



**Republic of Serbia**  
**OFFICE OF THE WAR CRIMES**  
**PROSECUTOR**

Reference: KTO no. 1/14  
Belgrade, 31 March 2014  
MP/II

**HIGHER COURT IN BELGRADE**  
**War Crimes Department**

Pursuant to my authority under article 47 (1) of the *Act on International Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters*, I hereby **conform** the indictment in this case – originally raised by the Districtl Prosecutor's Office in Brčko, BH (reference: T18 0 KTRZ 000 3079 / 05, dated 24 April 2013) and confirmed before the BH court – to the laws of the Republic of Serbia. Further, pursuant to my authority under articles: 43 (2.5), 331 (1, 2) and 332 of the *Criminal Procedure Code*; and under articles 3 and 4 (1) of the *Act on the Organization and Competence of Government Authorities in War Crimes Proceedings*, I raise this

**INDICTMENT**

Against AA,

Personal details:

Son of .. and .. née ...  
Citizen identity number: ...  
Identity card no. ...  
Date/place of birth: ...  
Current residence: ...  
Country of citizenship: ...  
Educational background: ...  
Occupation: ...  
Previous convictions: none.

## **Background and allegations**

In the period between 1992 and 1995, an internal (non-international) armed conflict existed in the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Parties to the conflict were Serb, Bosniak and Croat armed forces.

Acting on behalf of the Serbian party to the conflict, as a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Posavska Infantry Brigade – part of the Republic of Srpska's Army, at the time based at Military Post 7410 Brčko, the accused, AA, committed serious breaches of international law, recognized by the following acts and provisions:

- Article 3 (1.a) of the Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (Geneva Convention IV), adopted on 12 August 1949 and ratified by the FPRY National Assembly (FPRY Official Gazette, no. 24/50); and
- Article 4 (2.a) of the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions on the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II).

## **Charges**

On 10 May 1992, the accused, AA, was present in the Luka camp in Brčko, where he subjected one of the inmates, namely civilian AB, to a campaign of terror, thereby causing the victim physical injuries and emotional suffering. Having removed AB from the room where he was confined, AA took him to an office within the camp. Once inside, AA gave AB a piece of paper and ordered him to write down his name and date when he wanted to be killed. AA then proceeded to punch AB in the face and head, using brass knuckles on his right hand clenched into a fist and holding a knife in his left hand all the while. In addition to the physical injuries sustained, AB suffered extreme psychological distress in fear for his life and physical integrity.

***By engaging in the above described conduct, the accused, AA, committed the criminal offence of war crime against civilian population, recognized by article 142 (1) of the FRY Criminal Act.***

***Milan Petrović***  
**Deputy War Crimes Prosecutor**