

Toplica Miladinović and 12 other persons accused stand trial for a war crime against civilians. According to the indictment the OWCP has filed against them, the accused, during April and May 1999, as members of the Yugoslav Army's 177th Military Territorial Detachment, killed at least 109 Albanian civilians in the villages of Ljubenić, Ćuška, Pavljan and Zahać (Peć municipality, Kosovo). Three years after the process started, on 11 February 2014 the Higher Court in Belgrade pronounced a judgment finding nine members of the Yugoslav Army's 177th Military Territorial Detachment guilty of a war crime against a civilian population and sentenced them to prison terms ranging from five to 20 years. Two of the accused persons were acquitted, and three were each given a maximum 20-year jail sentence. When pronouncing judgment, the Presiding Judge said that the court had established that the accused were not paramilitaries, but regular members of the Yugoslav Army.