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# ICTY WEEKLY UPDATE-78

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## LAST MINUTE NEWS

### KRNOJELAC CASE:

#### **DECISION ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE INDICTMENT**

Further to the Decision of 24 February 1999 granting in part a preliminary Motion by the accused alleging defects in the indictment (see Update Nos. 67, 70 & 71). On 20 May 1999, Trial Chamber II (Judges Hunt (Presiding), Cassese and Mumba) issued a Decision on the "Prosecutor's Response to the Decision of 24 February 1999", filed on 23 April 1999.

The Trial Chamber granted the Prosecution leave, within 7 days of the date of the Decision, to file an amended indictment or, if the Prosecution wishes to plead new charges, to apply for a variation of the time limit to enable an application for leave to amend to be made. The Trial Chamber also granted leave for the accused to file a preliminary Motion in relation to an amended indictment within 30 days of it being filed.

### BLASKIC CASE:

#### **COLONEL ROBERT STEWART TO TESTIFY ON 17 JUNE 1999**

On 19 May 1999, Trial Chamber I (Judges Jorda (Presiding), Shahabudeen and Rodrigues), ordered Colonel Robert Stewart, former Commander of the UNPROFOR British battalion, to appear before the Trial Chamber on 17 June 1999. The order details specific issues to be addressed in the witness' testimony and outlines the procedure of the deposition. The witness has not requested protective measures.

The Order is the third such order to have been issued further to the Trial Chamber's Decision of 25 March 1999 (see ICTY Press Release No. 393 of 6 April 1999). Thus far, General Philippe Morillon and Mr. Jean-Pierre Thebault have also been ordered to testify before the Trial Chamber (see Update No. 77).

### DELALIC & OTHERS ("Celebici") CASE:

#### **NEW COMPOSITION OF THE APPEALS CHAMBER**

On 19 May 1999, Judge Richard May, acting as President in light of the unavailability of both the President and Vice-President of the Tribunal, assigned Judge Fouad Abdel-Monem Riad as a member of the Appeals Chamber for the purpose of the appeals from the Celebici Judgement further to Judge Almiro Rodrigues' withdrawal.

The Appeals Chamber is consequently comprised as follows: Judges Riad, Wang, Nieto-Navia, Hunt and Bennouna.

### SIMIC & OTHERS ("Bosanski Samac") CASE:

#### **APPEALS CHAMBER REJECTS TODOROVIC'S APPEAL**

On 18 May 1999, The Appeals Chamber (Judges Kirk McDonald (Presiding), Shahabuddeen, Cassese, Wang and Nieto-Navia) rejected Stevan Todorovic's "Notice of Appeal and Appeal to the Appeal Chamber" against the Trial Chamber's decision not to hold an evidentiary hearing as to the alleged kidnapping of the accused, filed on 30 March 1999 (see Update Nos. 65 & 72).

The Appeals Chamber found that it did not have jurisdiction to hear such an appeal and ordered that the Defence may seek leave for an interlocutory appeal of the Decision before a bench of three Judges of the Appeals Chamber no later than 25 May 1999.

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**ALEKSOVSKI CASE:**

**PROSECUTION AND DEFENCE FILE NOTICES OF APPEAL**

On 17 May and 19 May 1999 respectively, the Defence and Prosecution filed Notices of Appeal against both the Judgement and Sentence of Trial Chamber I *bis*, of 7 May 1999 (see Press Release No. 400, 7 May 1999).

**FURUNDZIJA CASE:**

**BRIEFING SCHEDULE ISSUED**

On 17 May 1999, the Appeals Chamber (Judges Shahabuddeen (Presiding), Vohrah, Wang, Nieto-Navia and Robinson) granted the Appellant’s “Motion for Extension of Time in which to File the Defendant’s Appellant Brief”, filed 10 May 1999 (see Update No. 77). The schedule in the appeal on the merits is as follows:

- 1) The Appellant’s brief shall be filed by 25 June 1999.
- 2) The Prosecution’s brief shall be filed by 26 July 1999.
- 3) The Appellant may file a Reply by 10 August 1999.

**COURTROOM SCHEDULE: MONDAY 24 MAY TO FRIDAY 28 MAY 1999\***

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Courtroom I	<b>Whit Monday</b> Official Holiday	No proceedings	<b>10.00 , TC I</b> <b>Blaskic case</b> Trial	<b>10.00 , TC I</b> <b>Blaskic case</b> Trial	<b>9.00-13.30 , TC I</b> <b>Blaskic case</b> Trial
	<b>Whit Monday</b> Official Holiday	<b>14.00 , TC I</b> <b>Blaskic case</b> Trial	<b>14.30, TC I</b> <b>Blaskic case</b> Trial	<b>14.30 , TC I</b> <b>Blaskic case</b> Trial	No proceedings
Courtroom III	<b>Whit Monday</b> Official Holiday	<b>9.00-13.30, TC II</b> <b>Kupreskic et al.</b> Trial	<b>9.00-13.30, TC II</b> <b>Kupreskic et al.</b> Trial	<b>9.00-13.30, TC II</b> <b>Kupreskic et al.</b> Trial	<b>9.00-13.30, TC II</b> <b>Kupreskic et al.</b> Trial
	<b>Whit Monday</b> Official Holiday	No proceedings	No proceedings	No proceedings	No proceedings

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