



NEW JUDGE SWORN IN

6 March 2012



Judge Khalida Rachid Khan sworn in as a new permanent Judge to the ICTY

On 6 March, Judge Khalida Rachid Khan from Pakistan was sworn in as a new permanent Judge to the ICTY and assigned to the Appeals Chamber.

Judge Khan is the former President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, a position she held until 1 March 2012. Judge Khan's appointment brings the total of number of permanent ICTY Judges to 17.

Judge Khan's [biographical note](#) can be found on the ICTY website.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

2 March 2012



Fourth round of high school presentations in Kosovo launched by the Outreach Programme

This month the Tribunal's Outreach programme launched the fourth round of presentations for 15 high schools in Kosovo.

The multi-media presentations introduce students to the Tribunal's achievements that relate to Kosovo. These achievements are placed within the context of the Tribunal's wider work of bringing to justice those responsible for serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in the former Yugoslavia during the 1990s.

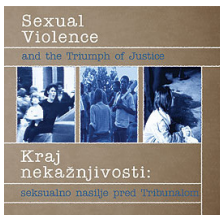
The region-wide project, which was launched on 14 December in Bosnia and Herzegovina seeks to support the process of rec-

onciliation in the region by encouraging young people to take an active interest in issues of justice, transitional justice mechanisms, post-conflict social recovery and the ICTY's mission.

Commenting on the value of the presentations, Jahë Sahiti, School Principal at H.K. Prishtina, said: "The lectures will enable students to become familiar with the functioning, role, objective and importance of the Tribunal. They will contribute to their understanding of the Tribunal's achievements and the facts established in the course of the trials."

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

2 March 2012



Outreach Programme documentary on sexual violence premieres in Zagreb

The premiere of the Tribunal's feature-length documentary "Sexual Violence and the Triumph of Justice" was held recently at the Cinestar in Zagreb, Croatia. The event was attended by 80 guests, including representatives of the Croatian Government, academics, diplomats and NGO representatives as well as journalists.

The documentary depicts the Tribunal's historic role in the prosecution and adjudication of wartime sexual violence. It includes interviews with former and current senior staff members of the ICTY, and testimonies from witnesses and survivors of sexual violence who bravely gave evidence at trials.

The Head of Youth Initiative in Croatia, Mario Mažić said "The documentary shows the pioneering efforts of as well as the challenges the Tribunals dealt with in bringing to account those most responsible for crimes committed against the most vulnerable which set an example for local judiciaries in the coun-

tries of the former Yugoslavia and beyond."

The round table discussion that followed the screening was composed of Documenta Trial Monitor Milena Ćalić-Jelić, NGO B.A.B.E Director Sanja Sarnavka, Ana Ergović Kuzmanović from Zagreb County Court Department for Witness and Victim Support, Marija Slišković from Women in Homeland War and Marijana Senjak, who has extensive former experience in the Association and Centre for Women Therapy Medica in Zenica, BiH.

The panelists spoke about the issues pertaining to the prosecution and adjudication of sexual violence in war crimes cases before the Croatian courts, including the challenges of securing the testimony of witnesses and guaranteeing their protection.

The trailer of the documentary and footage of the launch is available on the [ICTY YouTube channel](#).

IN THE COURTROOMS

5 March 2012



Prosecution presents closing arguments in the case of Vojislav Seselj.

On 5 March thru 7 March the Prosecution presented its closing argument in the case of Vojislav Seselj. In the final stage of its argument the Prosecution asked for 28 years of imprisonment for the accused.

On 9 March the Trial Chamber canceled the hearings that were scheduled for 12 and 13 March due to unavailability of the accused and rescheduled Seselj's closing argument to start in the afternoon on 14 March. Identical to the Prosecution,

Mr. Seselj was given 10 hours to present his closing argument.

The hearings are scheduled to continue on Tuesday afternoon, 20 March when Mr. Seselj will have the opportunity to use his remaining 3 hours and 40 minutes of his closing argument to present his case.

The Seselj [Case Information Sheet](#) can be found on the ICTY website.

VISITS

5 March 2012



Outreach hosts group of war crime trial monitors and journalists from Croatia

The Tribunal recently played host to a group of war crime trial monitors and journalists from Croatia on a week-long study visit organised by Croatian NGO Documenta Centre for Dealing with the Past.

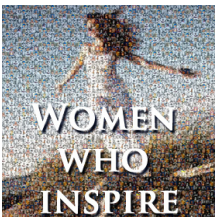
Eighteen war crimes trial monitors and journalists met with the Prosecutor, the Registrar and other senior officials from all sections of the Tribunal, including the Defence. They attended presentations on a variety of aspects of the Tribunal's work which included the Tribunal's sentencing practice, the running of the Detention Unit and its work with victims of sexual violence. They also had the opportunity to attend some of the on-going hearings at the Tribunal.

The visit was organised by Documenta as part of its long-term work with local communities to encourage the establishment and acceptance of facts about the war in the former Yugoslavia. The visit was supported by the Dutch Embassy in Zagreb and was the third visit of war crimes trial monitors and journalists to the Tribunal organised by Documenta since 2010.

Commenting on the visit, Head of Documenta Vesna Teršelić, said: "With this visit, we aim to contribute to more objective reporting by the Croatian media of the ICTY trials. This is particularly important because the public in Croatia does not receive quality information about war crimes or the judicial proceedings for these crimes."

STAFF UNION

8 March 2012



International Women's Day.

For this year's Women's Day celebration "Women Who Inspire", the ICTY Office of the Focal Point for Women and the Staff Union hosted guest speaker Kathryn Bolkovac, author of 'The Whistleblower: Sex Trafficking, Military Contractors, and One Woman's Fight for Justice'. Ms Bolkovac was the inspiration for the movie 'The Whistleblower', which portrays her courageous fight against sex trafficking in Bosnia and Herze-

govina after the war. The event took place in the Tribunal's lobby and was attended by staff members and local media.

After Ms Bolkovac's presentation, the audience was given the opportunity to ask questions followed by a book-signing session and a reception sponsored by the Staff Union.

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 19 MARCH - 30 MARCH

Public proceedings are broadcast with a 30-minute delay on the ICTY website. The Court Schedule is subject to last minute changes. Time used is CET (Central European Time).

Monday 19 March	Courtroom I	14:30 - 16:30	Šešelj (contempt)	Status conference
Tuesday 20 March	Courtroom I	09:00 - 15:00	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom II	14:15 - 19:00	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
	Courtroom III	14:15 - 19:00	Šešelj	Trial
Wednesday 21 March	Courtroom I	09:00 - 15:00	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom II	09:00 - 13:45	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
	Courtroom III	09:00 - 13:45	Šešelj	Trial
Thursday 22 March	Courtroom I	09:00 - 15:00	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom II	09:00 - 13:45	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
Friday 23 March	Courtroom I	09:00 - 15:00	Karadžić	Trial

Monday 26 March	Courtroom I	09:00 - 15:00	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom II	12:00 - 13:15	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
		14:15 - 19:00	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
Tuesday 27 March	Courtroom I	09:00 - 15:00	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom II	14:15 - 19:00	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
Wednesday 28 March	Courtroom I	09:00 - 15:00	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom II	09:00 - 13:45	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
Thursday 29 March	Courtroom I	09:00 - 15:00	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom II	09:00 - 13:45	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
	Courtroom III	09:00 - 11:00	Mladić	Status conference
Friday 30 March	No hearings			