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 Andelković, 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 Dragićević a.k.a. Bosanac

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

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Examination of witness Cvijetko Jović

Before the war, the witness lived in the village of Tršić near Kozluk and worked as a travelling salesman. He had been a reserve policeman since 1978. On 20 September 1991 the complete reserve force of Zvornik Municipality was mobilized. The witness remained in the police reserve force as commander of the reserve police station in Tršić. At the time the police force split into Serb and Bosniak forces, the commander of the police station in Zvornik was witness K and the chief of police Marinko Vasilić. The commander's assistants were Miko Miljanović and Petko Panić.

The witness had his first contact with Čelopek when the Bosniak residents of Divič, numbering some 160, were detained in the local Cultural Centre. They had been escorted to Čelopek by Assistant Commander Miko Miljanović, who told the witness that the Bosniaks would stay there a few days because the Muslim authorities had refused an exchange at Kladanj and another crossing point was being sought to transfer them to Bosniak-controlled territory. At that time Anđelko Vasilić was the commander of the Čelopek reserve police station. On the arrival of the Divič Bosniaks at the Cultural Centre, the witness was appointed the commander of the Čelopek reserve police station, as well as continuing the perform the duties of commander of the Tršić police station.

The witness picked on 24 policemen from the reserve force and divided them into four shifts of six men. The shifts were led by Anđelko Vasiljević, Milan Mitrović, Miloš Jovanović, and Rade Marković respectively.

The police station was 300-400 metres from the Cultural Centre. The witness said that he did not talk to the prisoners and that they stayed there about 20 days.