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Karadžić case: further appearance of the accused to enter a plea on the amended indictment

The accused is supposed to enter a plea to the new charges stemming from the two Indictment Decisions made by the Trial Chamber following Motions from the Prosecution.

The accused fails to enter a plea, and a plea of not guilty is entered on his behalf by Judge Bonomy.

Related press releases can be read on the Tribunal website: www.icty.org

[4 March](#)

New-look ICTY website proves popular

The ICTY website saw a significant month-on-month growth in usage following its re-design. Statistics collated since the new site was launched at the end of 2008 are very encouraging, with a figure of less than 200,000 page views in December rising to almost 350,000 in February.

Readers from The Netherlands, Serbia, and the US continue to provide the most visits (with visits from 165 different countries in total), while the 'Court Schedule', 'The Cases', and 'About the ICTY' sections are the most frequently viewed.

[5 March](#)

Gotovina et al: Prosecution rests

The Prosecution closes the presentation of their evidence against Ante Gotovina, Ivan Čermak and Mladen Markač. Since the beginning of the trial, on 11 March 2008, the OTP has called 78 witnesses, including 36 who were "internationals" at the time of Operation Storm.

Following the end of the Prosecution's case, the Defence filed a Motion requesting 90 days for preparation, which is under consideration by the Trial Chamber.

[6 March](#)

Initial appearance of Vojislav Šešelj on contempt charges

Vojislav Šešelj pleads not guilty to the charges of contempt.

On 21 January, Šešelj was indicted for contempt following the alleged disclosure, in a book, of the name and other personal details of three protected witnesses in his separate trial for crimes allegedly committed in Croatia and in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Related press releases can be read on the Tribunal website: www.icty.org

[10 March](#)

Popović et al. Case: Momir Nikolić to testify

Trial Chamber II orders that Momir Nikolić should testify as a Chamber witness in the Popović et al case (Srebrenica).

The former Assistant Commander for Security and Intelligence of the Bratunac Brigade of the Bosnian Serb Arm, Momir Nikolić on 8 March 2006 was convicted for his involvement in the Srebrenica massacres, and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment for crimes against humanity. He is currently serving his sentence in Finland, where he was transferred on 11 April 2007, and will be transported to the ICTY on a date to be communicated.

[12 March](#)

ICTY mandate should not be terminated, says European MPs

The European Parliament in a plenary session adopts a Report and Recommendations to the European Council (see second link below) urging support for the successful completion of the Tribunal's mandate "so that all the ongoing trials can be examined without undue haste and the remaining indicted war criminals can be brought to justice".

Welcoming the support of the European Parliament for its work and the successful

completion of its mandate in bringing to justice those persons most responsible for the most serious crimes committed during the Yugoslav wars, the Tribunal issued a press release: "The Tribunal appreciates the recognition of its significant contribution to the development of international justice, the process of reconciliation in the Western Balkans and its capacity building endeavors with regard to the rule of law in the region."

<http://www.icty.org/sid/10077>

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+REPORT+A6-2009-0112+0+DOC+XML+Vo//EN&language=EN>

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 16 MARCH – 27 MARCH

MONDAY 16 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordjević**, Trial
Courtroom II 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić & Lukić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial
Courtroom III 14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić**, Trial

TUESDAY 17 MARCH

Courtroom I 12.30 – 13.45, **Krajišnik**, Appeals Judgement
14:15 – 19:00, **Djordjević**, Trial
Courtroom II 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić & Lukić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordjević**, Trial
14:30 – 15:30, **Boškoski & Tarčulovski**, Status conference
Courtroom II 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić & Lukić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial

THURSDAY 19 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Djordjević**, Trial
Courtroom II 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić & Lukić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Perišić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Prlić**, Trial

FRIDAY 20 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordjević**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
Courtroom II 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić & Lukić**, Trial
Courtroom III 14:15 – 15:30, **Župljanin and Stanišić**, Status conference

MONDAY 23 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
14:15 – 19:10, **Djordjević**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:10, **Lukić & Lukić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić**, Trial

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordjević**, Trial
14:15 – 19:10, **Lukić & Lukić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al**, Trial

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Gotovina et al**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Djordjević**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:10, **Lukić & Lukić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Prlić**, Trial

THURSDAY 26 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:00 – 13:45, **Perišić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al**, Trial (to be confirmed)
Courtroom II 08:30 – 13:15, **Šešelj**, Trial (to be confirmed)
14:15 – 19:10, **Lukić & Lukić**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al**, Trial
14:15 – 18:30, **Prlić**, Trial

FRIDAY 27 MARCH

Courtroom I 08:50 – 13:45, **Lukić & Lukić**, Trial
14:15 – 19:00, **Gotovina et al**, Trial (to be confirmed)
Courtroom II 09:00 – 13:45, **Djordjević**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:00 – 13:45, **Popović et al**, Trial

Public proceedings are broadcast with a 30-minute delay on the ICTY's website.

PROCEEDINGS COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO 116 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 116 of them: 10 have been acquitted, 57 sentenced (one is awaiting transfer, 28 have been transferred, 26 have served their term, and two died while serving their 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 45 accused: ten are at the appeals stage, a Trial Chamber has passed judgement on six accused (but an appeal is still possible), 21 are currently on trial, and six are at the pre-trial stage. Two fugitives are still at large.

A further 29 individuals have been or are the subject of contempt proceedings.

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