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LAST MINUTE NEWS:

BLAŠKIĆ CASE

NEW TIMING FOR THE JUDGEMENT HEARING

Trial Chamber I (Judges Jorda (Presiding), Shahabuddeen and Rodrigues) will hand down its Judgement in the Blaškić case on **Friday 3 March 2000** at **10.30 a.m.** in Courtroom I.

KVOČKA & OTHERS CASE

COMMENCEMENT OF TRIAL

The trial of Miroslav Kvočka, Milojica Kos, Mlađo Radić and Zoran Žigić has been scheduled to commence before Trial Chamber I (Judges Rodrigues (Presiding), Riad and Wald) on **Monday 28 February 2000** at **10.30 a.m.** in Courtroom III. The first day's hearing will continue until 3.30 p.m.

KRSTIĆ CASE

COMMENCEMENT OF TRIAL

The trial of Radislav Krstić has been scheduled to commence before Trial Chamber I (Judges Rodrigues (Presiding), Riad and Wald) on **13 March 2000** at **9.30 a.m.** in Courtroom I.

PROCEDURAL DEVELOPMENTS:

I. OVERVIEW OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

KORDIĆ & ČERKEZ CASE

Trial Chamber III – Judges May (Presiding), Bennouna and Robinson

The Trial Chamber reconvened this week continuing to hear the Prosecution case-in-chief.

On Monday 21 February, Witness AJ, who lived in Ilidža, on the outskirts of Sarajevo, until being compelled in April 1992 to move to the village of Hercezi, gave evidence regarding the 18 April 1993 attack on the village of Gomionica and the take over of Hercezi by the HVO.

Witness AJ also testified about being confined in Hercezi, the requirement that he report daily to the HVO headquarters in the village and forced labour including trench digging. Witness AJ testified that, in September 1993, he was transferred to Rotilj, a detention camp, with other villagers where people were again subjected to forced labour. Witness AJ was released from detention at Rotilj in November 1993.

On Tuesday 22 February, Mr. Jonathan Elford, a military analyst with the Office of the Prosecutor, testified regarding maps he prepared in response to a request by the Trial Chamber on 3 August 1999.

Mr. Elford presented a series of maps indicating the deployment of the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina (ABiH), the Croatian Defence Council (HVO), and the army of Republika Srpska (VRS): (1) in central Bosnia in April 1993, (2) in central Bosnia in July 1993, and (3) a map of the Lašva Valley showing the deployments of armies as of 17 April 1993, May 1993 and July 1993.

The Trial Chamber reconvened on Thursday 24 February continuing to hear the cross-examination of Mr. Elford.

DELALIĆ & OTHERS CASE

Appeals Chamber – Judges Hunt (Presiding), Riad, Wang, Nieto-Navia and Bennouna

On Wednesday 23 February, Judge Hunt, the pre-Appeal Judge, held a status conference in open session.

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KVOČKA & OTHERS CASE

Trial Chamber I – Judges Rodrigues (Presiding), Riad and Wald

On Thursday 24 February, the Trial Chamber held a pre-trial conference in closed session.

II. OVERVIEW OF COURT DOCUMENTS

ALEKSOVSKI CASE

REQUEST FOR RELEASE DENIED

On 18 February 2000, the Appeals Chamber (Judges May (Presiding), Mumba, Wang, Hunt and Robinson) denied Aleksovski's request for release from detention, filed confidentially on 10 February 2000. The Appeals Chamber was not satisfied that, if released, Aleksovski would appear for Judgement (see Press Release No. 469).

KORDIĆ & ČERKEZ CASE

SCHEDULING ORDER FOR DEFENCE CASE

On 23 February 2000, Trial Chamber III (Judges May (Presiding), Bennouna and Robinson) issued a scheduling order for the defence case which is due to commence on 10 April 2000.

COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 28 FEBRUARY - 3 MARCH *

MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY

Courtroom I 09:30, Kordic/Cerkez, Trial

14:30, Kordic/Cerkez, Trial

Courtroom III 10:30, Kvocka et al., Trial

TUESDAY 29 FEBRUARY

Courtroom I 09:30, Kordic/Cerkez, Trial

14:30, Kordic/Cerkez, Trial

Courtroom III 09:30, Kvocka et al., Trial

WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH

Courtroom I 09:00, Simic et al., Status Conference

10:15, Kordic/Cerkez, Trial

14:30, Kordic/Cerkez, Trial

Courtroom III 09:30, Kvocka et al., Trial

THURSDAY 2 MARCH

Courtroom I 10:00, Furundzija, Hearing on Appellate briefs

Courtroom III 09:30, Kvocka et al., Trial

16:30, Kunarac, Kovac & Vukovic, Pre-trial Conference

FRIDAY 3 MARCH

Courtroom I 10:30, Blaskic, Judgement

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