

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

Report: Nataša Kandić, Humanitarian Law Center (HLC) and Dragoljub Todorović, Attorney, victims representatives

13 March 2006

Court decision: the Trial Chamber rejected the defence counsel's motion to examine Nataša Kandić in a witness capacity.

Examination of witness Branislav Vučenović

Branislav Vučenović joined the unit commanded by Slobodan Medić at the very beginning when its members, numbering only 15, guarded the facilities of the Krajina Oil Industry company. Before that the witness was employed by the RSK police.

The witness claimed that between his arrival in the unit and his wounding Vukov was commander Medić's deputy and at the same time the commander of the Reconnaissance Platoon. While the witness was unable to confirm whether a written decision on appointments existed, he said he knew that Vukov *de facto* discharged the duties of deputy commander of the unit and of Reconnaissance Platoon commander.

As to the execution itself the witness said he had had no knowledge of it until he saw it on television. He said, however, that he and Stojković slept in the same room and that one morning Stojković woke him up to have a look at some prisoners that had been brought in. The witness replied that he was not interested and went back to sleep. When later he got up and walked over to the cold storage depot to get some fruit juice, he saw a lorry, the commander, and all the security guards save Vukov in front of the command post.

Examination of witness Igor Galijaš

Igor Galijaš joined the 'Škorpioni' in July 1994. To his knowledge, Aleksandar Vukov was the deputy commander of the unit and the commander of the Reconnaissance Platoon as well. He was not in the field at Trnovo. He learned of the execution when he saw the footage on television.

Victims' Legal Representative notes:

The hearing was attended, under arrangements made by the HLC, by Hajra Ćatić, Rejha Avdić, Naza Hasanović, and Ešefa Alić of the Srebrenica Women's Association, Hana Fejzić, mother of Safet, Hana Salkić, mother of Saib, and Nura Alispahić, mother of Azmir.

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