

**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 **Svetolik Bukić** said that during the fighting in Vukovar he held the position of the chief of staff of the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense of the 80th motorized brigade. The witness Bukić then said that he had been to Ovčara twice. In his words, he went there for the first time in the afternoon of 18 November, after the cessation of hostilities, after he had been told by some officers that a prisoners camp had to be established there. In the building where prisoners were to be accommodated a rope was stretched from wall to wall. After everything had been readied, the prisoners were brought by military trucks. He pointed out that their commander had assigned two groups of people to guard the prisoners that night, he himself being in the first one. After the end of his shift, he returned to the headquarters in Negoslavci where, the following day, he heard that a group of prisoners was, without any problems, transported to Sremska Mitrovica. The witness Bukić pointed out that on the second day (he did not remember well whether it was on the first day after his first visit to Ovčara or the second), at around 17:00 hours, when it was almost dark, major Dušan Janković, the chief of staff of their brigade, came and asked him and Dačić to go to Ovčara. In his words, he and Dačić protested, as they did not want to go, but still they went. Together with them was a small group of soldiers. When they arrived, they found the same rope, while inside the hangar there were prisoners, with bandages, most of them standing along the wall. On the other side of the rope there were soldiers in battle fatigues. When they found the commander, he told them they were supposed to report to a major, which they did. Since the major told them to wait, they stood by the side, watching the happenings. After some time, they asked the major if they could go and he let them go. In Bukić's words, they stayed at Ovčara about an hour and then returned to Negoslavci.