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Trial Chamber Grants In Part Prosecution's Motion to Amend the Indictment Against Karadžić

Trial Chamber III today granted in part the Prosecution's motion to amend the indictment against Radovan Karadžić.

Karadžić, former President of the self-proclaimed Republika Srpska and head of the Serbian Democratic Party and Supreme Commander of the Bosnian Serb Army (VRS), is charged by the Prosecution with genocide and a multitude of crimes against Bosnian Muslim, Bosnian Croat and other non-Serb civilians in Bosnia and Herzegovina committed during the 1992-1995 war.

In the Amended Indictment, Karadžić is charged with two counts of genocide instead of initial one. The first count refers to the crimes committed in Bosnia and Herzegovina during 1992 and the second to the July 1995 massacre in Srebrenica. Two other counts have been dropped from the initial indictment, those being the charges of complicity in genocide and grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions.

With the Amended Indictment, Karadžić is charged with criminal conduct in relation to 27 municipalities instead of the initial 41.

The Prosecution's motion was not granted with regards to three alleged incidents of killing which it sought to add to Counts 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the indictment as they were not adequately supported by evidence.

The Trial Chamber ordered Prosecution to file a Second Amended Indictment by noon on Wednesday, 18 February 2009 in Courtroom I.

A further appearance has been scheduled for Friday 20 February 2009 at 14:15 in Courtroom I at which Radovan Karadžić is expected to enter a plea to the new charges.

The full text of the Decision on the Tribunal's website at:

<http://www.icty.org/x/cases/karadzic/tdec/en/090216.pdf>

An information sheet on this case is available on the Tribunal's website at:

http://www.icty.org/x/cases/karadzic/cis/en/cis_karadzic_en.pdf

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