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On Thursday 22 February 2001, the Prosecutor, Ms Carla Del Ponte, issued an indictment related to the 1991 attacks on the city and surrounding areas of Dubrovnik, Croatia. Subsequently, Judge Patricia Wald confirmed the indictment and issued an order limiting public disclosure of the indictment on Tuesday 27 February 2001.

At this time neither the names of the accused nor the text of the indictment will be released to the public. However, it is possible to say at this stage that several individuals have been charged with grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and with violations of the laws or customs of war arising from attacks made by the Yugoslav Peoples' Army on the Dubrovnik region between 1 October and 31 December 1991. The specific offences charged in the 16-count indictment include murder, cruel treatment, attacks on civilians, devastation not justified by military necessity, unlawful attacks on civilian objects, destruction of historic monuments, wanton destruction of villages, and plunder of public and private property.
