

**Pronouncements Made - War Crime  
August 19, 2022**

**VLADIMIR MIKAC ET AL**

**FIRST-INSTANCE DECISION**

The decision of the Higher Court in Belgrade, Department for War Crimes, K Po2 3/22 – Kv Po2 28/22 dated 3 June 2022, has confirmed the indictment of the Office of the War Crimes Prosecutor of the RS dated 31 March 2022 against the accused: namely, Vladimir Mikac, Zdenko Radulj, Željko Jelenić and Danijel Borović, for the criminal offense of war crimes against the civilian population in co-perpetration, from Article 142 (1) of the CC of the FRY.

**APPELLANTS**

Defenders of the accused.

**SECOND-INSTANCE DECISION**

The Department for War Crimes of the Court of Appeal in Belgrade, after its panel session, issued on 11 August 2022 the Decision Kž2 Po2 14/22, rejecting as unfounded all appeals against the first-instance decision.

According to the order of the Court of Appeal, the first-instance court had correctly concluded that in this specific case there is enough evidence to raise reasonable suspicion that the accused had committed a war crime against the civilian population, in complicity and to the level of justified suspicion, which is a necessary condition for indictment, and that in this sense, it is unnecessary to better clarify the matter in order to examine its basis, as the quality of the evidence collected in the course of the proceedings so far provides a basis for the conclusion that the accused are justifiably suspected of the criminal offense that is the subject of the accusation, that is, they are sufficient for the conclusion of the existence of a justified suspicion necessary to present this criminal matter before the court.