Case: Tenja II (indictees Boža Vidaković and Žarko Čubrilo) Higher Court in Belgrade – War Crimes Department K-Po2 01/12

Trial: July 3, 2013

Report: Milomir Matović, attorney of the injured party

The hearing of witnesses was conducted via video link from the Municipal Court in Osijek.

Witness Josip Valentić

At the beginning of July 1991 he left Tenja, because of the tense atmosphere in the village. He knew the indictees Vidaković and Čubrilo. The indictee Vidaković was speaking at SDS rallies in Tenja, and he also knew that the indictee Čubrilo held office in the SDS. His parents lived in the old part of Tenja. After he left Tenja, his father Vlado and uncle Ivan stayed in the village. For the first few days, his brother and sister were speaking with the father and the uncle on the phone. After that, Gojko Rakinić, a neighbor, told his brother on the phone that for quite some time he had seen neither his father nor his uncle. His godfather Antun Špehar told him that his father and uncle were detained in the house of their neighbor Dragan Vasić, and that they had been transferred to the movie theatre in the centre of the village afterwards. Dragan Vasić told this to his godfather. The witness never communicated with Dragan Vasić directly. He remembers that on July 7, 1991, there was a massive armed conflict in Tenja, which lasted for about six hours. He was in the new part of Tenja at that time. He heard that Milan Macakanja was visiting the house of his son's mother-in-law, Ana Horvat, and that he mistreated her and insulted her. The witness stated that there were rumors around Tenja that the indictee Božo Vidaković committed murders in the village during the war.

Witness Julijana Prodanović

Her husband Josip Prodanović went missing in Tenja during July 1991. His mortal remains had never been found. She found out that her husband was detained in the movie theatre in Tenja. In a photograph from the case file she recognized Simo Bekić. She had never spoken to him.

Witness Stjepan Horvat

His wife was Ana Horvat. Their son married the daughter of Milan Macakanja. His deceased neighbor, Josip, told him in 1998, after he returned to Tenja, that his wife was killed by Milan Macakanja. Josip asked Milan Macakanja why he had killed the mother of his daughter-in-law. Milan then threatened Josip that he would kill him too. The witness heard that during the murder of his wife and others, besides Milan Macakanja there were also present the son of Milan Macakanja, as well as Jovo Rebrača with his two sons. He has never found out the location of the mortal remains of his wife.

Witness Renata Gal

She knows the indicted, and attended the same school as the daughter of the indictee Vidaković. After the outbreak of the armed conflict in Tenja, she left the village. Her mother

Katica Kiš, her step-father Franjo Burča and Ana Horvat stayed in the village. The neighbors who were allowed to leave Tenja told her that her step-father was detained in the movie theatre in the center of the village. They also told her that Milan Macakanja took her mother, step-father and Ana Horvat towards Silaš.

Witness Marica Salaj

She remembers that she left Tenja on June 30, 1991. Her mother Ana Horvat stayed in Tenja. Her brother married the daughter of Milan Macakanja. Croats allowed to leave Tenja told her that Milan Macakanja took her mother and other people towards Silaš. She remembers that Janja Capan told her that. She was aware that the indictees Vidaković and Čubrilo were in that truck too. She does not know where the mortal remains of her mother are. At the beginning of the war her husband Josip was arrested by the indictee Vidaković, who mistreated him and confiscated his car.