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Highlights of 17/12/2007 through 11/01/2008 - Nr. 28

The date of the next Diplomatic Seminar will be announced in the near future. During this Seminar, the Tribunal's President, Judge Fausto Pocar, will officially introduce the new Prosecutor, Serge Brammertz.

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Portugal signs enforcement of sentences agreement

Portugal enters into an agreement on the enforcement of sentences, which allows for the persons convicted by the Tribunal to serve their sentences in its prisons. This is the third such agreement signed this year, and it makes Portugal the thirteenth state to accept enforcing sentences. Before Portugal, Ukraine and Belgium (who signed the agreement in 2007), Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom had entered into enforcement agreements.

The following press release was issued: VE/MOW/ PR1208e at <http://www.un.org/icty/latest-e/index.htm>

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Rasim Delić under house arrest

The Duty Judge issues an Order requesting the government of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) to place Rasim Delić under house arrest at his residence in Visoko. On provisional release from 11 December until 11 January, Delić was found to have breached the conditions of his release by meeting with Haris Silajdžić, a member of the BiH presidency.

The following press release was issued: CVO/MOW/ PR1209e at <http://www.un.org/icty/latest-e/index.htm>

[28 and 30 December](#)

Mladen Markač: provisional release terminated, and transfer to The Hague

The Duty Judge issues an Order terminating the provisional release of Mladen Markač and requesting the Government of Croatia to arrest and transfer him to the Netherlands. Markač violated the conditions of his provisional release by leaving his designated residence without due permission.

The following press release was issued: CVO/MOW/ PR1210e at <http://www.un.org/icty/latest-e/index.htm>

Following his arrest, Mladen Markač was transferred to the Tribunal's Detention Unit on 30 December 2007.

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New Prosecutor takes up his duties today

Serge Brammertz (Belgium) takes up his new post as Prosecutor, succeeding Carla Del Ponte (Switzerland). The United Nations Security Council appointed Mr. Brammertz on 28 November 2007 for a four-year term with effect from 1 January 2008.

Serge Brammertz was formerly the Commissioner of the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission into the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. He was also former Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

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INTERNET BROADCAST OF TRIALS RESUMES

The internet broadcast of ICTY trials resumes after months of disruption and technical difficulties.

While the service was initially set up and operated by an outside provider on a voluntary basis, the responsibility for the operation of the internet broadcast from the ICTY's website (www.un.org/icty) is now in the hands of the ICTY technical services.

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**More than 6,000
visitors in 2007**

The Communications Service hosted visits last year by 248 groups totalling 6,228 visitors from more than 29 different countries. The groups comprised mostly students and legal professionals, but there were also many other visitors such as from police, military and government bodies.

ICTY PROCEEDINGS COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO 111 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 111 of them: nine have been acquitted, 53 sentenced (eight are awaiting transfer, 27 have been transferred, 16 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 50 accused: nine are at the appeals stage, 26 are currently on trial, 11 are at the pre-trial stage, and four are still at large.

The figure of the accused at the appeals stage includes 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 24 individuals are or have been the subject of contempt proceedings.

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