

**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 **Nikola Dukić** said that he had been at Vukovar in the fall of 1991, in Petrova Gora street, and had remained there until 15 or 16 November 1991, when the attack on Vukovar started. In his words, they had already been under the army and, a day before the attack on Vukovar was begun, they had been issued olive-gray uniforms by the YNA brigade from Mitrovica. Dukić pointed out that he had not been sure as to who was in command of TD, but he thought it was Dušan Jakšić. Then he said that the defendants Vujović and Vujanović had been on the other side of the town and that they had, when the YNA Guards brigade arrived, become its members, as guides who knew the terrain. In his words, defendant Lančuzanin had brought volunteers to Vukovar and then commanded the group. The witness stressed that he knew where Ovčara was, as he had been there "when it happened". Explaining how he had gone to Ovčara, witness Dukić said that he was there when two officers, driving the Puch vehicles, came and asked for the way to the hospital. "I drove them there... there were captured civilians there". Major Šljivančanin said: "Who has taken part in the fighting will be prosecuted", while the wounded and the hospital staff were going to be transported, as witness had heard, to Croatia. The witness said that he had come across Damir Gunčević and his mother near the hospital, that he had spoken with Damir as he thought he was a very good person, and had taken him to the bus he heard was going toward Zagreb. In his words, he had gone to Ovčara together with a sergeant whose name he could not remember and with two or three soldiers. When they arrived, they parked the car and saw two or three buses and members of the military police. In front of the hangar there were many people and two military policemen stood at the door preventing entry into the hangar, so that he could see, from the door of the hangar, that the prisoners were in civilian clothes, that they were sitting on the floor and were silent. In front of the hangar, the witness saw the defendants Mugoša and Bulić. While they were standing there, the two policemen moved away from the entrance. Then a red tractor with a trailer came and the prisoners started getting onto the trailer. Dukić pointed out that he thought he recognized one of the prisoners so when the tractor started he sat on the tractor cab. Inside the tractor cab, in the words of the witness, was defendant Lančuzanin and a small, short man who, he was not quite sure, might have been Mali Džo. When the tractor turned left into the fields, Dukić, in his own words, knew that "something bad was about to happen". In five minutes they arrived at Grabovo where witness saw a large group of people (between 40 and 50). In his words, Lančuzanin and he stood aside, the prisoners got off the trailer, there was fire and the prisoners fell down. The witness Dukić pointed out that at Grabovo there was quite a number of strange men and he averted his head when the shooting started. When the shooting ended, the witness, together with Lančuzanin, returned to Ovčara in a tractor, and Lančuzanin then said: "This will be bad". After he had returned to Ovčara, the witness said that he had stayed there between half an hour and an hour, which is how much it took him to find transportation. All this time he was accompanied by

Savić and Kresović, and he had also seen Štuka who took out a prisoner and shot him in the back of the head whereupon the prisoner fell into a canal. He saw how, four or five times, the prisoners were "loaded" into the tractor trailer and taken toward Grabovo. After Ovčara, the witness, in his own words, went to Velepromet together with Savić and Kresović and thence to Negoslavci. The witness added that Kresović had been with him at the moment of arrival at Ovčara. It was a dry, sunny day, volleys were fired at the prisoners at Grabovo, there was a pit dug behind the prisoners, they were shot in the face and most of the prisoners fell into the pit.

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