

**Ovčara case**  
**Trial for the war crimes against the war prisoners**  
**War Crimes Chamber of the District Court in Belgrade, Serbia**  
**Number of case: K.V. br.1/2003**

**Trial Chamber:** Vesko Krstajić (the presiding judge), Gordana Božilović-Petrović (judge) and Vinka Beraha-Nikićević (judge).

**Prosecutor:** Deputy War Crimes Prosecutor Dušan Knežević.

**Defendants:** Miroљjub Vujović, Stanko Vujanović, Jovica Perić, Ivan Atanasijević, Predrag Mađžarac and Milan Vojnović, Serbs from Croatia.

**Report:** Nataša Kandić and Dragoljub Todorović, victims representatives

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At the beginning of his testimony, witness **Ilija Dujaković** said that, as a member of the 3rd company commanded by captain Radić he had come to Vukovar on 30 September 1991. As the members of his unit were billeted in private houses, he was assigned to the house of defendant Zlatar Vujo until 24 November 1991 when they returned to Belgrade. Dujaković pointed out that he knew Štuka who was a member of his unit, and added that they had come to Vukovar together. However, they did not see each other as they had been assigned to different tasks. In his words, Štuka had an automatic rifle, olive-grey uniform But also, sometimes, he wore a "motley" uniform. The witness Dujaković pointed out that he had been present at the time defendant Vujo was wounded, on 29, or 30 or 31 October, and added that he knew he had been immediately transported to Negoslavci. In his words, the next time he saw the defendant was on 19 December 1991 in Belgrade, when the witness paid him a visit. On the occasion, Zlatar Vujo used crutches to help him walk and told the witness he had been in a spa. When presented with a part of the statement of the first protected witness, where the protected witness said that Dujaković had maintained good relations with officer Marko Marić, he explained that it was an acquaintance of his father's who had helped him get a leave of absence at the time of his military service at Topčider. Continuing his testimony, Dujaković stated that he did not know when the fighting in Vukovar had ended, that he had never been at Ovčara and that he had heard about the events there in Serbia.

At the beginning of his testimony, witness **Mirko Ljubišić** said that he had returned to Vukovar from Borovo Selo together with defendant Atanasijević on 12 November 1991. Although he was first assigned to Zjaja Muris, he was moved to Lančuzanin where he was issued arms. In his words, he learned about the fall of Vukovar on his way back from Petrovac on 18 November 1991, together with Ceca, Kina and Kameni. Speaking about the events on 19 November, witness Ljubišić pointed out that he was looking for his parents and that he had gone to the hospital around 7:30 hours and had remained there 10 to 15 minutes. As he learned that his parents were at Lušac, and after he was given a four-wheel drive vehicle from Peternek, he went there to look for them. Upon his return to the headquarters, defendant Lančuzanin sent him in search of vehicles for the needs of the unit, as they had heard that the Croats had surrendered and the vehicles had been brought to Ovčara or Jakubovac. With three other persons, around 16:15, Ljubišić went to Negoslavci and thence to Ovčara where he appropriated, for the needs of the unit, a blue Jugo car and a brown van. In his words, in front of the hangar there were around 40 members of the military police, while inside the hangar were the prisoners, members of NGC most of whom he knew. The witness said that he had been allowed to enter the hangar without arms and added that he had spoken with the prisoners. With the approval of an officer he took out of the hangar the father of Stjepan Gunčević and added that, beside him, he had recognized

Ćakalić, Karlović, Perković and Čaleta among the prisoners. In his words, there were rumors that the prisoners would be transported to Sremska Mitrovica. The witness Ljubišić pointed out that defendant Vujović had taken Perković out of the hangar and told Ivanković to drive the people who had been taken out of the hangar to Velepromet where it was safer. He pointed out that to the left of the hangar there stood some 60 to 100 persons in battle fatigues who he did not know. After some time, the defendants Lančuzanin, Milojević, Ljuboja and Dragović arrived and the witness asked them if he could return to Vukovar. Ljubišić pointed out that defendant Vujanović asked for some other prisoners to be transported to Velepromet and that he had taken two prisoners out of the hangar, while Lančuzanin had taken out Čaleta and two other persons. In his words, in front of the hangar there stood a tractor with a trailer and the prisoners who had been taken out were led into it, and he thought they were on their way to Vukovar. The defendants Lančuzanin, Milojević, Ljuboja and Dragović, together with the witness, followed the tractor. Soon after that, the tractor took a sharp turn. In his words, the vehicle they were in got stuck in the mud and, as they could not pull it out of the mud, he, together with Dragović or Kinez, started after the tractor. When they heard the volleys, they returned to the car, managed to pull it out of the mud and return to Vukovar. When they returned to the hangar, Kamenj said that he did not want to take part in it. Ljubišić pointed out that it was later that it became known that some people had perished at Ovčara. The witness Ljubišić remarked that in the hangar, among the prisoners, he had seen Krešić, who had his head bandaged, Gudelj, whose arm was bandaged, and two persons with crutches. He said that there were members of the military police in the hangar and that he had learned, from some prisoners, that some prisoners had been beaten "on the bottom, on the back". He added that, later on, some volunteers entered the hangar, but not the volunteers from his company, and that they had beaten a prisoner with a crutch until a military policeman stopped them. In his words, the military policemen remained in the hangar even after the departure of the tractor. The witness then pointed out that Lančuzanin, Milojević, Ljuboja and Dragović had come to Ovčara around 17:30 or 17:45. He pointed out that he did not know where Lančuzanin had come from, but he was certain that it was that day, around 11:00 or 11:30 that Lančuzanin had ordered him to find the vehicles.

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