

**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

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### **9 March 2006**

#### **Examination of witness Mile Jović**

A graduate economist, the witness worked for the Zvornik TO until 5 or 6 April 1992. In mid-April he was mobilized and assigned to the JNA battalion commander Major Dragan Obrenović, being placed in charge of an equipment maintenance unit. The battalion was stationed in Karakaj, on the premises of the former company Standard which were converted into a barracks.

The former Zvornik TO, where the witness worked before the war, was under the command of Alija Kapičić. The witness knew the accused Branko Popović and believed that he had been appointed TO Staff commander at the end of April. He knew that Popović wore a uniform.

The witness saw Popović only once when, late in April or early in May, Popović told him that weapons for the TO had arrived from Tuzla. The shipment consisted of weapons for the 5,000 or so men the former TO had. The reservists numbering some 500, who belonged to the new (Serb) TO, snatched the weapons and took them to their homes, each making off with two or three pieces. The rest of the weapons were stored at the Standard company. A TO detachment numbering nearly 500 was formed, and then a TO military police unit consisting of 50-60 men, the latter however breaking up soon afterwards. The Zvornik Brigade was formally established on 2 June and placed under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Vid Blagojević. As a formation, it belonged to the Drina Corps.

#### **The expulsion from Kozluk**

The witness knew a good many Bosniaks in Kozluk many of whom were his friends. Before the war, he passed through Kozluk every day on his way to Ročević, where his mother lived, and to Loznica to visit his sister. After the war broke out and he put on a uniform, however, he never passed through Kozluk because he would not like a friend to see him in uniform and ask him why he wore it or to ask a favour he could not fulfil.

He said that the residents of Kozluk moved out while he was in hospital and that he had not known that they would do that. He only heard of their departure later. Asked by the Trial Chamber President whether he had found that strange or something that could have been predicted, the witness replied, 'Why, it may have been strange. Since they'd held out till the end of June one presumed that they were going to stay.'

### **The Čelopek camp**

The witness learned of the existence of the camp while in the barracks on the Standard company premises: it had been proposed to relocate the large calibre ammunition to Čelopek in order to store it in one place, and someone mentioned that there was a prison there. That was the only information about Čelopek the witness had. He knew a good many Bosniaks from Divič and knew that the residents of Divič were moved out, having been assembled on the local football pitch and taken away. He did not know their destination and fate and the circumstances of their expulsion because he was in hospital at the time.

The witness said he knew nothing about the 'Ekonomija' and 'Ciglane' camps.