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LAST MINUTE NEWS:

MUCIĆ and OTHERS CASE ("Čelebići Camp")

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

The Sentencing Judgement for the convictions referred to the Trial Chamber for possible adjustment of sentence by the Appeals Chamber in its Judgement of 20 February 2001 (see *Weekly Update 161*) will be rendered on **9 October 2001** at **4.30 p.m**. in Courtroom I.

PROCEDURAL DEVELOPMENTS:

I. OVERVIEW OF COURT PROCEEDINGS:

VASILJEVIĆ CASE ("Višegrad")

Trial Chamber II, Section A – Judges Hunt (Presiding), Janu and Taya

The Trial Chamber reconvened this week to hear the fourth week of the prosecution case-in-chief.

On Monday 1 October, protected Witness VG78, a former resident of Višegrad, continued his testimony which commenced on Friday 28 September.

The Trial Chamber then heard the testimony of Witness VG38, a resident of the village of Koritnik who was 13 years' old in 1992. Witness VG38 testified about an attack on his village by local Serbs from a neighbouring village on 15 April 1992 and the subsequent transfer of the villagers to the stadium in the town of Višegrad. According to Witness VG38, at the stadium 6,000 Muslims were held and the men of military age were separated from the others. The former have not been heard of since.

Witness VG38 told the court that he was released from the stadium and went to the Drina Hotel where he stayed for 15 days before returning to the village of Koritnik. Witness VG38 also testified about events in the Pionirska Street area.

After the conclusion of VG38's testimony on Tuesday 2 October, the Trial chamber heard the testimony of Witness VG13, the mother of Witness VG38.

After the conclusion of Witness VG13's testimony on Wednesday 3 October, the Trial Chamber heard the testimony of Mr. John Clark, the chief pathologist in Bosnia and Croatia for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia since 1999.

The Trial Chamber then adjourned until 8 October 2001.

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

Trial Chamber II, Section B – Judges Mumba (Presiding), Singh and Williams

The Trial Chamber reconvened this week to hear the third week of the prosecution case-in-chief.

On Monday 1 October, Mr. Dragan Lukač resumed his testimony which commenced on Thursday 20 September (see *Weekly Update 189*). Mr. Lukač's testimony continued until Wednesday 3 October.

The Trial Chamber then heard the testimony of Mr. Izet Izetbegović, a cousin of Alija Izetbegović, the former President of Bosnia and grandson of a former mayor of Bosanski Šamac. Mr. Izet Izetbegović told the court that he established the branch of the Party of Democratic Action ("SDA") in Bosanski Šamac and was appointed president of this branch.

Mr. Izet Izetbegović testified about the SDA and Bosanski Šamac in general including the town, the municipality of Bosanski Šamac and different ethnic groups that used to live in the town of Bosanski Šamac.

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On Thursday 4 October, the Trial Chamber recalled Mr. Dragan Lukač in order to complete his testimony for purposes of an issue raised by the Defence regarding video footage. Mr. Izet Izetbegović then resumed his testimony which continued on Friday 5 October.

KRAJIŠNIK and PLAVŠIĆ CASE ("Bosnia and Herzegovina")

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

On Wednesday 3 October, Judge May held the scheduled status conference during which the following schedule was set: the defence pre-trial briefs are to be filed by 31 January 2002; the pre-trial conference has been scheduled to take place on 21 February 2002; the trial has been tentatively scheduled to commence in the week of 8 April 2002.

The next status conferences have been scheduled to take place on 7 November 2001 at 2.30p.m. and 11 December 2001 at 2.30p.m.

STAKIĆ CASE ("Prijedor")

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

On Friday 5 October, the Trial Chamber held a motion hearing on the prosecution's request to file an amendment to the indictment.

II. OVERVIEW OF COURT DOCUMENTS:

STRUGAR AND OTHERS CASE ("Dubrovnik")

ORDER OF LIMITED DISCLOSURE VACATED

On 2 October 2001, Judge Wald vacated the order, issued on 27 February 2001, for limited disclosure of the "Dubrovnik Indictment" (see *Press Release 569*) which stipulated that there be no disclosure of the names of the accused and the text of the indictment, except to the appropriate authorities of the Republic of Montenegro, until such time as the accused have been arrested, or until otherwise ordered.

The order was vacated further to an application by the Prosecutor filed on 1 October 2001. The indictment is available on the ICTY web-site: http://www.un.org/icty/ind-e.htm

KUNARAC, KOVAČ and VUKOVIĆ CASE ("Foča")

ORDER FOR FILING OF REDACTED PUBLIC BRIEFS

On 2 October 2001, Judge Shahabuddeen, the pre-appeal Judge, ordered the parties to file a redacted public version of each of the following documents within seven days: Vuković's Appellant's brief, filed confidentially on 12 July 2001; the Prosecution's Response to Vuković's Appellant's brief, filed confidentially on 13 August 2001; the Prosecution's consolidated brief, filed confidentially on 15 August 2001.

OBRENOVIĆ CASE ("Srebrenica-Zvornik Brigade"); BLAGOJEVIĆ CASE ("Srebrenica-Bratunac Brigade"); JOKIĆ CASE ("Srebrenica-Zvornik Brigade")

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING OF RESPONSE REGARDING JOINDER

On 4 October 2001, Judge Hunt, the pre-trial Judge, granted Blagojević and Jokić an extension of time of 30 days from the date of the order to respond to the prosecution's motion for joinder of the cases concerning Dragan Obrenović, Vidoje Blagojević and Dragan Jokić, dated 11 September 2001.

In addition, Obrenović, who filed his response to the prosecution's motion on 2 October 2001, has been granted an extension of 30 days to file a supplementary memorandum to his response.

PRESS RELEASES ISSUED SINCE 28 SEPTEMBER:

DATE	NO.	TITLE	E	F	B/C/S
2/10/01	623	STATEMENT BY MR. HANS HOLTHUIS, REGISTRAR OF THE ICTY	Е		B/C/S
2/10/01	624	DUBROVNIK INDICTMENT UNSEALED	Е		B/C/S
2/10/01	625	FULL CONTENTS OF THE DUBROVNIK INDICTMENT MADE PUBLIC	Е		B/C/S
4/10/01	626	JUDGE ASOKA DE ZOYSA GUNAWARDANA SWORN IN AS AN APPEALS JUDGE FOR THE ICTY AND ICTR	Е		B/C/S

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 8 OCTOBER - 12 OCTOBER*

MONDAY 8 O	CTOBER	THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER			
Courtroom I	09:30 - 13:00, Sikirica/Došen/Kolundžija,	Courtroom I	09:30 - 13:00, Sikirica/Došen/Kolundžija,		
	Sentencing hearing		Sentencing hearing		
	14:30 - 16:00, Sikirica/Došen/Kolundžija,		14:30 - 16:00, Sikirica/Došen/Kolundžija,		
	Sentencing hearing		Sentencing hearing		
Courtroom II	09:30 - 13:00, Vasiljević , Trial	Courtroom II	09:30 - 13:00, Vasiljević , Trial		
_	14:30 - 16:00, Vasiljević , Trial		14:30 - 16:00, Vasiljević , Trial		
Courtroom III	09:30 - 13:00, Martinovic/Naletilic, Trial	Courtroom III	09:30 - 13:00, Martinović/Naletilić, Trial		
	14:30 - 16:00, Martinovic/Naletilic, Trial				
THE COLUMN	CHOPED	FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER			
TUESDAY 9 C		Courtroom II	09:30 - 13:00, Vasiljević, Trial		
Courtroom I	09:30 - 13:00, Sikirica/Došen/Kolundžija , Sentencing hearing		14:30 - 16:00, Vasiljević , Trial		
	14:30 - 16:00, Sikirica/Došen/Kolundžija,				
	Sentencing hearing				
	16:30, Mucić et al, Sentencing Judgement				
Courtroom II	09:30 - 13:00, Vasiljević, Trial				
	14:30 - 16:00, Vasiljević, Trial				
Courtroom III	09:30 - 13:00, Martinović/Naletilić, Trial				
	14:30 - 16:00, Martinović/Naletilić, Trial				
WEDNESDAY	10 OCTOBER				
Courtroom I	09:30 - 13:00, Sikirica/Došen/Kolundžija,				
	Sentencing hearing				
	14:30 - 16:00, Sikirica/Došen/Kolundžija,				
	Sentencing hearing				
Courtroom II	09:30 - 13:00, Vasiljević, Trial				
	14:30 - 16:00, Vasiljević, Trial				
Courtroom III	09:30 - 13:00, Martinović/Naletilić, Trial				

^{*} The courtroom schedule is provisional and you are invited to check for last minute changes with the Public Information Services. Unless otherwise indicated, all sessions are open.

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14:30 - 16:00, Martinović/Naletilić, Trial

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