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# **ICTY WEEKLY UPDATE – 260**

#### **PROCEDURAL DEVELOPMENTS:**

#### I. OVERVIEW OF COURT PROCEEDINGS:

## MILOŠEVIĆ Case ("Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina")

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

The hearing was adjourned until Monday 31 March 2003 due to the ill health of the Accused.

## GALIĆ Case ("Sarajevo")

Trial Chamber I Section B – Judges Orie (Presiding), El Mahdi and Nieto-Navia

Prosecution Rebuttal case.

On 24 March 2003, the following witness was examined by the Prosecution and subsequently cross-examined by the Defence:

• Witness Jonathan Tait-Harris

## SIMIĆ et al. Case ("Bosanski Šamac")

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

16<sup>th</sup> week of the Defence case.

From 24 until 28 March 2003, the following witnesses were examined by the Defence and subsequently cross-examined by the Prosecution:

- Witness Jovo Savić
- Witness Dušan Gavrić
- Witness Teodor Tutnjević
- Witness Naser Sejdić

## STAKIĆ Case ("Prijedor")

Trial Chamber II Section III – Judges Schomburg (Presiding), Vassylenko and Argibay

13<sup>th</sup> week of the Defence case.

From 24 until 28 March 2003, the following witnesses were examined by the Defence and subsequently cross-examined by the Prosecution:

- Witness Petar Stanar (Trial Chamber witness, questioned by the Judges, the Prosecution and the Defence)
- Witness Slobodan Kuruzović (Trial Chamber witness, questioned by the Judges, the Prosecution and the Defence)

### **ŠEŠELJ** Case

Judge Schomburg

On 25 March 2003, the parties appeared before Judge Schomburg for the further appearance of Vojislav Šešelj. The Accused pleaded "not guilty" to all counts of the Indictment.

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# MILUTINOVIĆ et al. Case ("Kosovo")

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

On 25 March 2003, the parties appeared before the Trial Chamber for a hearing regarding the provisional release requests of Nikola Ojdanić and Dragoljub Šainović. A representative of the government of Serbia and Montenegro participated in the hearing. The Trial Chamber will render its Decision in due course.

# BLAGOJEVIĆ et al. Case ("Srebrenica")

Pre-Trial Judge Schomburg

On 27 March 2003, the parties appeared before the Pre-Trial Judge for a Status Conference pursuant to Rule 65*bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

### II. OVERVIEW OF SELECTED COURT DOCUMENTS:

# HADŽIHASANOVIĆ et al. Case ("Central Bosnia")

Trial Chamber II – Judges Schomburg (Presiding), Mumba and Agius

#### ORDER TERMINATING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST MEHMED ALAGIĆ

Following the Death Certificate filed by the Defence for Mehmed Alagić on 14 March 2003, the Trial Chamber terminated the trial proceedings against Mehmed Alagić on 21 March 2003 (see *Press Release* No. 740).

### NALETILIĆ and MARTINOVIĆ Case ("Tuta and Štela")

Trial Chamber I Section A – Judges Liu (Presiding), Harding Clark and Diarra

# DECISION ON DEFENCE MOTION TO STAY THE DELIBERATIONS IN LIGHT OF MATERIAL NEWLY DISCLOSED BY THE PROSECUTION

On 24 March 2003, the Trial Chamber dismissed the Defence Motion for stay of further deliberation in light of new disclosure material provided by the Prosecution (see *Weekly Update* No. 259). The Defence filed its Motion on 12 March 2003.

#### **SCHEDULING ORDER**

On 24 March 2003, the Trial Chamber scheduled the pronouncement of the Judgement in this case for **31 March 2003** at 3:00 p.m.

### **BOBETKO Case ("Medak Pocket")**

Judge Agius

# DECISION ON "MOTION OF THE PROSECUTOR TO SCHEDULE A FITNESS HEARING AND TO TAKE RELATED MEASURES"

On 24 March 2003, Judge Carmel Agius lifted the confidentiality of an Order issued on 19 March 2003 to the authorities of the Republic of Croatia directing that the Indictment against Janko Bobetko be served either on the Accused himself, or a counsel of his choosing. Judge Agius further ordered that Croatia confirm the service of the Indictment within 15 days of the issuance of the Decision.

He ordered that the warrants of arrest and orders for surrender issued by the Tribunal on 17 and 20 September be suspended immediately upon service of the Indictment, and that the Croatian authorities provide to the Registrar of the Tribunal an updated medical report on the Accused's health on a monthly basis (see *Press Release* No. 741).

# MUCIĆ et al. Case ("Čelebiči")

Pre-Appeal Judge Hunt

#### **SCHEDULING ORDER**

On 27 March 2003, Judge Hunt ordered that a hearing be held to deliver the Judgement on the sentence appeal on **8 April 2003** at 2.30 p.m.

## MILUTINOVIĆ et al. Case ("Kosovo")

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

# DECISION ON DEFENCE PRELIMINARY MOTION FILED BY THE DEFENCE FOR NIKOLA ŠAINOVIĆ

On 27 March 2003, the Trial Chamber dismissed the Defence Preliminary Motion of 2 August 2002 which alleged numerous defects in the form of the Indictment and consequently sought an order to amend the Indictment.

# GALIĆ Case ("Sarajevo")

Trial Chamber I Section B – Judges Orie (Presiding), El Mahdi and Nieto-Navia

### SCHEDULING ORDER FOR FINAL TRIAL BRIEFS AND CLOSING ARGUMENTS

On 28 March 2003, the Trial Chamber decided the schedule for the case as follows:

- 1) The parties shall file their Final Trial Briefs no later than 16 April 2003.
- 2) The closing arguments of the parties shall take place on 6, 7 and 8 May 2003. Each party will get five hours to deliver its closing argument and each party will have 30 minutes for its rebuttal or rejoinder argument.

## **COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 31 MARCH - 4 APRIL 2003\***

#### **MONDAY 31 MARCH**

Courtroom I 09:00 - 13:45, **Milošević**, Trial

15:00, Martinović and Naletilić, Judgement

Courtroom II 09:00 - 12:30, **Stakić**, Trial

14:00 - 16:30, Stakić, Trial

Courtroom III 09:00 - 13:45, Simić et al., Trial

#### TUESDAY 1 APRIL

Courtroom I 09:00 - 13:45, **Milošević**, Trial 09:00 - 12:30, **Stakić**, Trial

14:00 - 16:30, Stakić, Trial

Courtroom III 09:00 - 13:45, Simić et al., Trial

#### **WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL**

Courtroom I 09:00 - 13:45, **Milošević**, Trial

Courtroom II 09:00 - 13:45, **Stakić**, Trial (to be confirmed)

Courtroom III 09:00 - 13:45, Simić et al., Trial

#### THURSDAY 3 APRIL

Courtroom I 09:00 - 13:45, Milošević, Trial

14:30 - 16:30, Krnojelac, Status Conference

Courtroom II 09:00 - 13:45, **Stakić**, Trial (to be confirmed)

Courtroom III 09:00 - 13:45, Simić et al., Trial

#### FRIDAY 4 APRIL

Courtroom I 10:00 - 11:30, Stanković, Further Initial Appearance

Courtroom II 09:00 - 13:45, **Stakić**, Motion Hearing Courtroom III 09:00 - 13:45, **Simić** *et al.*, Trial

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http://www.un.org/icty/latest/(in English) (Please click on Hearing Schedule);

http://www.un.org/icty/bhs/week-b.htm (na bosanskom/hrvatskom/srpskom).

#### PRESS RELEASES ISSUED SINCE 13 MARCH 2003

| DATE       | NUMBER | TITLE   | E | F | B/C/S |
|------------|--------|---|---|---|-------|
| 24/03/2003 | 740    | PROCEEDINGS AGAINST MEHMED ALAGIĆ TERMINATED                        | Е |   | B/C/S |
| 25/03/2003 | 741    | JANKO BOBETKO CASE: REPUBLIC OF CROATIA ORDERED TO SERVE INDICTMENT | Е |   | B/C/S |

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