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[27 March](#)**Blagoje Simić in the UK to serve his sentence**

Blagoje Simić, a former Bosnian Serb politician in the Bosanski Samac municipality, is being transferred today to the United Kingdom to serve his sentence of 15 years' imprisonment.

Blagoje Simić is the 25th person transferred to serve their sentence in one of the 10 States with which the Tribunal has an Enforcement Agreement. Nine other persons convicted are awaiting their transfer. A further 16 convicts have finished serving their sentence, and one died while serving his sentence.

The following press release was issued: CT/MOW/1148e at <http://www.un.org/icty/latest-e/index.htm>

[28 March](#)**Vladimir Kovačević case definitively referred to Serbia**

The Appeals Chamber issues in writing its Decision on the appeal lodged by Vladimir Kovačević against the Referral Bench's decision of 17 November 2006 to refer his case to the authorities of Serbia. The Appeals Chamber "dismiss[ed] the appeal in its entirety."

Eleven other accused have had their cases transferred to a local court: nine to Bosnia and Herzegovina and two to Croatia. See further on page 2.

The Decision can be accessed on the Tribunal's website at: <http://www.un.org/icty/cases-e/index-e.htm>

[30 March](#)**Milošević case: new dates for Prosecution and Defence cases**

Disposing of a joint Motion by the Prosecution and the Defence, Trial Chamber III revises a previously issued scheduling order and says that the Prosecution will close its case on 2 May (instead of 27 April) and that the Defence will begin its case on 24 May (instead of 18 May).

Dragomir Milošević, a former commander of the Sarajevo Romanija Corps (SRK) of the Bosnian Serb Army (VRS), has been charged with murder, terror and attacks on civilians in relation to a campaign of sniping and shelling attacks on the city of Sarajevo. His trial started on 11 January 2007.

[2 April](#)**Miroslav Bralo: appeal dismissed, sentence affirmed; 102nd ICTY case completed**

Unanimously dismissing all the grounds of appeal filed by Miroslav Bralo, the Appeals Chamber affirms the sentence of 20 years' imprisonment imposed by a Trial Chamber on 7 December 2005.

A former member of the anti-terrorist platoon of the HVO Military Police Battalion known as the "Jokers", Miroslav Bralo on 19 July 2005 pleaded guilty to eight counts of crimes (murder, rape, torture, unlawful confinement and inhumane treatment of Bosnian Muslim civilians, including a number of children) carried out in the Lasva Valley region of central Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1993.

A press release, with a link to the full text of the Judgement (in English) as well as to summaries (in English and French) are available on the Tribunal's website: JP/MOW/1150e at <http://www.un.org/icty/latest-e/index.htm>

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**Brdjanin Appeals
Judgement:
Chamber reduces
the sentence to 30
years**

The Appeals Chamber sentences Radoslav Brdjanin to 30 years' imprisonment. The Appeals Chamber reversed certain convictions; however, in light of the gravity of the crimes for which Brdjanin's convictions were upheld, as well as the relevant aggravating and mitigating circumstances, the reduction of sentence was limited to 2 years.

A leading political figure in the Autonomous Region of Krajina (ARK), Radoslav Brdjanin had been sentenced to 32 years' imprisonment by Trial Chamber II on 1 September 2004.

A press release, with a link to the full text of the Judgement (in English) as well as to summaries (in English and French) are available on the Tribunal's website: JP/MOW/1151e at <http://www.un.org/icty/pressreal/2007/pr1151e.htm>

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**Margetić released
upon serving his
sentence**

Domagoj Margetić is released from the United Nations Detention Unit, having served his term for contempt of court.

On 7 February 2007, Trial Chamber I found Domagoj Margetić, a Croatian freelance journalist, guilty of contempt for disclosing protected witness names, and sentenced him to a prison term of three months and a fine of 10,000 Euros.

Meanwhile, the fine has been paid and the prison term has expired, as Margetić was given credit for 34 days previously served.

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**Dragan Zelenović
sentenced to 15
years'
imprisonment**

On 17 January 2007, Dragan Zelenović had pleaded guilty to three counts of torture and four counts of rape against a number of Bosnian Muslim women and girls following the take-over of Foča in April 1992 by Serb forces. The Trial Chamber determined that the "scale of the crimes was large," that the accused's participation was "substantial" and that his "victims suffered the unspeakable pain, indignity, and humiliation of being repeatedly violated, without knowing whether they would survive the ordeal."

A press release, with a link to the full text of the Judgement (in English) as well as to summaries (in English and French) are available on the Tribunal's website: JP/MOW/1152e at <http://www.un.org/icty/pressreal/2007/pr1151e.htm>

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**Milan and
Sredoje Lukić
referred to BiH by
the Referral
Bench**

The Referral Bench decides to refer "the case The Prosecutor v. Milan Lukić and Sredoje Lukić... to the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, so that those authorities should forthwith refer the case to the appropriate national court for trial within Bosnia and Herzegovina."

Only one Rule 11bis case (Trbić) is still under the Bench's consideration. To date 12 accused have been definitively referred to local courts for trials: nine to Bosnia and Herzegovina, two to Croatia and one to Serbia (see page 1). Two of them have been convicted and sentenced by a Trial Panel of the War Crimes Chamber, in Sarajevo: Radovan Stanković, who received a sentence of 16 years on 14 November 2006; and Gojko Janković, sentenced to 34 years on 16 February 2007. So far, only Stanković has appealed.

The following press release was issued: CT/MOW/1153e at <http://www.un.org/icty/latest-e/index.htm>

ICTY PROCEEDINGS COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO 106 ACCUSED

Since the very first hearing (referral request in the Tadić case) on 8 November 1994, the Tribunal has indicted a total of 161 individuals, and has already completed proceedings with regard to 106 of them: five have been acquitted, 51 sentenced (nine are awaiting transfer, 25 have been transferred, 16 have served their term, and one died while serving his sentence), 14 have had their cases transferred to local courts. Another 36 cases have been terminated (either because indictments were withdrawn or because the accused died, before or after transfer to the Tribunal).

Proceedings are on-going with regard to 55 accused: 10 are at the appeals stage, 23 are currently on trial, 12 are at pre-trial and six are still at large. Four are awaiting judgement by a Trial Chamber.

The figure of the accused at the appeals stage includes Sefer Halilović, Fatmir Limaj and Isak Musliu (who have been acquitted and released but against whom an appeal by the Office of the Prosecutor is running), as well as Amir Kubura and Naser Orić. These two accused have been sentenced and granted early release (Kubura) and release (Orić), but the OTP has appealed against the Trial Chamber's Judgements.

A further 19 individuals have also been the subject of contempt proceedings.

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