges Vohrah (Presiding), Shahabuddeen and Nieto-Navia) issued its decision dismissing Plavšić's motion for Leave to Appeal the decision of the Trial Chamber denying Plavšić's motion for separate trial, dated 27 April 2001 (see Weekly Update 171).

In reaching its decision, the Bench found that "the Applicant has failed to show either that the Impugned Decision would cause prejudice to her case ... or that the issue raised in the proposed appeal is of general importance to the proceedings before the International Tribunal or in international law generally."

A comprehensive summary of the status of all cases currently before the Tribunal can be found on the Tribunal's web site: http://www.un.org/icty/glance/casestatus.htm

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DATE	NUMBER	TITLE	E	F	A	B/C/S
27/06/2001	597	SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC TRANSFERRED INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL	Е	F	Α	B/C/S
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COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 2 JULY - 6 JULY*

MONDAY 2 J	<u>ULY</u>	THURSDAY 5 JULY					
Courtroom I	09:30 - 13:00, Sikirica/Dosen/Kolundzija, Trial	Courtroom I	09:30 - 13:00, Sikirica/Dosen/Kolundzija, Trial				
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Courtroom I	09:30 - 13:00, Sikirica/Dosen/Kolundzija, Trial	Courtroom I	09:30 - 13:00, Sikirica/Dosen/Kolundzija, Trial				
	14:30 - 17:15, Sikirica/Dosen/Kolundzija, Trial		14:30 - 17:15, Sikirica/Dosen/Kolundzija, Trial				
Courtroom III	10:00, Milosevic , Initial Appearance						
WEDNESDAY 4 JULY							
Courtroom I	09:30 - 13:00, Sikirica/Dosen/Kolundzija, Trial						
	14:30 - 17:15, Sikirica/Dosen/Kolundzija, Trial						
Courtroom II	09:30 - 13:00, Krnojelac, Trial						
	14:30 - 16:00, Krnojelac, Trial						

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