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Over 600 Persons Indicted for War Crimes and Severe Violations of International Humanitarian Law

This Fall Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Reach Figure of 5000 Indicted Persons in Institution's History

**In Terrorism Cases, Final and Binding Judgments
Totaling 130 Years in Prison Handed Down**

Plenary Session of Collegium of Prosecutor's Office of BiH Held In 2015, Best Results in History of Prosecutor's Office of BiH



- Quota Achieved in 2015 – 159.77%
- Quality of Work – 92%
- Number of Indictments Filed – 195 against 431 Persons
- In 2015, 382 Cases against 1197 Persons Resolved
- Data for 2013 – Quality 94%; Collective Quota 119.61%
- Data for 2014 – Quality 89%; Collective Quota 128%
- Data for 2015 – Quality 92%; Collective Quota 159.77%
- Average Quality of Work over Past Three Years – 92%
- Based on Indictments for War Crimes, Final and Binding Sentences Totaling 2087 Years in Prison Pronounced To-date



Prosecutor's Office of BiH Has Reached Figure of 600 Indictees Have Been

The conviction rate in war crimes cases initiated under indictments of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH is more than 80%. Below you will find the message of the Chief Prosecutor for the citizens and the public of Bosnia and Herzegovina concerning this matter.

Dear all,

With its recent indictment for war crimes committed in Prijedor, the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina reached a historical figure of 605 persons charged with war crimes by the Prosecutor's Office. In this way, we have become the judicial institution with the highest number of war crimes indictees in global terms, because after the WW2 tribunals at Nuremberg and Tokyo no other national or international tribunal has recorded a higher number of indictees.

By the end of the last year, prosecutorial decisions were made in all Category 2 cases which are the most complex cases transferred for prosecution from the ICTY Office of the Prosecutor to the BiH judiciary.

The accused persons, against whom we filed indictments to date and in whose cases the trials were completed, received final convictions in about 80% of cases sentencing them to imprisonment. Persons were prosecuted and convicted for war crimes committed against victims of all ethnicities and in all regions of our country.

The Special Department for War Crimes employs about 100 per-

sons, BiH citizens from all parts of our country and of all ethnicities, who work as Prosecutors, Investigators, Legal Officers and other professional staff.

It should be noted that in the past decade the Prosecutor's Office of BiH operated with modest budget funds when it comes to prosecution of violations of international humanitarian law, and that the funding is ten to twenty times less than the funding of international tribunals.

The fight against impunity of war crimes is one of our primary missions through which we strive to strengthen the rule of law on our country's European path and to remove the burden of war crimes, which is strenuous for the relations in our country, by prosecuting only those responsible for such crimes.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH was intensively developing regional cooperation in its efforts to prosecute war crimes and the extremely good relations with partner prosecutor's offices led to prosecution of a number of war crimes perpetrators in the region. We would like to thank our counterparts in Belgra-

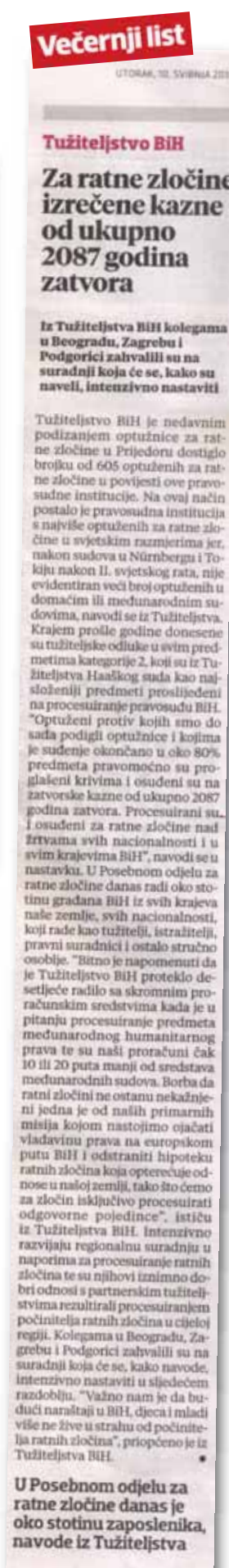


de, Zagreb and Podgorica for the cooperation which will continue with even greater intensity in the future.

It is important to us that future generations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, children and young people whose lives were influenced by the horrors of war crimes, no longer live in fear of war criminals who are free to move and that anyone who has committed a crime receives a just punishment as there are no untouchables in this process.

We are continuing with our efforts in the interests of the rule of law and all citizens of our country and it is the support from the war crimes victims, the citizens of our country, the NGO sector and partner police and security agencies that gives us the strength to continue doing so in the future. ■

Indictees for War Crimes and Serious Violations of Sentenced to 2087 Years in Prison to Date



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Plenary Session of Collegium of Prosecutor's Office of BiH Held

This Year Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Reach Figure of 5,000 Indicted Persons in Institution's History



Goran Salihović, Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, along with his deputies and associates, held a plenary Collegium of all employees of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

The topics discussed at the Collegium were the results achieved in the first quarter of 2016, planned results for the year, as well as increase in results when compared to the previous year.

By fall this year, the Prosecutor's Office will reach a figure of 5,000 indicted persons in the history of this institution, which is certainly an important result for the institution of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the entire judicial system of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Bearing in mind that the indicted persons are charged with war crimes, organized crime, corruption, terrorism, financial crime, trafficking in persons, international drug smuggling and other criminal offenses within the jurisdiction of the Prosecutor's Office, this result speaks volumes about the great effort and commitment of prosecutors, legal officers, investigators and all other employees of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

Moreover, this year the Prosecutor's Office of BiH is to reach a figure of 600 persons indicted with war crimes and serious violations of International Humanitarian Law, which will make the Prosecutor's Office of BiH an institution with the largest number of persons indicted for war crimes in the world after the World War II and the Nuremberg and Tokyo tribunals.

The activities related to the renovation of the facilities of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and preparations for the beginning of the construction of a new building for the Prosecutor's Office of BiH were also presented at the Collegium.

It was also highlighted at the Collegium that the prosecutors who were appointed to the Section for Terrorism a few months ago had commenced intensive work on cases, which would contribute to the fight against terrorism and countering terrorist activities, as well as against the departure of citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina to foreign battlefields.

In view of the increased number of prosecutors, results of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH are expected to be extremely good this year. ■



Strike and Operations Task Forces for Fight against Terrorism: Priorities Set in Activities for Countering Terrorist Activities



New Indictments for Terrorism Soon. Operations and Intelligence Cooperation between Partner Agencies - Key for Countering Terrorism Activities

A meeting between the Strike and Operations Task Forces for Fight against Terrorism was held in Sarajevo on April 12, 2016. The meeting was attended by officials from the police, security agencies and the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

Strike Task Force activities were related to strategic analyses and action plans, while the members of the Operations Task Force, consisting of assigned employees from police and security agencies linked through

lines of work, arranged specific activities on the ground.

The meeting focused on the practical aspects of work of the Operations Task Force and, in the coming days, activities on the accommodation of Operations Task Force members in the same premises are to be carried out. This will allow them to represent their respective police and security agencies through their work and to have direct and fast communication with their counterparts.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH announced that in the coming days two more indictments for criminal offenses of terrorism would be filed, because of the involvement of BiH citizens on the battlefields in Syria and Iraq.

It was noted at the meeting that information showed a decrease in departures of BiH citizens to foreign battlefields, as well as in the return of persons who were in those areas, due to harsh living conditions and threat to life and safety there.





According to available data, about 120 citizens of BiH were in the territories of Syria and Iraq in the past period. A number of them got killed, several dozens of them returned to Bosnia and Herzegovina and their prosecution is in progress.

Indictments have been filed against more than 20 people and their number in the coming period will be even larger.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH, along with its partner police and security agencies, is working on investigations in 33 cases involving 70 persons suspected of criminal offenses of organizing terrorist groups, public incitement to terrorist activities, recruitment for terrorist activities, illegal formation and joining of foreign paramilitary or para-police formations, criminal offenses of terrorism and criminal offenses related to

terrorist activities.

A worrying situation is that among the persons who took part on foreign battlefields and who are to be prosecuted there are ones who were born in 1990 or later and who do not remember the atrocities of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In addition, one of the conclusions was that it is necessary to work on prevention of terrorism, as well as on the education of young generations that terrorism is a dangerous and harmful deviation and a great danger to the life and safety of young people.

The operation of the Strike and Operations Task Forces is to continue also in the coming period in the direction of cooperation within Bosnia and Herzegovina and participation of our institution in international operations to combat terrorism. ■

Training of Employees of Prosecutor's Office, Court and High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Use of Information Marked as Confidential



Chief Prosecutor Addressed MPs of House of Representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina



In his address regarding the Information on the Work of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, the Chief Prosecutor pointed out the results of the Prosecutor's Office in 2015 and reiterated that the Prosecutor's Office worked and acted based on evidence and facts, that anyone against whom there was evidence would be prosecuted and that no one would be prosecuted if there was no evidence.

The Chief Prosecutor noted that intensive activities were being carried out in the search and identification of missing persons and stressed out that intense fight against corruption, terrorism and war crimes was to continue. ■



Banja Luka – Meeting between State, Entity and BiH Brčko District Chief Prosecutors

and Police Directors

Better and More Efficient Cooperation in Collecting Evidence Investigations in Focus of Meeting of Top Officials from State, District Levels of Prosecutor's Offices and Police



A working meeting of top officials from the Prosecutor's Offices and the police from Bosnia and Herzegovina was held at the RS MoI HQ in Banja Luka.



The meeting was attended by Chief Prosecutors from the State, entity and Brčko District levels and from the RS Special Prosecutor's Office, the directors of police agencies, as well as by HJPC representatives. The central topics included the strengthening of coordination and cooperation between the police and prosecutors in the field of investigation, collecting evidence and mutual coordination and implementation of orders of investigation.

There was also discussion about the coordination of prosecutors and police in conducting special investigative actions as a very sophisticated form of collection of evidence, as well as about the conducting of complex investigations involving

and Carrying out Special Investigative Actions and Complex



several police agencies. The meeting attended Goran Salihović, Chief Prosecutor of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Božo Mihajlović, Head of Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption, Zdravko Knežević, Mahmut Svrka and Zekerija Mujkanović as respective Chief Prosecutors from the Federation, RS and Brčko District, Miodrag Bajić, Chief Prosecutor of the RS Special Prosecutor's Office, and Perica Stanić, Gojko Vasić, Dragan Lukač and Goran Pisić as respective Directors of SIPA, entity police and BD police.

Chief Prosecutor Salihović noted that the cooperation and coordination was vital for effective fight against all forms of crime and establishing the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The HJPC representatives attending the meeting presented some statistical results indicating in which direction additional coordination and communication between prosecutors and police agencies are required. The meeting in Banja Luka is the second meeting of top officials from Prosecutor's Offices and police from across Bosnia and Herzegovina and these activities will continue in the future. ■





Operation and Results of Prosecutor's Office of BiH Presented to Zenica Law School Students

Within the activities aimed at converging judicial institutions to local communities, the history, internal organization and results of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH achieved to-date were presented to Zenica Law School students.

At the today's presentation, the Law School students had an opportunity to get firsthand information about the operation, competencies and results of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, as well as about the cooperation between this institution and the local community.

A representative of the Prosecutor's Office talked to the students about the history of the Prosecutor's Office from 2003 to date, as well as about all the activities the Prosecutor's Office undertook towards the establishment of the rule of law and prosecution of perpetrators.



The participants were informed that this year the Prosecutor's Office of BiH would reach a figure of 5,000 indicted persons who the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina indicted for war crimes, organized crime, terrorism, corruption, financial crime and tax evasion, trafficking in persons, smuggling of narcotics, arms smuggling and other crimes falling within its jurisdiction, which was certainly a significant result in the struggle to establish the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina and to create a peaceful and secure environment for all citizens.

In addition, it was noted that in the coming days the Prosecutor's Office would reach a figure of 600 persons charged with war crimes and serious violations of international humanitarian law, which was a remarkable result, both locally and internationally.

At the today's roundtable, representatives of the student population and future lawyers had an opportunity to ask representatives of the Prosecutor's Office on everything that interested them from the domain of this institution.

The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina often participates in activities aimed at its convergence to local communities and students in all parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Activities are being implemented in the organization of the RS Helsinki Committee for Human Rights from Bijeljina with the support of the U.S. Embassy to Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■

Chief Prosecutor to Send Instruction on Continuation of Activities and Reviewing Status of Unidentified Mortal Remains. Analysis and Identification of about 1500 Found Mortal Remains to Be Done



A meeting was held in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, which was attended by the Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, respective Chief Prosecutors from the Entities and Brčko District, officials of the Missing Persons Institute (MPI) and of the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) to Bosnia and Herzegovina

The meeting focused on the current process of reviewing mortuaries and ossuaries in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in which found but still unidentified mortal remains are kept.

The reviews were carried out in the facilities in Mostar, Nevesinje, Goražde, Travnik, Tuzla and partially in Visoko, and in the coming period the continuation of reviewing is expected in Sanski Most, Mod-



riča, Banja Luka, Odžak, Travnik, East Sarajevo and Srbac.

The activities taking place in a total of 13 mortuaries and ossuaries in Bosnia and Herzegovina should significantly speed up the process of identification of found but unidentified human remains and thus contribute to reducing the number of missing persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

It is expected that in the coming period about 1,500 remains will be examined and, according to Missing Persons Institute estimates, the whole process of identification and burial will require almost 1 million KM (975,670 KM).

The Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH will communicate instructions for actions of all the institutions involved in this process so that the whole process could be carried out as efficiently as possible.

The Prosecutor's Office is investing intensive efforts in the search for the remains of missing persons, as a very important segment in the prosecution of war crimes and bringing peace to the missing persons' families who have been searching for their relatives for more than two decades.

It is estimated that 7,000 to 8,000 persons are still listed as missing in Bosnia and Herzegovina and intensive activities in the process of exhumation and identification of missing persons will be undertaken in the future to reduce this number. ■



Officials of Special Department for War Crimes of Prosecutor's Office of BiH Met with Representatives of Associations of Families of Missing Persons from Municipality of Kalinovik – “Truth – Kalinovik 92”

Gordana Tadić, Head of the Special Department for War Crimes Prosecutor's Office, Izet Odobašić, Head of Section, and Čazim Hasanspahić and Adis Nuspahić, prosecutors on cases from the Special Department for War Crimes, met with representatives of the Association of the Families of Missing Persons from the Municipality of Kalinovik – “Truth - Kalinovik 92”.

Samir Vranović, Association President, together with other members and the representatives of the Association, expressed his confidence to the Prosecutor's Office for its selfless efforts to help the families of missing persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina on the path of finding the truth about their loved ones and for sup-



port to previous cooperation and work in prosecution of war crimes cases.

At the meeting, there was also discussion about the war crimes cases relating to the suffering of victims in the municipality of Kalinovik in 1992 and about the importance of prosecuting the remaining war criminals from the area and finding missing persons.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH is continuing intensive work on the mentioned cases in order to achieve justice for the victims of war crimes, as well as for the families of the victims of war crimes.

After the meeting, the representatives of the Association attended the judgment pronouncement hearing in a case of war crimes committed in Kalinovik. ■



Head of Special Department for War Crimes Held Meetings with Representatives of Associations and Organizations of War Victims of All Ethnicities from Bosnia and Herzegovina

Gordana Tadić, Head of Special Department for War Crimes of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, along with her associates, held several meetings with representatives of associations and organizations of war victims this year, including meetings with representatives of the Croatian Association of Camp Inmates of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Civic Association “For the Missing” from Hadžići, Municipal Organization of Families of Camp Inmates and Fallen Soldiers and Missing Civilians of RS - Vlasenica, as well as with representatives of the Civic Association of Civilian War Victims of Maglaj Municipality.

At the meeting with the representatives of the Croatian Association of Camp Inmates in Bosnia and Herzegovina, there was discussion about war crimes relating to the

sufferings of Croatian victims in the areas of Central Bosnia; at the meeting with representatives of the Civic Association “For the Missing” from Hadžići, there was discussion about the cases relating to the sufferings of Bosniak victims in the area of the municipality of Hadžići; at the meeting with representatives of the Municipal Organization of Families of Camp Inmates and Fallen Soldiers and Missing Civilians of RS – Vlasenica, there was discussion about the cases relating to the sufferings of Serb victims from the area of Vlasenica and surrounding areas, while the topic of the meeting with the representatives of the Civic Association of Civilian War Victims of Municipality Maglaj was the prosecution of war crimes cases committed in the municipality of Maglaj against vic-

tims of all ethnicities.

The representatives of the associations and organizations expressed their support to the work of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and offered their assistance within their capabilities.

Gordana Tadić, Head of the Special Department for War Crimes of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, regularly held collegiums of prosecutors from the Special Department for War Crimes in the past period and the topics discussed at them included the prosecution of cases, results achieved, future work and also cooperation with representatives of war crimes victims.

Meetings with representatives of associations and organizations of victims' families are a way of developing and maintaining good cooperation of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the families, as well as with numerous organizations of war crimes victims in order to achieve common goals, namely to find missing persons and prosecute and punish war crimes perpetrators.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH is continuing to work intensively on the mentioned cases in order to achieve justice for the war crimes victims, as well as for the families of the war crimes victims. ■



Officials of the Special Department for War Crimes Met Missing Persons from RS. Officials of Missing Persons



Gordana Tadić, Deputy Chief Prosecutor and Head of Special Department for War Crimes, Heads of Sections and prosecutors on cases met with Ms. Smilja Mitrović, President of the Association of Families of Missing Soldiers and Civilians of Semberija and Ma-jevica.

The meeting was also attended by representatives of the Board of Directors of Missing Persons Institute, Republika Srpska War Crimes Investigation Center and Search for Missing Persons, as well as representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The meeting focused on the process of searching for, exhumation and identification of missing persons of Serb ethnicity in all parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as on the process of reviewing and identification of found but unidentified mortal remains located in ossuaries and mortuaries in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Gordana Tadić, Head of Special Department for War Crimes, informed the representatives of the victims about the efforts of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in the prosecution of war crimes cases, about the work of the team responsible for the process of exhumation



with Representatives of Victims from Association of Institute, ICMP, and Red Cross Also Attended Meeting

and identification, as well as about activities on reviewing the remains following the Chief Prosecutor's instruction aimed at as efficient work of all the institutions involved in this process as possible.

It was also noted that through prosecution of war crimes and guilty plea agreements the Prosecutor's Office was trying to get as much information about the locations of mass graves and mortal remains for the purpose of finding and identifying missing persons.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, there is still search for between 7000 and 8000 missing persons and, of this number, 1,650 victims are of Serb ethnicity.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH, along with partner institutions, is investing maximum efforts in finding and identifying the mortal remains of missing persons in all parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Exhumation processes are taking place throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina almost on a daily basis and they are attended and coordinated by authorized officials from the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. ■



Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović and Prosecutors Diana Kajmaković and Oleg Čavka Received Certificates of Appreciation on Occasion of Marking 70 Years of Sarajevo Law School Operation





New Prosecutors Appointed to Section for Terrorism

The appointment of new prosecutors and their accommodation in the new offices of the Section for Terrorism, in which they started to work as of January 1, 2016, as well as the good working atmosphere, will greatly help and make faster and more efficient all activities carried out for the purpose of detecting, preventing and punishing terrorist activities and terrorism-related crimes.

Eight new prosecutors will help the judicial and security apparatuses in Bosnia and Herzegovina to establish coordinated mechanisms for ongoing activities and operations aimed at detecting and preventing terrorism-related activities and to implement international operations in cooperation with partner agencies from other countries.

Terrorism, financing of terrorist activities, public incitement to terrorist activities, recruitment for terrorism, training for carrying out terrorist activities, organization of terrorist groups, illegal forming of armed forces, illegal forming and joining of foreign paramilitary and para-police formations are crimes falling within the jurisdiction of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, which are carried out on the ground, as well as in the cyberspace, and which require efficiency of judicial, police, security and intelligence institutions for the purpose of protecting the security of the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

New prosecutors have already been assigned cases on which they are to work intensively, and the Prosecutor's Office of BiH is currently conducting several dozens of investigations into terrorism-related crimes. ■



Each Step in Judicial Career – New Challenge

Nina Šahinpašić and Mona Meršnik, expert associates in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, were appointed Prosecutors in the Cantonal Prosecutor's Office in Sarajevo.

After more than a decade of work in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, Nina Šahinpašić, expert associate in the Special Department for War Crimes, was appointed prosecutor in the Cantonal Prosecutor's Office in Sarajevo after the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council (HJPC) of Bosnia and Herzegovina had published a vacancy ad.

Miss Šahinpašić worked as an expert associate in war crimes cases in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH from early 2006, she also worked on organized crime cases for some time and she mostly worked on cases related to the genocide and war crimes in Srebrenica.

Mona Meršnik worked in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH from fall 2006, namely for almost a decade. From the beginning of her work in this in-

stitution, she was attached to the Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption. She was involved in many important cases and operations, she monitored activities on the ground, examined witnesses and collected evidence on orders of the prosecutors on the cases with whom she worked.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH wishes its colleagues who were appointed prosecutors in the Sarajevo Cantonal Prosecutor's Office a lot of success in their further professional careers.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH employs a total of 58 expert associates – lawyers, mostly young people from all areas of Bosnia and Herzegovina, who gain work experience and begin building their careers in the Prose-



■ Fotografija sa kolegama prilikom ispraćaja na novu dužnost

curator's Office of BiH. Many of them have become good and recognizable prosecutors in prosecutorial institutions across the country after working in the Prosecutor's Office. ■

Prosecutor Mirko Lečić Sent off to Well-Deserved Retirement



After four decades of working life, one of the oldest prosecutors in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, a doyen of our institution, Mr. Mirko Lečić, went into well-deserved retirement by the end of 2015.

Employees of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH organized an appropriate send-off party for their longtime working colleague and wished him good health and happiness.

Gordana Tadić, Head of Special Department for War Crimes, presented an apposite gift to Prosecutor Lečić.

Prosecutor Mirko Lečić worked in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH from 2007 and, throughout that time, he was attached to the Special Department for War Crimes. ■

U.S. Department of State Released Report Commending Activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina in Fight against Terrorism and Security Risks Related to Terrorism

The U.S. Department of State issued a report in which they commended activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the fight against terrorism and security risks related to terrorism. Such a report is a commendation to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and all agencies within the framework of the Strike Task Force involved in the fight against terrorism. ■



By Order of PO BiH Chief Prosecutor, Case Formed Regarding Verification of Census Processes

By order of Goran Salihović, Chief Prosecutor of BiH, a case has been formed and a team of prosecutors and investigators assigned to investigate overall activities related to the census and determine whether there are elements of criminal liability of the persons involved in the process.

The census is a project that cost about 50 million KM (BAM) and in the event the whole process fails, the budget funds belonging to all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina would be wasted. The compromising of the process would cause immeasurable damage to the European path of Bosnia and Herzegovina, because the implementation of census is one of the key segments in the process of getting closer to European integrations.



If it turns out that there are elements of criminal offense, the perpetrators will be prosecuted. Activities for collecting evidence and examining entity and State-level officials will continue in the coming period. ■



Operation Printer

In Operation Codenamed *Printer*, Person Suspected of Counterfeiting Money Deprived of His Liberty

Acting on orders of a prosecutor from the Department III of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH within the operation codenamed *Printer*, RS MoI police officers deprived a suspect of his liberty in Omarska, near Prijedor.

The suspect procured equipment, namely a printer-scanner, with which he produced counterfeit banknotes in denominations of 50 KM (BAM), which he put into cir-



ulation in the Prijedor area.

During the search, the said equipment was seized, as well as a cer-



tain quantity of counterfeit banknotes. ■

Operation Bavarian

By Order of Prosecutor's Office of BiH, Operation Codenamed *Bavarian* Carried Out. Four Persons Suspected of Organized Crime in Connection with Theft of Expensive Motor Vehicles Deprived of Their Liberty

By order of a prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, police officers of the Brčko District Police, in co-operation with the RS MoI, Tuzla Canton MoI and Posavina Canton MoI, conducted a joint police operation in the Brčko area and in other parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The operation codenamed *Bavarian* is aimed at breaking up an organized crime group – car mafia, which is suspected of theft of motor vehicles. In this operation, several locations in the area of Brčko District and other regions in Bosnia and Herzegovina were searched and, during searches, items used for the perpetration of the offenses were found and seized. This is an investigation aimed at detecting and prosecuting perpetrators of organized crime offenses in connection with aggravated thefts of expensive motor vehicles.

The individuals deprived of their liberty are suspected that within a certain period in 2015, they organized a criminal group which, with the aim of acquiring illegal gain, used techniques and tools for carrying out computer crimes to steal expensive motor cars.

The purpose of such operations is to protect the property of citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and reduce the car crime rate in Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■



Operation *Cryptus*

Extensive Operation of Prosecutor's Office of BiH and Partner Agencies from FR Germany. Joint Fight against Organized Crime and Sophisticated Forms of Serious Crimes by Means of Computer Systems

Kept in top operational secrecy and confidentiality and after several months of specialist investigation, an international operation codenamed *Cryptus* was carried out in coordination with partner institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Germany to combat interlinked networks of perpetrators in the territory of the two countries, who used top-notch computer technologies to commit crimes and criminal activities.

An investigator from the Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption of the

Prosecutor's Office of BiH was on the ground and coordinated the joint work of police officers from the RS MoI and the Federation Police Department, while ISA operations officers also provided their support in the implementation of activities.

In the Živinice area, two suspects were deprived of their liberty and, in parallel with their arrests, the apartments, buildings, garages and other premises used by the suspects were searched and certain sophisticated computer equipment found, as well as a certain quantity of narcotics.

After the arrests, activities were undertaken to prevent automatic destruction and encryption of data.

The said persons are suspected of taking part in the operation of an illegal Internet service used for the commission of a large number of offenses, as well as for the provision of the infrastructure for commission of crimes (illegal purchase and sale of narcotics, weapons and other illegal means, data on bank cards and means of payment, as well as data on personal documents and papers, and other offenses).

According to collected evidence, the organized criminal groups operated in Germany, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Austria, Switzerland and other German-speaking areas.

This operation is one of the largest investigations into cybercrime in the country and the region to-date, which, apart from representatives of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, involved also RS MoI and Federation MoI police officers specialized in cyber and high-tech crime. Cyber-crime experts from the FR Germany also took part in it based on granted international legal assistance.

The operation was carried out in the territory of the FR Germany and the EU and it included dozens of persons for whom evidence of their involvement in illegal and criminogenic activities via the Internet was collected.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the partner agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina cooperate with institutions in the EU and around the world to combat severe forms of high-tech and international crime and this cooperation will also continue in the future, because the fight against this type of crime requires rapid and continuous international cooperation of law enforcement agencies. ■

On the basis of the evidence collected, the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the partner agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina cooperate with institutions in the EU and around the world to combat severe forms of high-tech and international crime and this cooperation will also continue in the future, because the fight against this type of crime requires rapid and continuous international cooperation of law enforcement agencies. ■

Operation *Art*

By Order of Prosecutor's Office of BiH, Operation Codenamed *Art* Carried out. Significant Cooperation with Croatian Judiciary and Police Achieved

By order of a prosecutor of the Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption, SIPA officers carried out an international operation codenamed *Art* in cooperation with USKOK structures in the Republic of Croatia and, within it, they searched facilities and carried out arrests in the area of Posavina.

A prosecutor and an investigator from the Prosecutor's Office of BiH were on the ground and coordinated the work of police officers and cooperation with their counterparts.

Three suspects were deprived of their liberty in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina while the coun-

terparts in Croatia carried activities in respect of a total of eight other persons. During searches carried out in the Croatian territory, a certain quantity of forged documents was found, including forged official police documents.

This was a complex and a months-long investigation directed against several persons in the two countries suspected of their organizing for the purpose of committing these criminal offenses and a number of other crimes, namely for forging official documents, passports, documents, and official ID cards of police agencies.

The operation *Art* shows the determination of prosecutorial and police capacities in Bosnia and Herzegovina to deal with the most complex forms of transnational crime, in cooperation with police and judicial institutions from the neighboring countries and the European Union.

For the joint operation codenamed *Art*, SIPA was awarded recognition and a special certificate by SELEC. ■



SELEC: Recognition to SIPA for *Franklin* and *Art* Operations

The State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA) received a notice from SELEC on being awarded a six-month award for two operations carried out with SELEC support. Of a total of 19 nominations, the operations codenamed *Franklin* and *Art*, in which SIPA took part, were awarded the first prize and a special SELEC certificate.

SIPA received recognition for international police cooperation and thus once again proved to be a strong and reliable partner in the implementation of international operations, as its operations were rated as among the best implemented international police operations.

SIPA launched the operation codenamed *Franklin* in August 2014, when, on an order of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, two persons with whom a total of 20,000 counterfeit US dollars in denominations of \$ 100 were

found were deprived of their liberty. While working on the case, it was established that in the period between July 22 and 26, 2014 the named person put into circulation 12,200 counterfeit U.S. dollars, namely 122 banknotes in the denomination of \$100. During work on the case, close cooperation was established with police officers from the MoI of the Republic of Serbia and MoI of the Republic of Slovenia and the operation was subsequently extended to Montenegro and Romania.

For the joint operation codenamed *Franklin*, the first prize of SELEC was awarded. The operation *Art* was carried out in September 2015 in cooperation with the MoI of the Republic of Croatia and the MoI of the Republic of Serbia for the crime of forgery of documents. In this operation, SIPA, acting on orders of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, deprived three individuals of their liber-

ty and searched facilities in several locations while coordinated activities were being carried out in the territory of Croatia and Serbia. The individuals deprived of their liberty in Bosnia and Herzegovina are suspected that in the period between 2013 and 2015 they made and sold a variety of counterfeit documents in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, namely passports, identity cards, driving licenses, police badges and official ID cards of police agencies, intelligence services and military-security services of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia and other countries in the region. A variety of diplomas, certificates, school achievement reports and other documents were also made and sold. For the joint operation codenamed *Art*, a special SELEC certificate was awarded. The manner of presenting the award will be agreed subsequently. ■

Operation *Colt*

Operation Codenamed *Colt* Carried out within Fight against International Smuggling of Heavy Narcotics

By order of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the operation codenamed *Colt* was carried out and, within it, two persons suspected of organized smuggling of larger quantities of cocaine in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region were deprived of their liberty in the area of Bijeljina.

Within the operation, considerable cooperation with police and judicial institutions of the Republic of Serbia was established and searches and investigative activities carried out and, therefore, the operation *Colt* is an example of good and intensive regional cooperation.

Within preparatory activities, the employees of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, namely an investigator and an expert witness, stayed in the territory of Serbia and actively took part in locating and detecting the perpetrators of these crimes.

In a well-planned and operatively conducted operation of prosecutors,



investigators and the police on the ground in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, two persons were deprived of their liberty in Novi Travnik and Kraljevo, Republic of Serbia, during a simulated handover, and the deprivation of liberty was carried out by officers of the RS MoI.

In this case, the Prosecutor's Office of BiH carried out a comprehensive and coordinated investigation in cooperation with the RS MoI, police agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina and neighboring countries with a view to detecting and prosecuting persons dealing in smuggling cocaine of extremely high purity in the territory of the region.

Following the performed investigation and investigative actions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, suspects under investigation for organized crime and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs were deprived of their liberty. During activities that preceded the deprivation of liberty and during the deprivation of liberty

itself, the quantity of around 400 grams of cocaine of extremely high purity was seized. Its value on the illegal market of narcotic drugs exceeds 40,000 KM (BAM), and on the street market of narcotic drugs it is even three times higher. During searches in the territory of Serbia, a handgun with a silencer was also found.

Collected evidence suggests that the said segment of the organized network of smugglers of this narcotic drug, which supplies illegal markets of narcotics in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary and Romania, is in contact with dealer groups and individuals who are within this network.

With the performed operation *Colt*, a serious blow was inflicted to narcotic-smuggling structures dealing in smuggling of narcotics the smuggling of which extends to the countries in the region and in the EU. The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, along with partner institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, countries in the region and the EU, is continuing its activities in the fight against international smuggling of narcotics. ■

Operation *Courier*

By Order of Prosecutor's Office of BiH, Operation *Courier* Continues. Intense Crackdown on Financial Crime and Money Laundering Inflicting Damage to Bosnia and Herzegovina

By order of a prosecutor from the Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, the continuation of activities within the operation codenamed *Courier* was carried out jointly by SIPA officers and officers of the Indirect Tax Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Activities on the ground included several towns in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the target of the activities were mainly legal entities and companies owned by nationals of the People's Republic of China and to them related persons.

Within the investigation, evidence was collected that a number of companies owned by Chinese citizens presented reduced turnover and unlawfully reduced the accounting value of imported goods sold in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Multi-million amounts they earned with the help of other persons was taken out illegally, outside the legal banking, payment and financial flows, by private vehicles and in other ways, from Bosnia and Herzegovina to Croatia where they were paid into Chinese citizens' accounts.

With these unlawful activities, damage was inflicted to the budget of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the form of unpaid taxes and prescribed levies. The criminal offense of money laundering was also committed, as the money was taken out of Bosnia and Herzegovina through illegal flows, whereby damage was inflicted to the financial system of Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■



Operation *Avalanche*

Operation Codenamed *Avalanche* Carried out. Several Persons Suspected of Inflicting Damage to the Bobar Bank and Banking Sector by about 123 Million KM and thus also to Banking and Financial Statutes of Bosnia and Herzegovina

A decisive operation of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and SIPA was carried out and it is the result of a several months long, thorough investigation into criminal offenses and illegal acts related to the Bobar Bank, a number of related legal persons from the Bobar Group and the banking sector.

A Team of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH comprising a prosecutor from the Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption, along with his team of associates and investigators, intensively worked on this case for more than a year.

Several dozens of police officers from SIPA, with RS MoI support, took part in the operation conducted on orders of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. The operation was preceded by a long and thorough investigation and collection of evidence. Searches were carried out in the area of Banja Luka and Bijeljina and several persons, among whom the current and former officials occupying directors' and other managerial positions, were deprived of their liberty.

The persons suspected in this case are under investigation that they, as a group of members of a interconnected and organized criminal enterprise, acting in collusion, committed a number of unlawful activities within Bobar Bank operations, primarily with regard to granting loans in multi-million amounts, as well as unlawful bank securities for various businesses, with the use of procedures and guarantees provided for by the RS Law on Banks and, thus, inflicted damage and allowed the acquiring of illegal gain in the amount of around 123 million KM (BAM) (the said amount exceeds 10% of the budget of all institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina).

The perpetrators, without observing the procedures laid down by law, granted loans and bank securities to companies and economic operators of different owners who are connected with or are the co-owners of the Bobar Bank, who knew it would not be possible to recover funds, that unlawful guarantees were used, that damage would be sustained and that it would cause the bankruptcy of the named bank and serious turmoil in the banking sector of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Such unlawful activities inflicted great damage to the credit rating of our country and led to the active involvement of the IMF into the analysis of developments in the banking sector. In addition, such activities put at risk deposits of various legal and natural entities, which were deposited in the Bobar Bank, including the funds of towns, municipalities, health institutions, pension and



disability insurance funds, electric power management industries and natural entities.

The Deposit Insurance Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina has already been damaged by around 56.7 million KM that had to be paid for deposits of up to 50,000 KM, which is the amount by which citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina have been damaged.

The investigation in the case is continuing against a total of 24 persons suspected of unlawful activities that caused damage of around 123 million KM and the acquisition of illegal gain amounting at least 115 million KM, which seriously shook the banking system in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Due to the great interest of the public, the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina has published a list of depositors who lost major parts of their deposits following the initiation of winding up of the Bobar Bank, who are most likely the ones who lost the largest amounts and among whom there are institutions of public interest and this is directly affecting citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, pensioners, persons requiring health care etc.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH and partner agencies are continuing their fight against unlawful activities in order to protect the financial system of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We thank the public and the citizens for their support in the fight against multimillion crime, corruption and abuse of office, which need to be put to an end on the European path of our country, and it is necessary to provide citizens and institutions the safety of bank deposits and financial operations. ■

Edin Sakoč, Suspected of War Crimes against Serb Victims in Čapljina and Počitelj Areas, Extradited to Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina from U.S.A.



Mortal Remains Found in Radača Pit. Exhumations Continue

OSLOBODENJE

During exhumation in the Radača Pit near Mostar, mortal remains were found – initially a smaller number of bones and during subsequent exhumation – a larger number of human remains.

An investigator of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, along with responsible persons from the Missing Persons Institute (MPI) of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) to Bosnia and Herzegovina, went to the site where the exhumation was taking place in order to coordinate further activities.

The bones and mortal remains were found at the depth of around 54 meters and, following the robbing of the mortal remains from the pit, the process of their forensic analysis and establishing the identity of victims through DNA analysis is to be carried out.

Remains of concrete were also found at this depth, which supports the investigation findings that the mortal remains were covered after being thrown into the pit in order to be hidden.

The excavations will go on and, according to collected evidence and information, there is a larger number of mortal remains in the natural pit Radača, mostly of victims of Serb ethnicity from the previous war.

The exhumation at this location has been carried out for a long period of time and is progressing with difficulties, as the site is extremely inaccessible, it is of a great depth and it contains remains of concrete, mines and explosive ordinance. Alpine teams from police



Ekshumacija u jami Radača

Tokom ekshumacije u jami Radača kod Mostara jučer je pronađen veći broj posmrtnih ostataka ljudskog porijekla.

Istražitelj Tužiteljstva BiH će se uskoro, sa nadležnim osobama iz Instituta za nestale osobe (INO) BiH i Međunarodne komisije za traženje nestalih (ICMP) u BiH, uputiti na lokaciju, kako bi koordinirao da-

lje aktivnosti. Kost i posmrtni ostaci pronađeni su na dubini od oko 54 metra, kao i ostaci betona, što ide u prilog saznanjima da su tijela nakon bacanja zatrpavana. Iskopavanja se nastavljaju i dalje, a prema prikupljenim dokazima, u Radači se nalazi veći broj posmrtnih ostataka, uglavnom žrtava srpske nacionalnosti.

agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina took part in the process of exhumation.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH, along with its partner institutions is continuing its intensified activities in the search for missing persons at this site, as well as at other sites throughout BiH. ■

Interview

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A very interesting story is coming up, because we have a very interesting and captivating guest. As to who your and our guest is, you will see in the story prepared by my colleague Aida Spahić. Welcome to *Telering*.

Have politics gained control over the judicial system in Bosnia and Herzegovina and if so, to what extent? Some say they believe in justice and in the work of the Prosecutor's Office while others say they do not and that the Prosecutor's Office is actually in the hands of State dignitaries. Ever since Goran Salihović came to the position of the State Chief Prosecutor, he has been targeted by many. People say that when politicians are targeted they are untouchables, and there were countless such cases. Many also talk about the omissions and disorientation of the Prosecutor's Office when it comes to war crimes. Mention is made of case files resting in some drawers for years. The idea of a referendum on the work of the Court and the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina was raised by Milorad Dodik as late as 2011, but after pressures from the European Union, he abstained from initiating the referendum and started a Structured Dialogue on Justice instead. The referendum on the work of the Court and the Prosecutor's Office is still being mentioned. On January 14, the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina issued an order that the buildings, accounts and all transactions used by the President of Republika Srpska, Milorad Dodik, be searched and, as the news agency Srna stated at that time, there were repeated indications from Republika Srpska about the possibility that any politically motivated intrusion into the institutions of Republika Srpska could cause immeasurable and unintended consequences. There is also the Pavlović Bank case. Currently, one of the most interesting proceedings is that against the president of the SBB

party, Fahrudin Radončić.

By order of the Chief Prosecutor of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Goran Salihović, a case file was formed and a team of prosecutors and investigators assigned to investigate census-related activities, so that it can be determined whether there are any elements of criminal liability of persons involved in this process. The census is a project that cost 50 million marks and in the event the



whole process fails, the funds earmarked from the budget, which actually belong to all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, would also be lost.

Fight against terrorism has a global character and Bosnia and Herzegovina is part of this fight in an effort to prevent attacks that devastate all civilizational efforts for coexistence in a peaceful environment. A few days ago, in Sarajevo, Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović met with members of the Task Force for Combating Terrorism consisting of representatives of all security agencies. As stated after the meeting, so far the State Prosecutor's Office and security agencies opened investigations in 33 cases related to terrorism, which include 70 people. At this point, 124 persons from Bosnia and Herzego-

vina are in foreign battlefields and 8 of them contacted the Prosecutor's Office expressing repentance and willingness to cooperate in the investigation of unlawful joining paramilitary and generally terrorist organizations.

There are also plenty of other cases and unclear points that could be clarified in the coming minutes. What have the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Chief

Prosecutor been doing? Who and does anyone protect politicians? What about individual case files for which people say they are resting in drawers, as well as about other current issues? You are watching the *Telering* show. The guest in the show is the Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Goran Salihović. Welcome.

Host: Welcome.

Chief Prosecutor: Thank you.

Host: To initially get one thing straight. Who does Goran Salihović belong to?

Chief Prosecutor: To no one. The High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council carried out a selection of the Chief Prosecutor, which is the great

test success of the judicial reform within which its task is to elect and dismiss prosecutors and judges. I stated it the first day I was appointed and I am repeating it again – we are in no one's hands and in no one's service but in the service of the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina and in the service of the State of Bosnia and Herzegovina, we are to respect the laws prescribed by the parliaments and meet the expectations of



the citizens, namely to take this mapped out path – the path to the European Union.

Host: Tell me then why have people been categorizing you as Bosniak, Serbian, Croatian, that you are little bit of everyone's and no one's since you came to this position?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, I think they should indeed lay their claims on me as the prosecutor of all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina and this is my goal. I, of course, belong to Bosniaks, Croats and Serbs and to other citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina and am certainly not under anyone's control or any political influence for I would simply have never been elected had I been elected by a politician.

Host: Mr. Salihović, it seems to me that many citizens and many politicians do not know what your job is. If someone asks you to say in two sentences, clearly and out loud, what the job of the Chief Prosecutor is, what would you say?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, I will try to do it briefly. The main task is to protect the State and the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina against all

forms of crime.

Host: Mr. Salihović, aren't politicians also supposed to protect the State of Bosnia and Herzegovina?

Chief Prosecutor: Why, of course. Their task is to lead us to welfare.

Host: They take an oath on the Constitution.

Chief Prosecutor: That's right, that's right.

Host: Now, who do you expect help from – politicians, citizens or from whom?

Chief Prosecutor: Yes, we expect help from everyone – from the international community, from the media, from citizens, from politi-

cians, from both the position and opposition, from all. However, this help is sometimes somehow reduced to a minimum and we have many obstructions. Let's start with the media. The media simply never or rarely highlight something positive in the judicial system. It is impossible that there is nothing in this country that is nice, good or done effectively by someone. I think this should be pointed out. Here, it is a sensation if something is bad, if something is wrong, if a crime is committed. So, this is one segment. As to politicians, I also have to give credit to the previous Government, namely to the Council of Ministers, as well as to the current one, which had understanding for our Prosecutor's Office and granted us a number of prosecutors for war crimes and terrorism. I think that at this point we have justified their expectations and funds. We completed Category II cases, namely The Hague cases – the most difficult possible cases, with the funds and the budget we received, some 14 million, compared to The Hague Tribunal where the budget was, let's say, maybe 2 billion. Citizens have also started slowly but surely approaching the Prosecutor's Office and reporting to us forms, all possible forms of corruption, which is also positive. So, I think we are trying to get all positive elements in this country on our side, the ones who want progress and prosperity in it. Simply, to try to fight against such forms.

Host: Mr. Salihović, your results are remarkable. They are indeed commendable. Over 5000 opened investigations, is that right, as the 5000th one is to be confirmed soon, since the time you...?

Chief Prosecutor: We have around 2.590 indictments against

4796 persons. So, I think that in this year we will have that jubilee of having 5000 indicted persons. The average percentage of our confirmed decisions at this moment, namely in the past three years, is 82%. This means convicting rulings. The quota in this year was around 160%. So, we have set out to work and no one will be able to stop us in our work.

Host: Now, a moment ago you were talking about indictments in Category II cases which came from The Hague. When we take into consideration your whole work, why is it that so few people see these results, including the Parliament? When you submit a report, they talk about some other things that are of political and not reporting nature, because even the Parliament is not in charge of your work.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, I do not know. In essence, it may also be because of us, so let's not exploit this. But, in principle, it is important that we have results and that we are working and gaining the trust of all citizens, including politicians. I can feel it somehow. These Category II cases remained unresolved in The Hague for many, many years and then they remained unresolved in our Prosecutor's Office. So, this lasted for some 7-8 years. In the past three years, we managed to complete them. These are the most difficult cases which The Hague Tribunal could not solve. So, I guaranteed it with my honor and gave my word to Mr. Brammertz and the ICTY that I would complete them till the end of the year and my staff and I completed them. It was hard, very hard for them, as the cases included such cases as Kotor Varoš, Brčko, Srebrenica, Mahmuljin and "Dretelj" Camp in Herzegovina. So, it is that batch, a large portion of the cases that are extremely important and difficult for this State of Bosnia. In addition, the number of indictments filed in this year is larger than ever; we had 58-59 indictments. We filed indictments in 353 war crimes cases against 598 people. Therefore, much, much more than all tribunals, except in the Nuremberg proceedings conducted in relation to World War II.

Host: But Mr. Salihović, it appears it is not in someone's interests that you are doing your job at such a pace, that you are working so much.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, I do not know. Some criticized us that we should work, that we should try to finish that. I said what we needed, that they should assist us with prosecutors and office space and we received understanding from the European Commission, which is now giving us funds and we are about to start the construction of a new building, there is also our Government – so, essentially, all have declaratively said and realistically accepted the fact that we



need assistance, which we received. In these past two years we have prepared ourselves and we can say that we have simply set out to do this work. Of course, we will never be able to be fully satisfied and complete them all, but we will complete a large portion of cases. Not to mention the regional cooperation which is extremely, extremely good. I can say it is on a brotherhood basis with Croatia and Serbia and that we have full cooperation in these cases. We cooperate fantastically in relation to all these cases.

Host: Now, do politics have any influence on you at all?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, no.

Host: Is there any chance that anyone influences you, your team?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, look. I have to be realistic. No one has even tried to exert any influence and there has been no influence. Look, why would I or any of my prosecutors be subject to anyone's politics? They can neither dismiss me nor appoint me. They cannot give me bribes, as I do not accept bribes, or anything that would stimulate me to work for one of the politics. Why would I as Goran Salihović, as Chief Prosecutor, be in the interest of anyone's politics? I can, and I reiterate it, will be in the interest of the citizens of Bosnia and

Herzegovina in the first place, as well as in the interest of the State of Bosnia and Herzegovina. So, that is our interest. The politics that enforces the law and is subject to these standards does not have any problems with us.

Host: Why would some others like to take your credit? I will be specific, Mr. Salihović. In respect of every action you did, every arrest done, a Minister of Security would, let's say, appear on television and say, "We arrested, we are arresting and will arrest". In the end of the day, who is the one to carry out arrests in this country? I do not understand.

Chief Prosecutor: Look, we abide by law and we carry out all these ac-

tivities in compliance with the law. The Minister, of course, cannot carry out any arrests. It is not his job. He is a politician and he can say anything, but it is well known among people as to who carries them out and why. So, we are simply doing this in compliance with the law and we essentially have Court warrants for everything.

Host: This is not only for the sake of lawyers, they do not need any clarification, but it is my mother who needs clarification. How does this work? You, let's say, issue an order to someone to examine someone and then the Court signs an arrest warrant... How is this done at all?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, it is simply done in such a way that everything is prepared in compliance with law, police agencies are mobilized, namely the authorities that actually work on orders of the Prosecutor's Office with the approval of the Court, and if detentions are in question, we go for detention to ensure certain evidence. We have seen that nowadays we have some, I can say, problems and vagueness regarding detention. We simply move detention and the Court orders house arrest. I think that if we continue like this, either no detention or house arrest is required. So, it is impossible to...

Host: You are talking about the Avalanche operation, is...

Chief Prosecutor: Well, something we can say about it is that it is about a multimillion damage inflicted to the State of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to the entities, to individual municipalities, to the Brčko District, to citizens, to banks, to the Government at all levels and if, for example, no detention is ordered in such a case, or in cases in which we have war criminals, and it is ordered for some less serious crimes, a petty theft or something, I do not know what the standards are.

Host: And where this imbalance between the Prosecutor's Office and the Court comes from? If you remember, the last time you were in the show I asked you whether some

of you had finished college in Sarajevo and some others had done it in Vitez, because you were supposed to study the same law.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, look, let me tell you. I was a judge and court president by avocation my whole life and the court practice still remains in my head. We respect Court decisions and we will seek our rights only based on legal remedies and arguments. It would be by far easier for us if the Court met these requests, I am talking specifically, and any actions to the contrary can only slow us down but will surely not stop us. So, we are moving on, there is no discussion about that.



Host: Mr. Salihović, why do you instantly request 30-day custody in every case, no matter what the case you are working on is and no matter if your team has followed suspects for, let's say, three months, six months or a year?

Chief Prosecutor: No, it is not exactly like that. Let's take the last case for example. We worked for over a year on it. We invested a huge effort. A team of people, our people, experts in economics, electrical engineering and other fields worked on it. Our assessment in the case was simply that we needed all that and I think we needed that to reach the indictment stage more easily. The indictment will be probably filed in this case very soon. Of course, in other cases where our assessment is such, we do not seek it, but in these...

Host: So, there are some cases in which you do not seek custody.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, 99% of them are of such character. So, maybe this appears...

Host: These are the big ones, right?

Chief Prosecutor: ...big ones. Well, that is what they turn out to be, but I am telling you that if we want fight against corruption, and you yourself can see we are now focusing all our activities on corruption, namely on terrorism and corruption while war crimes have not been set aside either, as we completed that cake, that Category II, we must show understanding and feel that others love the country, too. We have to receive help from all.

Host: Commercials and after commercials you are to learn about what you are most interested in.

Host: Goran Salihović, Chief Prosecutor of Bosnia and Herzegovina, is your and our guest. Mr. Salihović, how much can you talk about current cases, what they are and where investigations are being conducted?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, we are essentially not allowed to talk about cases, but I can generally tell you that we initiated these cases and that we want to finish them. In most of these cases indictments were already filed and confirmed, and that is our biggest task – to indict. The Court deliberates and tries and then we are in trial. You had a chance to see that we have had a couple of big corruption cases lately, in which simply go into trial and expect rulings in our favor.

Host: The case of Fahrudin Radončić. What do you want to achieve with the case?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, you see, we do not want to achieve anything with the case. For us, it's just the case as any other. We have reached the indictment stage in it, the indictment was confirmed and now the trial is pending. We are charging him with certain things, I cannot specifically talk about the case, and we are ex-

pecting the outcome of the Court's deliberation. We will see.

Host: Did it have to end this way and how much the Prosecutor's Office will maintain the position that Fahrudin Radončić is to spend some time in custody?

Chief Prosecutor: Look, we are not interested in whether it had to end up this way or another, including politics and that part with political nature. We are interested in violations of law, we found there was such a violation in this case and this is why we are conducting the case.

Host: How long will he be remanded in custody, as far as the Prosecution is concerned?

Chief Prosecutor: We will see. It depends on the Court.

Host: Ah, it depends on the Court and not you.

Chief Prosecutor: That's right, that's right.

Host: In this case there are various conspiracy theories. I even asked the President of the State about some conspiracy theories. Of course, I will also feel free to ask you how much this is a personal matter for some individuals from the Prosecutor's Office and, out of respect for them, I am not going to mention any names although they are constantly mentioned in the public and it is known who this refers to, and how much this private conflict between Fahrudin Radončić and the other side caused this to happen, because you told me at the beginning that no one could influence you and when you are saying this, it relates to the Prosecutor's Office and, of course, just to be clear, primarily to you and then to the others.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, you see, the case has absolutely nothing to do with that individual prosecutor who experienced a cannonade of attacks and insults, and it was necessary to withstand that somehow. So, the case we got has absolutely nothing to do with either that other case or personally with that prosecutor who is not working on it. Here we simply

got the case on a platter and we had to act in compliance with law. So, there is simply no politics involved and there can be no politics. I have heard people saying, "It is a rigged trial". What can be rigged in advance? Along with a motion for detention, we furnished all possible pieces of evidence we had in mind at that hearing; I do not understand. So, how can one rig anything? To get a convicting ruling upon appeal will require... maybe 7-8 people will be included in the process. So, that is impossible and, therefore, these stories simply do not hold the water.

Host: How much do these stories affect relations in the country, as I believe you are monitoring political developments, and then these coalitions, the majority in the Parliament and so on?



Chief Prosecutor: Well, you see, I would be the happiest person if the country immediately enters NATO and the European Union, both in respect of myself personally and these citizens, so that we all see as much prosperity as possible. As to this what we are doing, some individuals can be the best politicians, but if they violate law, we will prosecute them. This includes absolutely anyone; if they commit an offense, we are absolutely not interested and cannot be interested in what political relations are involved and whether these relations are good or bad and what the

outcome will be. So, I am guaranteeing you that there are no rigged trials. It is something I said the first day I came to this position three years ago and I am responsibly saying it now – there are no rigged trials. We simply work in compliance with the law and based on evidence we have and, therefore, in this segment....

Host: So, there is no balance, you are not keeping your ears to it...

Chief Prosecutor: We can have ears to it, but we have to... We cannot turn a blind eye to some criminal offenses, right? We cannot say now, "Okay, we want the fight against corruption, we want the fight against terrorism, but please do not charge me, do not do it now, we cannot do it", or "why him".

Host: In the proceedings you are one party, the second party is the Court and the third party are Mr. Radončić's counsels. What if the Court says the man is innocent?

Chief Prosecutor: Nothing. We will see what will happen. We have an appeal if that is going to be the case. But I told you, we had in average 82% convicting rulings in the past three years and that is our quality. This means that out of 10 rulings, we won 9.5. I hope this average value will be increased.

Host: We will also mention to you

the example of, let's say, Živko Budimir, whose case was reduced to the unlawful possession of a weapon, it seems to me. I would like to ask you Mr. Salihović whether it is you who is considered accountable if the State or the prosecutor working on the case has to indemnify someone or whether you are protected as well, not to mention...

Chief Prosecutor: Look, if we have a reasonable suspicion... Take the Šešelj case for example. Who is accountable in it? So, if we have a reasonable suspicion, we are going to prosecute based on the reasonable suspicion. When we file an indictment and when the latter is confirmed, this means that, as far as we are concerned, the case has been assessed and that one stage in it has been finished. Of course, we fight in the



proceedings to win a convicting ruling and try to...

Host: Mr. Salihović, it seems to me you are defending prosecutors and it is all right. You are doing it...

Chief Prosecutor: I am not defending the prosecutors...

Host: ...but I want to tell you, the Hague Tribunal... the Hague Tribunal, has a resolution in place not to pay any indemnification. Šešelj, as he says, claims 12 million Euros. He will not get them because there is a resolution in place that this amount

of indemnification cannot be paid. However, in our country such indemnifications are paid. There are many who received indemnification.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, there are. But look, it is not on the Prosecutor's Office to decide on this. We have a procedure in place in which one may actually seek indemnification but I reiterate it, an acquittal ruling is based on sufficient evidence; you can have a case in which a man was killed, some people saw it but, you see, we cannot prove it. So, one is tried based on facts and evidence. The Budimir case. We moved custody and the Court ordered it. The Court declared it had no jurisdiction in the case, which is pursuant to Article 7 (2). Therefore, we have not lost the case. The case has been transferred to a lower level. Meanwhile, the Con-

that these two hundred people were released?

Host: I, of course, also wish to talk about that case, about the Avalanche, as it can be linked; I think it can be linked. In Croatia you have examples where some distinguished people have been remanded in custody for much less amounts of money...

Chief Prosecutor: Three years.

Host: ...the fourth year, but all right, the ruling is such as it is. But you have stated you are now roughly at the stage when you are working on corruption cases. In fact, we will not be able to accede or file a proper application for accession to the European Union before you finish your work. You have finished your work regarding the banking sector, at least partially I believe, and I do not want to be spiteful as there are also other such instances, for instance the Bobar Bank, Pavlović Bank, Development Investment Bank, Serbian Bank; have I said correctly?

Chief Prosecutor: The Investment Bank, yes.

Host: Some will say it is a financial attack on Republika Srpska, as there are none from the Federation, and I am saying this without any intention to criticize and say that one equals another.

Chief Prosecutor: You see, the State has sustained damage. It is the Agency for Deposits of Bosnia and Herzegovina that has sustained damage in this case the most, 52 million. Others that also sustained damage are the Brčko District, Health Insurance Department, Pension Insurance Fund...

Host: Municipality of Trebinje and so on...

Chief Prosecutor: Yes. So, look...

Host: I am talking only about the Bobar Bank...

Chief Prosecutor: ...Our... Wait a minute, all this is linked and our...

Host: The amount involved is much higher, Mr. Salihović.

Chief Prosecutor: That's right, that's right.

Host: If you said it publicly...

Chief Prosecutor: We have established the form...

Host: ...it would make citizens feel dizzy.

Chief Prosecutor: Exactly. Exactly. We are responsible for everything that is actually happening in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This includes both entities, municipalities and the Brčko District. Regarding this State agency, it is a huge case and lots of effort has been invested in it. But, in our view, the case has resulted in these, at this stage, good things and very soon we will file an indictment.

Host: Mr. Salihović, is it an attack against Milorad Dodik?

Chief Prosecutor: It has nothing to do with individuals. We are just working systematically. Who we will discover in our operations, whether Milorad Dodik, you or myself, we will see. At this point, we are at the level where we are doing this based on evidence. I am reiterating it, the story that we are to prosecute someone because the whole State wants that someone be prosecuted, or the media, or the public, simply does not apply to us. We will work only on the basis of evidence and something we have and if we have evidence against anyone, we will prosecute them.

Host: Now, various stories have appeared in relation to this and one of them is from Banja Luka. You... I have an opportunity to ask you... There was a statement, "I do not want to go to Sarajevo to give my statement to the Prosecutor's Office..." I would first like to ask you if he is in any of these cases.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, you see, we have investigation. We had 3-4 cases against Milorad Dodik that we closed, there is...

Host: No one, no one has said that.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, of course.

They are just saying we are doing something... We cannot obstruct the investigation. You see, if we have certain information, reports, evidence, we simply need to investigate that. You all are expecting that from us, no matter whether it be Milorad Dodak, you or myself, or anyone. We need to see whether there is any evidence and we are at the stage when we are carrying out verifications. For instance, there was that example of... what it's called... a kilogram of gold, right, and there were a number of other cases against Milorad Dodik, but the majority of those cases were closed. There are some cases in which we are carrying out verifications, on which we are working, and



we will see the outcome. But the case we have talked about, the Bobar Bank one, it is a huge case, it is our priority and we will see whether or not we will get anyone from that case to prosecute. But to tendentiously go against an individual, a person... I will never accept that.

Host: There are some weird things in the case against Mr. Dodik. Everyone related to him has been examined – his father, spouse, children... Is it you who is doing this, or SIPA? Who is doing this?

Chief Prosecutor: SIPA is doing it on our orders.

Host: Have you issued a warrant for that?

Chief Prosecutor: It is the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina. In all cases.

Host: Now, please just clarify to me this... that story... the statement "I will not go to Sarajevo". Does it... What does it mean? I know, I'll be free to say it Mr. Salihović, you said, "I do not want to make a circus about nothing. If Mr. Dodik is to give a statement, he must come to Sarajevo". This is what you said.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, all right. I think that he...

Host: No, I am asking you this technically, whether it is...

Chief Prosecutor: There are no problems there. He will get summons...

Host: In case someone is from Bihać and accused, can he or she give a statement in Bihać.

Chief Prosecutor: He will give a statement as any other citizen. I do not think he would object that and no one will do him any harm. There are no problems. Even more so, I will come to collect him and say hello. It is absolutely not a problem.

Host: Why is then an opinion formed that it is a problem?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, opinions are formed about everything in this country.

Host: I do not want to drag you into politics, but I would like to ask you only this in connection with this case and then we will move on. I as a journalist cannot avoid the impression that this is a political conflict. I am not dragging you into this.

Chief Prosecutor: And what is the political conflict?

Host: The case against Dodik and everything else, because if one party...

Chief Prosecutor: There is no case against Dodik and I do not understand what case you are talking about.

Host: There is none?

Chief Prosecutor: There is no case against him.

Host: No, all right, there is no, but what if someone from some party brings you this big pile of documents and, there you go, work on them?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, look. Some anonymous and other reports constantly arrive against me, against you, against I do not know who and we review most of them. If there are any bases to dismiss them, we do that and if not, we work on them. So, it is quite normal that we have such reports against the President of one of the entities. But I am telling you, in most cases it is sufficient to carry out verification and in some we will have



to consider them this way and get confident regarding certain things.

Host: So, you are saying there is no case against Dodik?

Chief Prosecutor: There is no case against Dodik, a specific case against Dodik. We perhaps might have links to him from some other cases, let's say, from the Pavlović Bank case. That's it.

Host: Yes, it is the issue with loans, but you cannot tell us more about it. You said what you were to say.

Chief Prosecutor: I think I told you.

Host: Yes. Now, to what extent will your fight against corruption go?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, you see, we have to strengthen our capacities

and we are determined to go into this fight. Because, you see, the State cannot progress because of this corruption. We can put out a fire to some extent, arrest an MP, a Minister, stop that either in hospitals or anywhere else, but it continues again. This means that the conscience about the need to help us has to be awakened, that citizens, the media, politicians and all people need to help us fight this phenomenon. We cannot talk all the time that we are the most corrupted country and then... when I want you to cooperate with me, you tell me "I would not like to be the one

who will tell you about that." So that is the problem. You have an institution that wants to fight corruption and which...

Host: And you constantly cry out for such help.

Chief Prosecutor: Of course. ...and which is not looking at politics, pressures or anything. We want that. Now, on the other hand, we receive very little help but, with or without it, we will move on and we are moving on.

Host: You know what? This is how it looks to me. You launch an operation no matter what it is called, and you have good names, all kinds of operations, and if the operation is successful, someone else takes credit for it as I mentioned it before and if it is not successful, the blame is laid

upon you. Why are you a thorn in the eye of the judiciary, people who are related to the judiciary, criminals – I can understand why you are a thorn in their eye, politicians...?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, probably because we prosecute all of them, because there are no untouchables...

Host: The best is not to work.

Chief Prosecutor: ...because they are all equal before the law and, as you could see, we arrested a judge, we arrested some of our employees, some from the police; Zubac was sentenced... I mean, all people can be subject to our work, whoever has breached the law somehow we are going to prosecute them. You had an opportunity to see, there was a ruling on Pendeš not long ago, an acquitting one in which the judge...

Host: You also had an acquitting ruling in the Sven Alkalaj case.

Chief Prosecutor: Yes. We have filed an appeal and we will see. I hope he will be convicted. We have a Court ruling, a verdict stating that the offense concerned is obsolete. That is near insanely. How can an offense be obsolete if it is prescribed? Let us abolish it so that it does not exist and then it will be obsolete. So...

Host: Mr. Salihović, maybe the judge was kidding.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, he probably was, I do not know what it could be, but we cannot fool around with the judgment, we cannot fool around with people, we cannot fool around with the State, we are serious. When we take... You take... I pulled out information about 30-odd people who have damaged the State by 17.000 or 20.000 marks in the same way. That makes half a million. Are we so rich that one can sit at home and you give him 20.000 marks? If... If that exists, please give that to us.

Host: The census, the census worth 50 million.

Chief Prosecutor: You see, we are also acting preventively in that case to establish whether...

Host: Mr. Salihović, you were the first who acted when the story about the census began. It seems to me that a day or two after that you formed a team to investigate what is going on in relation to the census.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, yes, because it would firstly be an enormous damage for Bosnia and Herzegovina not to get the results of the census. So, the damage has already been done by not publishing them to date. I have EU pre-accession funds in mind here. You saw what one of the conditions is. Mr. Han said that one of the first conditions for accession to the European Union was the census. We need to know why, who and what for one is hiding it. We will prosecute the one doing it. I will definitively prosecute him or her. He/she has to answer to this State, to this nation. The census has to exist. So, we will accurately establish whether there are any elements of a criminal offense and if there are any, all involved will be prosecuted.

Host: Soon?

Chief Prosecutor: They cannot... We simply cannot... Individuals cannot play with the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the State. Just imagine the amount involved. It cost 52 million, 9 million from the European Union. And who is the one to throw it in the trash bin. Do we have another 52 million? Is it necessary to do the census again within the next 5 years and make...

Host: A circus.

Chief Prosecutor: ...a circus of ourselves.

Host: You also tackled something regarding the media, the Gibraltar scandal. What is going on in relation to this Mr. Salihović?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, nothing. I can say that after the initial stampede on us, and you will recall that our motion for detention was denied, this case is progressing excellently. The investigation stage was completed, an indictment was filed and confirmed, we are largely in the trial stage in this case and we are expect-

ing a conviction ruling.

Host: There are some cases that you have inherited... not some, but there are cases that you have inherited and, among others, I do not know, it seems to me there is again a case against Zlatan Mijo Jelić and as to Anto... what about Anto Jelavić case?

Chief Prosecutor: You see, I cannot talk to you about the names, people, but in principle this... these two cases, one of them is a Category II case, we completed it, and this second one, he is unavailable; both are unavailable. We will see...



Host: What happens to people who are unavailable?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, we have this....

Host: Can this case... as they are available somewhere in Croatia, as well as others are available...

Chief Prosecutor: Of course, of course.

Host: ...somewhere in Serbia, can these cases be prosecuted in Serbia or Croatia?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, they can. So...

Host: You said you had good relations.

Chief Prosecutor: We have good relations. However, a year ago a de-

cision of the Croatian Government was such that we were in fact banned access to archives in Croatia, that they simply requested us to change the qualification for certain criminal offenses, which means that there was some obstruction. We will see how the things will progress now, but essentially, as far as the respective Prosecutor's Offices are concerned, there is an excellent relationship. These people will have to answer, either under that Protocol of ours regarding the exchange of evidence or within mutual legal assistance, and they can be tried there, but they will certainly not be able to escape justice.

Host: Another block of commercials.

Host: We are talking to Goran Salihović. Mr. Salihović, let's talk about some things that are not really related to this case. I know this was most interesting to our viewers, but I am also terribly interested in something that I would like to be clarified in the most ordinary way. You have a lot of enemies and you know it. Why are they trying to dismiss you on a daily basis?

Chief Prosecutor: Because they cannot dismiss me.

Host: How can Goran Salihović be dismissed?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, Goran Salihović can be dismissed if a decision

to that effect is made in the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council, namely if I commit an infringement and it has been proved, and this would be the only way to dismiss someone in the judicial system, not only Goran Salihović, or...

Host: So, there has to be a disciplinary complaint against you or any prosecutor, or what, I do not understand?

Chief Prosecutor: Of course, there has to be a disciplinary complaint, then it is necessary to establish the infringement, then there is a first instance decision, appeal against it, the second-instance decision and then an HJPC decision. I do not know whether one or two judges were dismissed in these 13 years of existence.

Host: Well, Barašin was.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, it was not dismissal but rather withdrawal.

Host: Well, exactly. Do you feel that pressure, that someone wants to do exactly that, that...

Chief Prosecutor: Well, you see, I am not interested in that. As far as I am concerned, I want to do the job, whether it be until morning or, I do not know, until the end of my tenure, I will be doing it.

Host: No matter how long your tenure will last, but and it will last for three more years, right?

Chief Prosecutor: That's right.

Host: Oh, many people have got concerned now. Regardless of whether you get a second tenure and so on, what will you do after the expiry of your tenure as Chief Prosecutor, Mr. Salihović?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, probably, if I do not choose to be a prosecutor...

Host: It's early to ask you that. I will not ask that at all.

Chief Prosecutor: ...well, maybe I will be a judge or prosecutor.

Host: So, something within your trade.

Chief Prosecutor: Within my trade.

Host: Good. I like to say it from time to time that if the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which you happen to be the head of now and I am also thinking this about some others, would do their job, the State would be surrounded by a wire, we would be prosecuted and detained. How can we help this country, Mr. Salihović? Because, just so that we understand each other, our laws are not very much different from the European ones – one goes to jail for murder, for criminal offense, for bribery and corruption, it is quite clear. How to help this country?

Chief Prosecutor: We should all, each in his or her segment, each within his or her work, try to contribute as much as possible to get this country move forward and we should cooperate. You see, we have exceptionally good cooperation at the state level now, with all police agencies, with SIPA, ISA, Border Police and, regarding terrorism, with the respective entity ministries and Prosecutor's Offices. Therefore, in my opinion, we need to feel the country more, love the country more and be more compact in this fight. Otherwise, if each of us will be just working for himself or herself in his/her segment, we will move forward with difficulty and slowly. So, I can tell you that the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina has very good relations with all these police bodies...

Host: And what about the Court, because it is the main link? That's what I am interested in.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, you see, it is like this. As far as the Court is concerned, they are our friends. We originate from the same guild, we respect each other, we are colleagues, we have been together all our lives but, of course, the Court has its role to play and we have ours. I personally will always respect Court decisions, as well as my staff, and we do not have any problems in this segment. Also, in conferences that should be joint ones and which both judges and prosecutors should at-

tend, we could advise each other of some irregularities in the work of one or the other. We have to have a joint body in this segment too, the one that will speak about everything, and it is the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council. The name itself suggests it is comprised of judges and prosecutors. So, at this point I think there should be no division to judicial and prosecutorial and it is my opinion that this way we would be more compact and stronger in this fight. There is also a reform ahead of us and, therefore, this is my standpoint.

Host: Will this reform satisfy Republika Srpska?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, you see, we don't have to worry about whether it will satisfy Republika Srpska...

Host: Well, no, no, no. I do not see it that way.

Chief Prosecutor: ... or the Federation...

Host: To be specific, do you think you will do everything to satisfy them?

Chief Prosecutor: I... I will again distinct myself from the politics. I do not want to talk about the politics. I will go back to the citizens' perspective. We should bear in mind that in...

Host: Well, all right, the citizens of Republika Srpska then?

Chief Prosecutor: Just a second. We need to satisfy the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina. They include both the citizens of Republika Srpska and the Federation. Why and how to have a more efficient and a better judicial system? So, we... All have said...

Host: And what do we lack to have a better judicial system – more prosecutors, more funds, more space, I do not know what else? What is the problem of the Prosecutor's Office?

Chief Prosecutor: Not the Prosecutor's Office. Please do not single out only the Prosecutor's Office. It is the problem of the judicial system.

Host: No, I am not singling it out. I am asking you what...

Chief Prosecutor: ...of the judicial system...

Host: What would you like to be even better, I do not know...

Chief Prosecutor: Look. There is still need to work more on the independence of the judiciary. It is still needed to work on the accountability of judges and prosecutors, and this through disciplinary proceedings. Judicial institutions need to be strengthened. It is necessary to identify where we have courts and prosecutor's offices in excess, as we have to be realistic and admit that we have the surplus of both courts and prosecutor's offices in some parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We have to see whether we need Special Prosecutor's Offices in the Federation and Republika Srpska, either the Special Prosecutor's Offices or Courts – both in the Federation and in Republika Srpska. We should try to be more cost effective, we need to have a two-instance system at the state level, whether it be a Supreme Court or a Court of Appeals, but we have to have legal security. This has also been stated by the Council of Ministers, judicial community, the European Commission and the Venice Commission and they all have stated this is necessary. Article 7.2 should not be repealed and no part of it should be removed. It can be drafted more specifically; it is functioning. So, everything has to be done to strengthen the legal security of our citizens. However, there is one thing that cannot be changed. You probably had that in mind when asking me the question and it is the issue of consciousness in the heads of some of prosecutors and judges. One can get salary, be independently selected, appointed, have conditions and everything, but if that one is not independent in his/her head, then that's the end. So, that too has to mature in us as society. You see, the society itself is getting matured and this reform period is still alive, it is going on and will go on.

Host: Now, Mr. Salihović why didn't you choose to be a lawyer? I think

there is good money in that trade. For example a notary public; that is within your guild.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, I have decided to be...

Host: You are now the Chief Prosecutor and you have decided to be somehow on the other side and how come you have such determination to protect this country? This is just a question for another sub-question.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, look, it is like this. I think the citizens and peoples of Bosnia and Herzegovina have suffered so much in the past 20 years, both in the wartime and post-war period, and that, in addition to our politicians, who should, must and have the role of leading this nation toward better integration into



the European Union, we from the judiciary can be the driving force of the whole society, at least in one small segment. Maybe I am a utopian, an optimist, you can call me any way you like.

Host: It seems to me you are a little bit everything of that.

Chief Prosecutor: I apparently believe in this and even if it be otherwise...

Host: That's the right way of thinking.

Chief Prosecutor: ...even if it be otherwise, I will maybe work as an attorney.

Host: But something I wanted to ask you, and it is a sub-question to this question, is the following. Namely, in my view, it is good that the

Chief Prosecutor is fully independent as you have said. However, politicians say something else – that it would be best if it is someone chosen by the Parliament.

Chief Prosecutor: Then they would have to select three prosecutors from three ethnic groups and then I do not know who would, who would be in command there. I am kidding a little.

Host: You are not far from truth.

Chief Prosecutor: This will be possible when such a level of democracy in this country is reached that it is irrelevant who will be in power. Then it will also be irrelevant who will choose the Prosecutor. At this point I think the prosecutor and the court president must and should be chosen by professionals from the relevant field.

Host: The way journalists usually do it at the end of a show, I would like to ask you whether there is any politician who has not been prosecuted and against whom an investigation has not been opened.

Chief Prosecutor: Well, there are, of course there are.

Host: There are quite few of them.

Chief Prosecutor: We all have some criminal reports, something against us.

Host: Mr. Salihović thank you very much for being an exclusive guest of the OBN Television, I am glad you are here today and I wish you much happiness, health and success in your work.

Chief Prosecutor: I thank you, too.

Host: Dear viewers, it was Goran Salihović. His performance today was much better than the last time when he was a guest. As elections are ahead of us, I am only afraid that Goran Salihović will direct them. Be careful. The message is clear. See you in seven days in a new Telering show. Stay with the OBN TV program. Thank you once again.

Chief Prosecutor: Perhaps this mayor of ours.

Sarajevo, April 10, 2016

Chief Prosecutor of Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina Met with President of Albania and Albanian Chief Prosecutor



Goran Salihović, Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, met at the highest level with a delegation of the Republic of Albania consisting of President Bujar Nishani and Chief Prosecutor Adriatic Lalla.

The topics discussed at the meeting included joint cooperation between the two countries in the fight against organized crime and international crime.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Albania have good long-standing mutual cooperation, particularly in the fight against international drug smuggling, illegal migration, as well as in the fight against terrorism and terrorism-related activities.

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The participants in the meeting agreed on the deepening of cooperation and intensifying communication between the respective Prosecutor's Offices.

In addition, counterparts from Albania were presented the structure of the judicial system in Bosnia and Herzegovina and that of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH is developing cooperation and good relations with prosecutor's offices in the countries of the region, which results in frequent international joint operations in the fight against the most complex forms of crime and in taking part in international operations. ■



Chief Prosecutor and Officials from Security Agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina met John O. Brennan, CIA Director – Meeting Focused on Fight against Terrorism

Chief Prosecutor Met with Ambassador of Japan to Bosnia and Herzegovina. Strong Support to the Rule of Law and Fight against All Forms of Crimes Expressed



Goran Salihović, Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, met with H.E. Kazuya Ogawa, Ambassador of Japan to BiH, and his associates.

At the meeting, there was discussion about the process of establishing the rule of law and the fight of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH against organized crime, war crimes, terrorism and other serious criminal offenses falling within the jurisdiction of the Pros-

ecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Ambassador of Japan expressed his support to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in establishing the rule of law and prosecuting complex cases, whereby contribution to the security of the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina is given.

In addition, the Ambassador of Japan underlined his strong support to the independence of the judiciary. ■



Cooperation of Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina with Partner Institutions from Republic of France



Head of Special Department for War Crimes Met with ICTY and MICT Chief Prosecutor

Gordana Tadić, Head of the Special Department for War Crimes and Deputy Chief Prosecutor, along with officials of this Department and heads of sections met with Serge Brammertz, ICTY and MICT Chief Prosecutor.

At the meeting, Prosecutor Brammertz was presented the results of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH achieved in the prosecution of war crimes to-date, as well as activities planned for the coming period.

In addition, officials of the Special Department for War Crimes advised Mr. Brammertz of activities coordinated and carried by the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in the process of finding and identifying missing persons.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH has recently reached a figure of more than 600 persons (605 in total) indicted for war crimes and serious violations of international humanitarian law. In validly completed cases, sentences totaling 2,087 years in prison were imposed to-date.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the ICTY-MICT OTP have good and continuous cooperation in a joint mission focused on the detection and prosecution of perpetrators of war crimes and on the fight against impunity of war crimes. ■





Visit of Delegation of Representatives of Judicial Institutions from Montenegro to Prosecutor's Office of BiH

A delegation of representatives of judicial institutions from Montenegro visited the Prosecutor's Office of BiH where a meeting was arranged with Deputy Chief Prosecutors Gordana Tadić, Božo Mihajlović and Ozrenka Nešković, Deputy Head of Department III, Miroslav D. Marković and Head of Section for Economic Crime, Ismet Šuškić.

This was a study visit the purpose of which was to exchange experiences and best practices in the field of operation of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH with a special emphasis on the application of the plea-agreement institute and on efficient prosecution through acquisition of new theoretical and practical knowledge.

The visit was paid by the delegation from Montenegro composed of judges of the Higher Courts in Podgorica and Bijelo Polje, Basic Court in Podgorica, prosecutors of the Special Public Prosecutor's Office, Higher Prosecutor's Office in Podgorica and Bijelo Polje and Basic Prosecutor's Office in Podgorica, Kotor and Bar. Attorneys from Montenegro and representatives of the Center for Monitoring and Research CeMi

from Podgorica were also within the delegation as the organizers of the visit.

Within one of the most important segments of the study visit foreseen to take place in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, the Deputy Chief Prosecutors spoke about the history and the establishment of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, its competencies and internal organization, as well as about statistical data and results achieved by the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

The heads of all three sections presented the work of the sections they are running.

This visit is one in a series of visits to be undertaken within regional cooperation which will be continued in the future.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH has extremely good and active cooperation with partner judicial institutions in the region and, given that the judicial reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina was carried out in 2003 and that prosecutors have extensive experience in many areas, officials of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH are often educators in many specialized areas of criminal prosecution. ■



Workshop for Spokespersons from Prosecutor's Offices and Representatives of Police Agencies Held. Cooperation between Prosecutor's Offices and Police in Public Relations at Satisfactory Level

A workshop for spokespersons from prosecutor's offices and representatives of police agencies organized within the Project of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina (HJPC) "Strengthening of Prosecutorial Capacities in the Criminal Justice System", which was held on May 4 and 5, 2016 in Teslić, gathered spokespersons and persons dealing with public relations in prosecutor's offices and police agencies. Experiences were exchanged and cooperation between the prosecutor's offices and police agencies in the field of public relations analyzed.

The workshop focused on the topics important for their work, with a special emphasis on the weighing and evaluation of the information shared with the public. It was concluded that the cooperation was at a satisfactory level, with a high level of coordina-

tion of these institutions in activities of interest for the public. Participants in the workshop agreed that they would continue to improve the said cooperation also in the coming period.

On this occasion, a Plan for Professional Development of Spokesperson, which was developed within the HJPC Project based on previously expressed needs of spokespersons from prosecutor's offices, started to be implemented. Within the said Plan, training was held on assertive and internal communication which,

according to the attendees, was very successful. The Project is to continue to provide every form of assistance to public relations in the prosecutor's offices in the coming period, too.

The representatives of the Department for Public Relations of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH actively took part in the workshop. ■



Interview

Interview with Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina in D-News of June 9, 2016

Anchor: Good evening, the guest of the D-News is Goran Salihović, Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr. Salihović, good evening and welcome.

Chief Prosecutor: Good evening. Thank you.

Anchor: Some time ago you said you are under huge pressure, both political and from the media. What is the situation nowadays?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, the pressure is not subsiding. Practically, it gets increased as we are intensifying our work. We have pressures from all sides – from war criminals, criminals, tycoons, politicians, the media, some international organizations and some foreigners. In essence, this shows that we are working, that we want to work and we will not pay attention to that pressure. The fight against this pressure can only take place through cases, joint fight of all institutions and strengthening of the police force. This means at all levels of prosecutor's offices, courts and judiciary and we have showed great unity in this. The High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council is standing behind us as an institution and all other judicial institutions – courts and prosecutor's offices, which includes us, and it is one component. You from the media can also help in subsiding the pressure with your accurate reporting. However, the public has created such a perception about the judiciary that we sometimes come across misunderstanding. However, we are here primarily in the interest of the citizens and the State of Bosnia and Herzegovina and no matter how strong this pressure is, we will try to resist it.

Anchor: You mentioned this pressure at the time when Fahrudin Radončić was arrested. What do you expect will be the outcome of that case?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, I cannot specifically talk about cases. As far as we are concerned, the case is progressing well and it is approximately at the trial stage now.

Anchor: When we are talking about pressures, one of the most topical topics is a threat of shutting down public broadcasters' signals. Isn't it a criminal offense? The FTV Management Board stated they would refer to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH?

Chief Prosecutor: Look, we will monitor this. Of course, if there are any elements of a criminal offense, we will get involved. I think that the one who enacted the law, and that would be the Parliament, is in essence the one who can do it. We will see how the law regulates this matter and we will certainly be on the side of the media.

Anchor: One more, the fourth consecutive judgment of the Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg was rendered

against Bosnia and Herzegovina today. In 2013 you opened an investigation into the failure to implement the Sejdić and Finci judgment. When is its completion expected?

Chief Prosecutor: You see, the problem with such judgments, namely with proving, is that in fact we have collective decision-making in place. In this Sejdić and Finci case, we have opened investigation against an unknown person and if we establish that specific persons are responsible, we will certainly take actions against such persons. Judgments of the European Court and those of the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina have to be executed for as long as they relate to offenses set out in the law. The moment the legislator decides to delete them from the law, we will not do that. Therefore, in this case too, we are again defending the country.

Anchor: The PIK conclusion at the yesterday's press conference is that corruption is deeply rooted and that it still hinders development. Full support is given to the independent work of judiciary in Bosnia and Herzegovina on which you also talked a little while ago. How to reduce corruptive activities? Efforts in this direction have been made for years, but?



Chief Prosecutor: Look, we have started with big corruption cases and that shows there are no untouchables and that we can prosecute anyone in this country. I think that even an ordinary man has realized that. However, we have to have receive help from all levels, namely from citizens who will report corruption, you from the media, people from the judicial community, the police, as corruption has been somehow put in the second plan for a long, long time. We are willing to work hard and we want to work. We might also have big problems in proving. The ceiling in proving is set very high while the criminal policy is very mild. So, in this segment too we have to take a joint position and love this country, love these people and demonstrate that also through the penal policy. Therefore, we have to be rigorous in punishing corruption offenses and we all have to take a joint position on this; we all together.

Anchor: One more operation, or rather the continuation of the search operation and seizure of documents in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina in connection with the "Panama Document" scandal, is currently going on. Can you tell us something about the operation?

Chief Prosecutor: I cannot talk about this specific case. These are regular activities of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and I think the purpose of all this is to reach the indictment stage and indictment itself more easily.

Anchor: Siniša Macan, former IDEE Director was arrested last week. Can we expect more arrests in the "Muehlbauer" scandal?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, we worked on this case for a very long time, we are standing well in it and we will soon render a decision. We will see whether we will include a number of other persons in the case, but I think we are satisfied with the case.

Anchor: In the past few months, there were arrests because of banking scandals in Republika Srpska, primarily related to the "Bobar Bank". When will indictments be filed?



Chief Prosecutor: As in similar investigations, we carried out investigation for over a year and a half and I personally worked with the team. Several prosecutors are involved in the case. We basically have to see what we are to get in this case. We will see. It is also at the stage when we are to decide whether we will go further with certain elements or be satisfied with what we have. It depends on what we will collect in this particular case. We had a lot of problems in it regarding expert analyses, as expert witnesses refused to provide their expert analyses. Then, when we detained those people in some way, the Court ordered house arrest and sometimes one really wonders how tough this fight for justice and against corruption must be. Sometimes we ask ourselves what are criteria for the Court to order detention. Perhaps detention should be deleted as...

Anchor: This is exactly what you have been talking about – that people, the public realize there are no untouchables, in fact exactly for this very reason.

Chief Prosecutor: Yes.

Anchor: As to the Pavlović Bank scandal, you initially stated Milorad Dodik was not encompassed by the investigation and then that the Pavlović Bank case was being processed and some witnesses examined. Is Milorad Dodik encompassed with this investigation?

Chief Prosecutor: It is a little tricky to talk about it, but since we are talking about all this, I can say the following. As I said, there is no special case against Milorad Dodik. However, the investigation within the Pavlović Bank case is being carried out and I think there is nothing disputable about that. There are simply some allegations, we need to verify them and we will see through investigation whether or not there are sufficient elements to go further, to file an indictment, and sometimes a huge fuss is made because of big names. You know, people want a victim, a name, but we simply have to work with what we have, with evidence, and we will not go against people, anyone, if we do not have sufficient evidence.

Anchor: At what stage is the investigation and when an indictment will be filed?

Chief Prosecutor: Well, we are satisfied. We have to maneuver a little and be satisfied. We can finish it very soon, but we are to collect additional things for a while and maybe get some other things.

Anchor: Mr. Salihović, why is there no investigation into Bosnalijek?

Chief Prosecutor: The investigation into Bosnalijek is being conducted in the Prosecutor's Office, it is a comprehensive investigation and it has been conducted for about two and a half years.

Anchor: Did the prosecutors change, as the case file has been resting in a drawer for quite some time?

Chief Prosecutor: Yes, they changed. It is not resting in the drawer, the case is progressing well. We will see what the final decision will be, namely whether it is for filing an indictment. Basically, the case is being worked on, the Canton has also done something in relation to it, but this what we are doing is on a by far larger scale and we will see what we will get from this case.

Anchor: How efficient are we in countering terrorism, how many indictments have been filed against persons that are being brought in connection with battlefields in Syria and Iraq and why the Prosecutor's Office agrees on

plea agreements with people who were on these foreign battlefields?

Chief Prosecutor: You see, we can also recognize the efficiency and quality in the fact that in the Department of State a few days ago Mr. Kerry commended Bosnia and Herzegovina for fight against terrorism. It is a great satisfaction for us. At this point, we have over 80 years of imposed prison terms and over 70 investigations into terrorism. In a way, we have prevented the departure of fighters and their return. Why are we entering into such agreements? Because we get certain information and finish our cases. At this moment I cannot say we will not have the worst scenarios, but in some way Bosnia and Herzegovina is relatively safe in terms of terrorism.

Anchor: In contrast to previous years when he criticized or warned about the slowness in prosecuting war crimes, last night, before the Security Council, Serge Brammertz stated that positive developments in judicial systems in the region had been recorded, but that now politicians and public figures in fact deny the truth and that the political situation was moving backward.

Chief Prosecutor: It is like this, we are not interested in politicians. I invested my reputation and gave my word that we will finish Category II cases, namely the ICTY cases, and we finished all of them till the end of the last year. This is a great success of Bosnia and Herzegovina and in the UN Mr. Brammertz commended the fact that we completed the cases. We also achieved a fantastic result. We indicted 606 people for war crimes and this is the largest number of indicted persons in the history after the Nuremberg trials. I think this contributes to reconciliation. All war criminals are the same, all victims are the same and the only thing we need is to collect evidence. We are experiencing great problems with exhumations. You had a chance to see it publically, the information was released a little while ago, we asked for some 2 million for Radača, Tomašica and Buća Potok sites. Of course, I am aware that there is a lack of funds, but the State has to have funds for such things and victims must not suffer. Of course, we have not stopped any of the exhumations. For example, we had some success yesterday. We found 7-8 people in Sanski Most and we are determined to continue with them, but we have to have support from the politics, media and everyone in finding missing persons. We had about 30,000 missing persons and we managed to find 23,000 of them, which is a huge success. However, we are still looking for 7,000 people.

Anchor: What is the regional cooperation in the prosecution of war crimes like?

Chief Prosecutor: You see, at the technical level, meaning between Prosecutor's Offices, it is fantastic, fraternal, we are friends. Now, as to whether there are any disagreements about politics, I would not like to go into that, it is a political issue, but as far as the three of us are concerned, I can say it is excellent. The cooperation with

Montenegro is good, with Slovenia too, as well as with Albania, and we have also contacts with the FRY Macedonia. With regard to terrorism, we also have good cooperation with Austria, the Netherlands, France... The way criminals of all profiles are organizing themselves here, we are also trying to liaise among ourselves and fight against all these segments as efficiently as possible.

Anchor: You are therefore saying that you are working a lot on prosecuting any criminal offenses, but that you are also looking for a lot of support. Three prosecutors were appointed to some other positions not long ago. What are your capacities in fact?



Chief Prosecutor: We are satisfied. The State met the requirements of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the Parliament, the Council of Ministers and the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council. We received a number of war crimes prosecutors and they contributed to the result achieved. We received a number of prosecutors for terrorism, you had an opportunity to see that, also for human trafficking and we increased our rating in the Department of State. At this point, six prosecutors are to be chosen. Because of fluctuations, I use this opportunity to ask the HJPC to speed up the process and I think they will soon do their part and that we will have new prosecutors. Since we have funds, it should not be wasted. We have cases that are on hold, which need to be worked on, so I think this is okay.

Anchor: For the end just to ask you about your further plans in your career? Namely, there are rumors you will replace the HJPC president Meddžida Kreso?

Chief Prosecutor: The president of the Court. All in good time. I still have a lot of work to do here. We will see.

Anchor: So, it is not impossible?

Chief Prosecutor: We will see.

Anchor: Thank you very much for your time!

Chief Prosecutor: Thank you.

Anchor: Dear viewers, the guest of the D-News was Goran Salihović, Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Information on PO BiH Results



Results achieved



- In 2015, the Prosecutor's Office of BiH filed indictments in a total of:
- 195 cases
- against 431 persons
- By Departments:
- SDWC: 59 cases / 135 persons
- OCECC: 65 cases / 214 persons
- Department III: 71 cases / 82 persons

Quality of PO BiH Operation



In 2015, 382 cases against 1197 persons were completed.

A few days ago a figure of over 600 (606) indicted for war crimes was reached.

We soon expect to reach a figure of 5000 indicted persons in the history of the institution.

• The quality of operation in the past three year is 92%

• The quota achieved in 2015 is 159.77%

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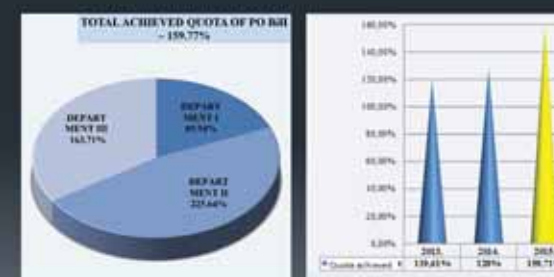
• 2013 data – Quality 94%; collective quota 119.61%

• 2014 data – Quality 89%; collective quota 128%

• 2015 data – Quality 92%; collective quota 159.77%

• Average quality of operation in the past three years – 92%

Quota Achieved



More efficient resolution of cases

| War Crimes Dept. | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| cases/persons | 24 / 42 | 26 / 49 | 57 / 119 | 59 / 135 |
| OCECC | | | | |
| cases/persons | 47 / 188 | 56 / 254 | 58 / 261 | 65 / 214 |
| Dept. III | | | | |
| cases/persons | 117 / 138 | 120 / 166 | 76 / 90 | 71 / 82 |
| Total | 188 / 368 | 202 / 469 | 191 / 470 | 195 / 431 |

Results of Operation – War Crimes

- Comparative overview of operation in 2014 and 2015



Special Department for War Crimes - Difficulties in Operation -



- Some of witnesses reside in Bosnia and Herzegovina, but many of them are abroad, even in overseas countries and considerable efforts are required to locate them and ensure their testimonies in very sensitive cases.



- In addition, a number of suspects and accused persons are abroad. In the past period, intensified activities were undertaken to ensure the extradition of the suspects and their prosecution.

- This way, extraditions from Serbia, Croatia, USA, Spain, Russia, Israel and Scandinavian countries were carried out.