

**Case: Branko Grujić *et al* – ‘Zvornik’**  
**War Crimes Chamber**  
**Belgrade District Court, Republic of Serbia**  
**Case number: KV.5/05**

**Trial Chamber:** Tatjana Vuković, Trial Chamber President, Vesko Krstajić, Judge, Trial Chamber Member, Olivera Anđelković, Judge, Trial Chamber Member

**War Crimes Prosecutor:** Milan Petrović

Accused: Branko Grujić, Branko Popović, Dragan Slavković a.k.a. Toro, Ivan Korać a.k.a. Zoks, Siniša Filipović a.k.a. Lopov, and Dragutin Dragičević a.k.a. Bosanac

Report: Nataša Kandić, Executive Director of the Humanitarian Law Centre (HLC), and Dragoljub Todorović, Attorney, victims representatives

### **28 December 2005**

The expert witness, psychiatrist Dr Branko Mandić, submitted a written report and an opinion that on 30 November 2005 the accused Popović was fit to follow the proceedings and present a defence. Dr Mandić fully stood by his submission even when challenged by Popović’s counsel.

After the examination of the expert witness, the accused insisted that during his examination he was not aware of what he was saying and that counsel ought to have intervened. He also said that there was a lot more he could have said in his defence on that occasion.

The accused’s counsel next moved that the Trial Chamber seek another opinion from a board of expert witnesses.

The Trial Chamber dismissed counsel’s motion to exclude from the records Popović’s evidence given at the main hearing on 30 November and 1 December 2005. It also dismissed counsel’s motion for a new psychiatric examination of the accused.

As a result of these decisions, Popović said that from then on he was going to use silence as defence.