

Case: Slobodan Medić *et al*
War Crimes Chamber
Belgrade District Court, Republic of Serbia
Case number: K.br. 6-05

Trial Chamber: Gordana Božilović-Petrović, Judge, Trial Chamber President, Vesko Krstajić, Judge, Trial Chamber Member, Vinka Beraha-Nikićević, Judge, Trial Chamber Member

Prosecutor: Bogdan Stanković

Accused: Slobodan Medić, Pera Petrašević, Aleksandar Medić, Aleksandar Vukov and Branislav Medić

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Examination of witness Bratislav Bogatić

The witness joined the unit in June 1995, a day before the unit left for Mount Jahorina. He drove a large lorry carrying clothing, footwear, fuel, lubricants, spare parts and various other items. He said that he and his colleagues driving buses had stayed behind on Mount Jahorina because their vehicles were too big to negotiate the road leading down to Trnovo. He also said that he had been given a few days to leave by the commander, so he left the mountain and went home.

The Prosecutor asked him whether the buses were left parked on the mountain or were taken elsewhere and the witness replied: 'They were up there on Jahorina all the time, with us, I think that when I left, after he'd let me go home, after I'd returned from home, that they weren't there, that they'd been taken to some other place, then they were brought back up there, I'm not sure that they were on Jahorina all the time.'

Examination of witness Milivoje Vujadinović

A resident of Novi Sad, he joined the unit in September 2003. In the army, he had been a tank mechanic. He knew the unit's commander, Slobodan Medić, and a number of other members from before, having often visited Banovci in Croatia where his father- and mother-in-law lived. In the unit, he worked as a clerk in charge of the procurement of spare parts, lubricants and fuel.

He was not in the field at Trnovo and said he did not know whether the unit had been stationed in Trnovo itself. He first saw the footage when it was broadcast by B92.

Victims' Legal Representative notes:

If one relates the statements made by Bogatić and Kosanović, one may reach the conclusion that the unit's drivers and buses were used to transport prisoners from Srebrenica, through territory

under Republika Srpska control, to places near the front line so as to make it look that the prisoners were soldiers killed in action.

The hearing was attended by Nura Begović, Rejha Avdić, Naza Hasanović, Ešefa Alić, Refija Alić and Bahra Kandžetović from the Srebrenica Women's Association and Nura Alispahić, mother of Azmir, and Safeta Muhić, sister of Safet.

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