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International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

Tribunal Pénal International pour l'ex-Yougoslavie

ICTY WEEKLY UPDATE-56

27 NOVEMBER 1998

LAST MINUTE NEWS

KUPRESKIC & OTHERS CASE

TRIAL ADJOURNED TO MONDAY 11 JANUARY 1999:

Following a Defence motion filed on 21 November, Trial Chamber II (Judge Cassese, presiding, Judge May and Judge Mumba) issued on 25 November an Order adjourning the trial until Monday 11 January 1999 on the grounds of the ill health of Mr. Radovic, counsel for Zoran Kupreskic. The Chamber considered that a co-counsel, Mr. Pasaric, was assigned to Mr. Radovic and had seven weeks to prepare for the Defence case: "accordingly no further delay will be permitted on the grounds of Mr. Radovic's ill health from that date onwards".

TADIC CASE

APPEAL HEARINGS BETWEEN 25 AND 29 JANUARY 1999:

The Appeals Chamber issued on 25 November an Order setting the date for the hearing on the appeal and crossappeal on the Judgement of 7 May 1997, as well as on the appeal on the sentencing judgement of 14 July 1997: "from Monday 25 to Friday 29 January 1999".

Following the accused's request that his assigned lead Defence counsel, Mr. Milan Vuiin, attorney from Belgrade, be withdrawn "because he has lost all confidence in him", the Registrar appointed on 19 November Mr. William Clegg, attorney from London, as the accused's lead counsel.

CELEBICI CASE NOTICES OF APPEAL BEING FILED:

Notices of appeal against the judgement rendered on 16 November were given on Tuesday 24 November by accused Hazim Delic and on Thursday 26 November by the Prosecutor (with regard to Delalic's acquittal and the length of Mucic's sentence).

<u>ALEKSOVSKI CASE</u> DEFENCE MOTION FOR PROVISIONAL RELEASE:

On Tuesday 24 November, the Defence counsel for Zlatko Aleksovski filed a motion for provisional release of the accused. With the final trial briefs submitted by both parties and the oral closing arguments coming up, the proceedings before Trial Chamber I bis were about to be concluded. However, on 17 November 1998, the Trial Chamber decided to stay the proceedings pending an appeal by the Prosecution regarding the admission of further evidence.

The Defence argues that the requirements of Rule 65 are met. Accordingly, it submits that exceptional circumstances exist because of the poor state of health of the accused, the expectation that lack of evidence will lead to an acquittal and the long period of the accused's detention. Likewise, although he claims not to be able to offer a bail bond, the accused assures his return for the trial. This, Croatia would be willing to guarantee. Furthermore, due to the geographical distance, Mr. Aleksovski could not possibly pose a danger to victims and witnesses.

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 1998*

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Courtroom I | No proceedings | 10.00, TC I Jelisic trial | No proceedings | Plenary | Plenary |
| | 14.00-18.00, TC I Jelisic trial | 14.30, TC I Jelisic trial | 14.00-18.00, TC I Jelisic trial | Plenary | Plenary |

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