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ICTY WEEKLY UPDATE – 123

PROCEDURAL DEVELOPMENTS:

I. OVERVIEW OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

KUNARAC, KOVAČ & VUKOVIĆ CASE (“FOČA”)

Trial Chamber II – Judges Mumba (Presiding), Hunt and Pocar

Having adjourned on 20 April 2000, the trial resumed on Tuesday 25 April, entering its fifth week of hearings, with the testimony of protected Prosecution witness “95”.

“Witness 95” testified about being taken to Buk Bijela on 4 July 1992 where she was kept for one night and questioned by soldiers. She was then taken to the Foča secondary school where she was raped throughout the 15 to 20 days of her detention and was subsequently taken to the Partizan Sports Hall. “Witness 95” said that she was subjected to rapes at the Partizan Sports Hall by, amongst others, Vuković and Kunarac.

On 12 August 1992, “Witness 95” was taken to the Novi Pazar stadium, gang-raped by soldiers and then taken back to Buk Bijela. She was released the following day.

In her testimony, “Witness 95” said that she was raped more than 150 times during the 40 days of her detention and that in the course of the war 25 members of her family were killed.

The cross-examination of “Witness 95” concluded on Wednesday 26 April.

The following witness “132” testified that she was held at “Karaman’s house” in August 1992 for several hours, taken to the police station at Miljevina for questioning and then returned to the house where she stayed overnight with seven girls who were being kept at the house: “DB”, “FWS-87”, “75”, “AS”, “AB” (who was 12 years old at the time), “JG”, and “JB”.

The next day “Witness 132” was returned to her home, however, in September 1992 she was again taken to “Karaman’s house” and kept there until 21 March 1993. The same seven girls were still at “Karaman’s house” and they were subsequently joined by “AT”.

During her detention at the house, “Witness 132”, who was 15 years old at the time, was subjected to repeated rapes and gang-rape.

On Thursday 27 April, “Witness 96” began to testify.

“Witness 96” testified that on 3 July 1992 she was taken to Buk Bijela and then taken, with other women, to the secondary school at Aladza where she was kept for seven to ten days. After this, “Witness 96” was taken to Partizan Sports Hall where she remained until her release on 13 August 1992.

The Trial Chamber has now adjourned until 2 May 2000.

NIKOLIĆ CASE (“SUŠICA CAMP”)

Trial Chamber II – Judges Hunt (Presiding), Mumba and Liu

Following the transfer of Dragan Nikolić to the custody of the ICTY on 22 April 2000, the accused pleaded “not guilty” to all counts charged against him at his initial appearance hearing on Friday 28 April.

II. OVERVIEW OF COURT DOCUMENTS

SIMIĆ & OTHERS CASE (“BOSANSKI ŠAMAC”)

FURTHER OBSERVATIONS FILED IN SIMIĆ MOTION FOR PROVISIONAL RELEASE

On 26 April 2000, the Prosecution filed “further observations in connection with the Simić motion for provisional release” pursuant to the Scheduling Order issued by Trial Chamber III (Judges Robinson (Presiding), Hunt and Bennouna) on 19 April 2000.

Milan Simić had originally filed a motion for provisional release on 16 December 1999, however, the motion had been deferred pending the outcome of the contempt proceedings brought against Simić and his former counsel, Mr. Branislav Avramović. On 29 March 2000, the Trial Chamber unanimously found that neither the contempt allegations against Milan Simić nor those against Mr. Branislav Avramović had been "established beyond reasonable doubt" and therefore neither Respondent was found to be in contempt of the Tribunal (see Press Release No. 483).

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 1 MAY – 5 MAY *

MONDAY 1 MAY

UN Holiday

TUESDAY 2 MAY

Courtroom I 09:30, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
14:30, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:30, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial
14:30, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:30, **Kvočka/Radic/Kos/Zigic/Prcac**, Trial

WEDNESDAY 3 MAY

Courtroom I 09:30, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
14:30, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:30, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial
14:30, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:30, **Kvočka/Radic/Kos/Zigic/Prcac**, Trial

THURSDAY 4 MAY

Courtroom I 09:30, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
14:30, **Kunarac/Kovac/Vukovic**, Trial
Courtroom II 09:30, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial
14:30, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:30, **Kvočka/Radic/Kos/Zigic/Prcac**, Trial

FRIDAY 5 MAY

Courtroom II 09:30, **Kordic/Cerkez**, Trial
Courtroom III 09:30, **Kvočka/Radic/Kos/Zigic/Prcac**, Trial

Coverage of the proceedings in Courtroom II will be broadcast live, without a 30-minute delay, in the public gallery in the lobby.

*The courtroom schedule is provisional and you are invited to check for last minute changes with the Public Information Services. Unless otherwise indicated, all sessions are open.

PRESS RELEASES ISSUED SINCE 21 APRIL

DATE	NUMBER	TITLE	E	F	B/C/S
20/4/2000	495	STATEMENT BY CLAUDE JORDA, PRESIDENT OF THE ICTY	E	F	B/C/S
26/4/2000	496	INITIAL APPEARANCE OF DRAGAN NIKOLIĆ ON FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2000	E		B/C/S
28/4/2000	497	SWEDEN TO PROVIDE EXPERTS TO ASSIST THE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR IN KOSOVO	E		B/C/S

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