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[11 April](#)**Momir Nikolić transferred to Finland**

Momir Nikolić, a former Bosnian Serb army officer convicted of crimes committed in Srebrenica in 1995, was transferred to Finland today to serve his sentence of 20 years' imprisonment.

The following press release was issued: CT/MOW/1154e at <http://www.un.org/icty/latest-e/index.htm>

[13 April](#)**Rajić transferred to serve sentence in Spain**

Today Ivica Rajić was transferred to Spain where he will serve his sentence.

*Rajić pleaded guilty on 26 October 2005, and on 8 May 2006 was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment for his role in the attack against the central Bosnian village of Stupni Do in October 1993, which caused the death of approximately 31 civilians, including elderly women and children, and the destruction of the village. He was also sentenced for his role in the rounding up of more than 250 Muslim men in the nearby town of Vares and their subsequent inhuman treatment.*

The following press release was issued: CT/MOW/1155e at <http://www.un.org/icty/cases-e/index-e.htm>

[16 April](#)**ICJ case: no deal between ICTY's OTP and Belgrade!**

The Office of the Prosecutor issues a statement in response to "allegations of an alleged 'deal' between the Prosecutor's Office and the Belgrade authorities regarding the disclosure of certain documents" and stating that "any allegation that the Office of the Prosecutor has been involved in hiding evidence is entirely false."

*The allegations that have been made, especially in the past few days, are in connection with the International Court of Justice's Judgement on 26 February 2007 in the case of Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Serbia and Montenegro.*

The statement is available in full on the Tribunal's website: CdP/MOW/1156e at <http://www.un.org/icty/cases-e/index-e.htm>

[17 April](#)**ICTY to receive a Spanish award for its independence**

President Fausto Pocar will receive this Thursday night on behalf of the Tribunal the Award Justice in the World, bestowed by the Madrid-based Foundation "Justice in the World" for "the achievements of the ICTY and, in particular, for the independence with which it carries out its mandate."

*The Foundation Justice in the World is comprised of Spanish jurists and is affiliated with the International Association of Judges. The award will be presented to President Pocar at a solemn ceremony attended by His Majesty King Juan Carlos and the highest judicial authorities of Spain. Judges Agius, Orić, Van Den Wyngaert, Moloto and Mindua will be accompanying the President as will the Registrar, Hans Holthuis, who will be representing staff members.*

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[17 April](#)

**First Rule 11bis case completed in Sarajevo: Radovan Stanković's sentence raised to 20 years**

The Court of BiH Appellate Panel announces its judgement in the case of Radovan Stanković, increasing his sentence from 16 to 20 years.

*The former Bosnian Serb soldier was initially indicted by the ICTY and later referred to Bosnia under Rule 11bis. This appeals judgement completes the first case ever transferred to the Bosnian authorities from the Tribunal.*

*In November 2006, Stanković had been found guilty by the Trial Panel of running a brutal detention camp near the eastern town of Foča and of encouraging and assisting in the capture, torture, rape and killing of non-Serb civilians in the 1992-95 Bosnian war. He was then sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment. The Appellate Panel increased his sentence because it found that "the sentence imposed under the first instance verdict did not meet the purpose of punishment."*

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[19 April](#)

**Gotovina *et al.* trial postponed**

Today the Pre-Trial Judge issued an Order postponing the start of the Gotovina *et al.* trial "until further notice". The trial had previously been scheduled to commence on 7 May, but due to various reasons, among them issues related to the accused's representation, the trial has been postponed.

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### **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 105 of them: five have been acquitted, 51 sentenced (seven are awaiting transfer, 27 have been transferred, 16 have served their term, and one died while serving his sentence), 13 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 56 accused: 11 are at the appeals stage, 25 are currently on trial, 10 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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