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HIGHER COURT IN BELGRADE -War Crimes Department-

BELGRADE

Pursuant to my authority under article 331 (1, 2) in re article 43 (2.5) of the *Criminal Procedure Code*; and articles 3 and 4 of the Act on the *Organization and Competence of State Authorities in War Crimes Proceedings*, I raise this

INDICTMENT

Against:

AA

Personal details:

Son of ... and ... née ... Place and date of birth: ... Citizen identity number: ... Current residence: ...

Background and allegations:

At the time relevant to this indictment, namely the latter part of 1992, an armed conflict existed in the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Parties to the conflict were the forces of the BH Army and Republic of Srpska's Army (VRS). In his capacity as military police officer and member of the VRS 6th Sana Brigade, the accused, AA, aided and abetted by another military police member from his unit, namely BB,

engaged in the expulsion of non-Serb population from the Ključ municipal area. By his involvement in the expulsion campaign, AA committed grave breaches of international law as envisaged by the following:

- Article 3 (1.a) of the *Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilian Persons* in *Time of War*, adopted on 12 August 1949; and
- Article 4 (1, 2) of the *Protocol Additional to the Convention, Relative of the Protection of Victims of Noninternational Armed Conflicts* (*Protocol II*), adopted on 08 June 1949.

Specifically:

On 10 October 1992, in the period between 19.00 and 20.30 hrs, AA and his accomplice BB were present in village Kamičak, municipality Ključ. The two arrived in a red Golf A2 passenger car in front of the home of W and called him outside. As they received no response, the accused and his accomplice fired a short burst into the front door and forcibly entered the house. In subsequence, the two headed towards the village outskirts. As they passed by the home of GG, they spotted DD (v.o.b. ...) on the outer staircase leading into the house. The accused discharged an undetermined number of shots from an automatic weapon of undetermined make and calibre into DD. Having received severe bone injuries to his head, both upper arms and chest, the victim died on the spot. The accused and his accomplice then left, but shortly afterwards returned to the scene in the aforementioned passenger vehicle and entered GG's house, where they found several persons. The accused, AA, fired an undetermined number of shots from an automatic weapon of undetermined make and calibre into those inside, fatally wounding them in the process. Thus: GG (y.o.b. ...) sustained multiple bone fractures in the head, specifically in the areas of the right temple, crown, both sides of the face and both jaws; ĐĐ (y.o.b. ...) sustained multiple fractures in the shoulder blade with extensive bone fragmentation; EE (y.o.b. ...) sustained multiple bone fractures in the roof and base of the scull, facial structures and upper jaw with extensive bone fragmentation; and ŽŽ (daughter of EE, y.o.b. ...) received multiple fractures in the areas of the right hipbone and right cheek bone with extensive fragmentation in both of the areas. All of them succumbed to the injuries and died on the spot. The campaign caused a strong feeling of terror among the local population and resulted in a mass exodus from the village.

By engaging in the above described conduct, the accused, AA, committed the criminal offence under article 142 (1) of the FRY Criminal Act.

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