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Historical trilateral meeting of the Prosecutors of BiH, Serbia and Croatia held in Sarajevo on December 16, 2013



The Prosecutor's Office of BiH issued indictments against 469 persons in 2013, which is the largest number of persons accused in a single year in the history of this institution



Message of the Chief Prosecutor

Dear readers,

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH has achieved significant results in 2013. Indictments were issued in 180 cases involving more than 400 persons who were accused of different crimes falling within the jurisdiction of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, ranging from war crimes, organized crime, tax evasion, illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, smuggling of persons to criminal offenses in the field of counterfeiting of money, copyright infringements, smuggling of goods, as well as other criminal offenses defined in the Criminal Code of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This job was not easy and it required a lot of work, effort, dedication and commitment of all employees of the Prosecutor's Office i.e. Prosecutors, Legal Officers and Advisors, Investigators, and other administrative staff.

Furthermore the year 2013 is also significant due to increase in the number of Prosecutors in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH with the aim to expedite the work on all cases, particularly war crimes cases.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH now has 50 Prosecutors and has become the largest prosecutor's office in Bosnia and Herzegovina. We expect the appointment of five additional Prosecutors, whose engagement will be enabled through IPA funds. This capacity reinforcement, as well as the planned relocation to a separate building with adequate capacity to accommodate all employees of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH will allow for even better results in the future.



We've initiated significant activities in the aim of expediting the process of exhumations in all parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2013. The Prosecutor's Office of BiH requested and the BiH Presidency granted the engagement of the armed forces of our country which are to assist with their machinery in the exhumations.

In this way, the high-quality equipment will be used but significant budget resources of Bosnia and Herzegovina will be saved.

We have announced a decisive fight against organized crime, corruption, terrorism and financial crime. The first instance verdicts were rendered in the cases *v. Zijad Turković et. al.* and *v. Haris Čausević et. al.* an indictment was issued in the case *v. Mladen Kekerović* and those are some of the most important events in the judicial history of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the post-war period, as well as the most important judicial news in the past year which indicates that we are on the right track.

We shall continue on this journey and in the fight to prosecute and punish organized crime, corruption, war crimes and terrorism, as well as in the fight to confiscate all ill-gotten property which has caused multimillion damages to the budget of our country.

In this fight we shall need the support of the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, governmental institutions, families of victims of war crimes, the international community and non-governmental sector in order to ensure better results and to continue the intensive work on establishment of the rule of law in our country as well as to create a safer living environment for all citizens of our country, in our country's European path.

Sincerely,

Goran Salihović
Chief Prosecutor of the
Prosecutor's Office of BiH

Capacities of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH were substantially reinforced by the appointment of 13 new prosecutors who have started working on December 1, 2013.



Following the oath-taking 13 new Prosecutors started working at the Prosecutor's Office of BiH on December 1, 2013.

These appointments have significantly strengthened the capacities of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH particularly in the Special Department for War Crimes to which they were assigned in order to expedite the pace of work on war crimes cases.

New Prosecutors come from all

parts of our country, have various ethnic backgrounds and are top legal experts. Among them are young colleagues who will surely bring a new energy to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, as well as long experienced lawyers whose experience will certainly be useful in dealing with complex cases.

Strengthening of the capacities of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH should definitely help achieve significant

and better results on war crimes cases, which is one of the priorities of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH as well as rule of law and bringing justice to victims thus creating a safer living environment for all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Prosecutors took a solemn oath on November 29, 2013 in the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council thus officially commencing duty.

During the event the HJPC President Milorad Novković briefly addressed the new Prosecutors informing them about the prosecutorial duties and wished them good luck in their future endeavors. ■

| | Department I War Crimes | | Department II SDOC | | Department III General | | Total | |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Case | Persons | Case | Persons | Case | Persons | Case | Persons |
| 2003. | - | * | - | * | - | * | - | * 120 |
| 2004. | 1 | 1 | 5 | 17 | 164 | 289 | 170 | 307 |
| 2005. | 7 | 17 | 31 | 50 | 175 | 248 | 213 | 315 |
| 2006. | 21 | 31 | 60 | 147 | 148 | 196 | 229 | 374 |
| 2007. | 20 | 32 | 82 | 149 | 122 | 144 | 224 | 325 |
| 2008. | 23 | 30 | 24 | 76 | 123 | 173 | 170 | 279 |
| 2009. | 19 | 33 | 28 | 89 | 203 | 275 | 250 | 397 |
| 2010. | 29 | 45 | 32 | 134 | 194 | 246 | 255 | 425 |
| 2011. | 28 | 43 | 32 | 134 | 192 | 252 | 252 | 429 |
| 2012. | 24 | 42 | 47 | 188 | 117 | 141 | 188 | 371 |
| 2013. | 26 | 49 | 56 | 254 | 120 | 166 | 202 | 469 |
| Total | 198 | 323 | 397 | 1238 | 1558 | 2130 | 2153 | 3811 |

* POBiH records for 2003 do not contain the number of cases only the number of persons involved





Trilateral meeting Sarajevo - Zagreb - Belgrade, joint effort to punish war crimes

First trilateral meeting of the Chief Prosecutors of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Croatia was held in Sarajevo within the framework of the protocol on cooperation in prosecution of war crimes. Specific activities and further cooperation in several cases were agreed.

A trilateral meeting of the Chief Prosecutors: Goran Salihović, Mladen Bajić, Vladimir Vukčević and their associates was held at the EU Delegation building in Sarajevo. The attendees discussed the cooperation between the prosecutor's offices achieved in specific cases on the basis of the Protocol on Cooperation in the Criminal Prosecution

of Perpetrators of War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and Genocide, signed between the prosecutor's offices.

This was the first meeting, following the signing of the protocol, where representatives of all three prosecutor's offices were present, which is a positive step in strengthening of cooperation.

At the beginning of the meeting the attendees were welcomed by representatives of the Legal Department of the EU Special Representative to Bosnia and Herzegovina, who have supported the cooperation between the prosecutors' offices in the region aiming to support the establishment of the rule

of law and strengthening of the process of peace building and reconciliation in the countries of the region.

Cooperation achieved in specific cases was discussed at the meeting, as well as modalities of cooperation in the future aiming to maximize the expediting of prosecution of war crimes perpetrators.

Chief Prosecutors emphasized that they will continue with the cooperation so as to prevent that the suspects/accused persons hide from prosecution with the help of the citizenship of another country, and have underlined that this cooperation will be intensified.

It was concluded that liaison officers are to be appointed in order to improve and enhance the technical aspects of the communication between the prosecutor's offices.

Cooperation strengthening between the prosecutor's offices is a positive step that is supported in the conclusions of the structural dialogue on judicial reform and the cooperation itself was deemed as positive by the European Union and is viewed as a major step in the process of establishing the rule of law in the region within the process of European integration. ■





Chief Prosecutor held a Collegium meeting with all employees of the Prosecutor's Office on December 30, 2013

During the Collegium meeting the Chief Prosecutor reflected on the results achieved in 2013, the plan to increase work related activities in 2014 and has used this opportunity to wish all the best to employees in the new year. ■



Chief Prosecutor attended an international conference on war crimes processing and legacy of International Criminal Courts in the world



Chief Prosecutor Salihović gave a notable presentation and was moderating the panel which involved discussions concerning the prosecution of war crimes in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the legacy of the ICTY, the work of the residual mechanism of the ICTY and the importance of the archives of the ICTY and the International Criminal Courts in the prosecution of war crimes.

In his speech, the Chief Prosecutor Salihović emphasized the importance of regional cooperation in the fight against impunity of war crimes, as well as the importance of using the legacy of international criminal tribunals, which have tried war crimes in the past.

Good regional cooperation between the prosecutor's offices of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and the Republic of Croatia was highlighted during the discussion and it was concluded that the future prosecution of war crimes must largely rely on a strong regional cooperation.

Vladimir Vukčević - War Crimes Prosecutor of Serbia also gave a notable presentation at the conference. Chief Prosecutor Salihović supported the presentation of the War Crimes Prosecutor Vukčević, which emphasized the importance of regional cooperation in the prosecution of war crimes that was also noted as a positive step forward by the European Commission in its Report.



■ Meeting of the BiH Judicial Officials with the representatives of the Council of Europe regarding the enforcement of the „Maktouf-Damjanović“ judgment of the European Court for Human Rights held in Strasbourg on December 12, 2013.

Special symbolism of this international conference is the fact that it was held in Nuremberg, in the Palace of Justice i.e. the place where the accused Nazi leaders were tried for war crimes after the World War II and where justice was brought to the millions of victims of the Nazi regime.

The trials against Hermann Göring, who was sentenced to death, and 11 other senior Nazi officials that were convicted in 1946, were conducted in Courtroom 600.

This international conference was attended by prosecutors of international criminal tribunals that operate worldwide.

The following participants were just some of those who attended the conference:

- **Hassan Boubacar Jallow**,

Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the Prosecutor of the Residual Mechanism of the ICTY,

- **Serge Brammertz**,

Prosecutor of the ICTY,

- **David M. Crane**,

a former prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone,

- **William Smith**,

Deputy Prosecutor, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia,

- **Vladimir Vukčević**,

War Crimes Prosecutor of Serbia, and

- **Goran Salihović**, Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. ■





Annual Counseling of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

The central themes of the annual counseling were the fight against organized crime, psychology of the courtroom, and the application of substantive law in the light of the "Maktouf-Damjanović" judgment.

The annual counseling of Prosecutors and professional staff of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH was held on December 5-6, 2013 at Jahorina. The counseling was attended by about 70 participants i.e. Prosecutors, Legal Officers, Legal Advisors and Investigators of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH who had the opportunity to follow presentations, partici-

pate in working groups and exchange professional experiences on important issues in the field of justice and criminal prosecution.

At the beginning of the counseling the Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH - Goran Salihović presented an analysis of the work of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in the past year, plans and activities pertaining to indictments to be issued by the end of the year, as well as the work plan aiming to expedite the pace of work and improve efforts thus resulting with more indictments in 2014.

The attendees followed presentations, took part in workshops on techniques of prosecution of organized crime and the discussions on the psychology of the courtroom and the manner of presenting evidence.

During the course of the counseling the attendees heard the presentation and then discussed the application of substantive law in the light of the decision of the European Court of Human Rights in the case of "Maktouf-Damjanović," and the current issues related to this area.

The annual counseling is an important activity in terms of exchange of experiences and training of the staff of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

The 13 newly appointed Prosecutors of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH who started working at the beginning of this month attended the counseling and had the opportunity to meet the colleagues from the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and exchange experiences in the field of prosecutorial work. The counseling is also useful for strengthening of teamwork within the BiH Prosecutor's Office.

The Annual counseling of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH was organized with the support of United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■



The case *v. Zijad Turković et.al.* – a great victory of the Judiciary of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the most significant case of fight against organized crime in post-Dayton Bosnia and Herzegovina



The winning team

In late November 2013, after 2 and a half years of trial and more than three years following the discovery and the arrest of the suspects, the Court of BiH rendered a first instance verdict in the case *v. Zijad Turković* and another 5 persons sentencing them to a total of 100 years of imprisonment.

This is the biggest ever rendered sentence by the BiH judiciary in an organized crime case.

In this issue we shall introduce the team that has worked diligently on this case for years, gathering evidence, preparing the indictment and conducting evidentiary proceedings.

It is important to emphasize that great results do not come easily or accidentally.

The verdict in this case is the result of several thousand working hours invested by the Prosecutors, Investigators, Legal Advisors and Officers as well as typists, drivers and other professional staff which contributed by working on assignments and tasks related to the indictment and evidentiary procedure in such a complex and extensive case.

The professional community and citizens need to know that during the investigation in this case some 250 persons were interviewed. Prosecutors, Investigators and professional staff were out in the field on more than 20 occasions, going to inaccessible places and locations in the woods where the bodies of victims killed by the members of

the criminal organization were buried.

They also investigated the scene and performed investigative activities in facilities where the victims were killed, monitored the process of DNA analysis and verification of the identity of the victims, coordinated the efforts of law enforcement and expert findings on the recovered bullet casings and other material found at the site of the murder.

Given that the operations of this criminal organization exceeded the borders of our country, significant cooperation was achieved with the judiciary and police of the countries in the region, as well as overseas.

Cooperation was agreed and maintained with the institutions in Bolivia, with the aim to obtain DNA samples for the identification of one of the murdered victims.

Prosecutors and professional staff that helped them in this case, have spent many thousands of hours collecting and sorting evidence, questioning witnesses and suspects, gathering material for expert findings. Due to urgency of the matter they often had to work nights and weekends, and they were constantly in touch with the officers of police agencies that have worked with the Prosecutor's Office in this case.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH continues in its efforts to establish the rule of law and create a safer living environment for all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■



■ Location at which the mortal remains of the murdered victims were found within the scope of *Turković* case



■ Transport of the defendants in the *Turković* Case following the rendering of a first instance verdict

Chief Prosecutor visited the exhumation sites

Chief Prosecutor visited the exhumation sites at the locations of Tomašica (Prijedor) and Buća Potok (Sarajevo)

The Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH Goran Salihović visited the exhumation site of Tomašica near Prijedor, where hundreds of victims from the Prijedor area are being exhumed

The Chief Prosecutor also visited the site of landfill in Buća Potok tomorrow, as well as the four locations near the landfill that are being probed as there is information that the sites in question could contain the remains of Serb victims from the area of Sarajevo.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH, together with all institutions involved in the exhumations, continues with intensive efforts to expedite the process of finding and identifying missing persons.

The Chief Prosecutor stressed the need to strengthen the capacities for work on war crimes as well as the need for capacity building in human and material resources for the processes of exhumation and identification of missing persons, which is in line with the conclusions of the structural dialogue on judicial reform.



Prosecutor Salihović pointed out that the need to strengthen the capacities of the Prosecutor's Office also stems from the decision in the Maktouf and Damjanović case and that it will be necessary to engage an additional 12 prosecutors in order to maintain the necessary dynamics in the prosecution of all cases.

This process is also very important because the families of the victims have been searching for their loved ones for two decades. ■



■ Authorized official persons of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH handled 114 orders for exhumations in 2013 spending a total of 278 days working out in the field



Monsignor Franjo Komarica, Bishop of Banja Luka, visited the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and met with the Chief Prosecutor

The Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH Goran Salihovic discussed with the Banja Luka bishop - Monsignor Franjo Komarica about the prosecution of war crimes with the aim to strengthen the rule of law, as well as about coexistence and reconciliation in BiH.

Mr. Salihovic informed Bishop Komarica about the efforts undertaken by the Prosecutor's Office in order to efficiently solve and prosecute war crimes in the entire territory of Bos-

nia and Herzegovina, which is one of the priorities of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

Bishop Komarica was interested in specific war crimes cases related to the suffering of ethnic Croat victims in the Banja Luka region, Kotor Varoš and Posavina, which significantly affect the return to pre-war population, the maintenance of peace, reconciliation and coexistence across the entire BiH.

He was also interested in the possi-

bility of expediting the exhumation and the burial of a Catholic priest and church devotees who were killed at the location of Trubar during the World War II; the prosecution of a war crime from 1995 - murder of a Prijedor priest Tomislav Matanović that has not been solved to date, as well as the possibility of shedding some light on the murder of priest Ivan Grgić in 1992.

The Chief Prosecutor informed Bishop Komarica about the efforts of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH regarding the prosecution of war crimes in Briševo near Prijedor. He stated that the Prosecutor's Office will make every effort to shed some light on all crimes and prosecute all responsible perpetrators regardless of the ethnicities of both the perpetrators and victims of war crimes, and that the Prosecutor's Office is firmly committed to this.

It was concluded that all parts of BiH society, including judicial institutions and religious communities should work to strengthen the trust and the rule of law in BiH. ■



Chief Prosecutor met with the representatives of the Municipal Organization of the Families of Captured and Killed Soldiers and Missing Civilians of the RS from Foča

Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH - Goran Salihović and the Heads of the Special Department for War Crimes met with representatives of the families of captured and killed soldiers and missing civilians of the RS, from Foča and its surrounding area.

As cooperation with the war crimes victims is considered one of the priorities of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH the Chief Prosecutor wanted to hear directly from the victims' families about their expectations from the Prosecutor's Office and the Special Department for War Crimes.

The Chief Prosecutor informed the representatives of victims' associations that the Prosecutor's office of BiH shall continue to intensify activities in the prosecution of war crimes in the future.

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out that a number of activities related to exhumations and finding the remains of the missing persons will be taken in the coming years which is a very important part of work on war crimes cases.

At the meeting, the Chief Prosecutor informed the representatives of victims that the cooperation between Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia, on the basis of the Protocol on cooperation, is going on very well and that the joint efforts of the judiciary in the region result in a more

effective prosecution of war crimes, as the suspects no longer have any place to hide.

At the meeting the representatives of the victims had the opportunity to get information from the officials of the Special Department for War Crimes concerning the specific ongoing cases in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. Representatives of the victims from Foča were interested in cases related to the suffering of ethnic Serb victims in Foča villages: Jabuka and Jošanica.

Representatives of victims' associations have handed over certain evidentiary material related to war crimes committed in that area to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

The delegation of representatives of victims consisted of the following ladies: Dana Muminović and Dušanka Lalović, as well as the following gentlemen: Milan Kulić, Milan Nikolić and Goran Mastilo.

The Chief Prosecutor emphasized that the cooperation with the victims will be a priority in the work of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and that cooperation will be developed with victims of war crimes of all ethnicities from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■



Chief Prosecutor met and discussed with representatives of the Association of War Crimes Victims from Central Bosnia and Neretva valley



Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH - Goran Salihović and the Heads of the Special Department for War Crimes met with representatives of the associations of Croat camp prisoners and the families of victims from the area of Central Bosnia and the HNC.

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Representatives of victims' associations have submitted certain documentation regarding war crimes to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

The delegation of representatives of victims consisted of the following gentlemen: Mirko Zelenika, Anđelko Kvesić, Miro Zelić, Zdenko Šupurković and Karlo Marić.

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Statement by the Office of the High Representative, the Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina/EU Special Representative and the Embassy of the United States of America in BiH

Strong International Community support to BiH Judicial Institutions

OHR
Office of the
High Representative



We, the OHR, the Delegation of the EU/EU Special Representative and the Embassy of the United States in Bosnia and Herzegovina wish to express our strong support to the state-level judicial institutions of BiH.

In this regard, we condemn attempts, such as the one undertaken by the National Assembly of Republika Srpska on 29 October 2013, to exert political pressure and improper influence on these institutions. The RSNA has a duty to respect and observe the independence of the judiciary, which should be able to act free of any pressure from either the legislature or the executive.

The jurisdiction of the European Court is an issue that affects many countries, and decisions of the Eu-

ropean Court of Human Rights should be understood as a means of improving human rights and fundamental freedoms' protection systems in a given country rather than be used to undermine judicial independence.

We underscore that a capable, independent and impartial judicial system is a fundamental guarantee of the rule of law, democracy and the respect for human rights.

We call on all parties to support BiH state institutions and the rule of law in the interest of the citizens of BiH. All parties should be working to strengthen the judicial institutions, not to undermine them. ■





Armed Forces of BiH to assist the Prosecutor's Office of BiH with exhumations at Tomašica and Buća Potok landfill

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH expresses its gratitude to the BiH Presidency for its understanding and urgent action

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH has intensified activities and ensured strengthening of technical and human resources for the exhumations carried out at the localities of Tomašica near Prijedor and landfill in the Sarajevo settlement of Buća Potok.

The Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina passed a decision on the deployment of machinery of the AF BiH aiming to accelerate exhumations. The Prosecutor's Office of BiH hereby expresses its gratitude for the understanding and assistance in this very important segment of its work, which is extremely important for the families of war crimes victims.

The above-mentioned machinery owned by the AF BiH will significantly expedite the exhumation efforts.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH shall, pursuant to the decision of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the involvement of the AF BiH, strive to sign a protocol on cooperation and engagement of the armed forces in other exhumation

cases, which will certainly contribute to a faster and more efficient search for missing persons.

This will provide for a more rational use of resources hence significant funds will be saved in the budget of BiH.

Use of modern machinery owned by the AF BiH will certainly expedite the technical process of exhumations, which is particularly in the interest of the families of the victims.

Deployment of additional large excavators, trucks and generators is planned at the site of Tomašica, and the plan for the location of Buća Potok is to add another big excavator and a truck to the existing machinery for the purpose of removal of large amounts of soil.

An X-ray will soon be put to use at the site of Tomašica to allow for faster inspection of the recovered bodies in order to find the remains of rifle grain and metal objects used in the killings of war crimes victims that will be used as evidence in war crimes cases.

At this point the ground was exca-

vated to a depth of about 27 meters at the site of Buća Potok and efforts are continuing intensively aiming for a depth of 30-35 meters at which, according to current information, the remains of Serb victims from the area of Sarajevo could be located

At the site of Buća Potok excavations are carried out at another four additional locations, which are, according to satellite imagery, likely to also contain the bodies of victims.

Once again we would like to thank the AF BiH for their understanding, urgent action and the meeting organized per request of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH, together with all other institutions involved in the process of exhumation, continues with intense activities on tracing and identifying the war crimes victims as it is one of the priorities of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and was recognized as a positive step by the European Commission in its report. ■



Chief Prosecutor and Director of the Federation Police Department met with Cantonal Police Commissioners in FBiH

The central topics of the meeting were related to the cooperation within the framework of the Memorandum on professional grounds for cooperation in detection, reporting and criminal prosecution of perpetrators of criminal offenses, which was signed in February 2011.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH and police authorities in the Federation BiH have cooperated significantly in the past period resulting with the discovery and prosecution of perpetrators of organized crime, illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, abuse of office or authority, prosecution of members of the auto - mafia and other criminal offenses in all parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Police officers from the Federation

BiH police institutions have also participated in many joint police operations in cases handled by the Prosecutor's Office of BiH where entity and state level police agencies have acted in coordination during the course of extensive investigations in cases of organized and international crime.

Among topics discussed at the meeting was the security situation issue, particularly how it will be jeopardized by the recent interruption of imprisonment sentence serving for persons who were found guilty of war crimes by a final verdict, which has had a very negative impact on the security of all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, but specifically on the safety of victims' families and returnees.

Continued intensive cooperation between the police institutions of the Federation of BiH and the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina was agreed in all matters of joint jurisdiction, as well as intensive efforts aiming to strengthen the security situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and establish of the rule of law.

Apart from the Chief Prosecutor the meeting was attended by the Director of the Federation Police Department and the 10 Cantonal Police Commissioners in FBiH, the representatives of the OHR, the EUSR and ICITAP project functioning within the U.S. Department of Justice. ■



Task Force for Combating Human Trafficking held a meeting at the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

The Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH - Goran Salihović participated at the meeting of the Task Force to combat human trafficking and organized illegal immigration held at the premises of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

The issue of intensifying activities in the coming period was discussed as it should result in more indictments for these criminal offenses in order to speed up the pace of the combat against human trafficking and detection and prosecution of individuals who commit such criminal offenses.

The fight against illegal immigration and trafficking in persons is an extremely important element in our country's path to European integration.

Reports on operational activities undertaken in cases involving members of the Task Force were analyzed at the meeting held in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

The Task Force to combat human trafficking and organized illegal



immigration consists of representatives of police and prosecutorial institutions from the state, and entity level as well as Brčko District, who meet and decide together on detailed activities and courses of action to be taken in the fight aga-

inst human trafficking and detection of perpetrators of these offenses, as well as about the manner of collection of evidence for effective judicial proceedings. ■



Representatives of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH gave presentations to Law Faculty students from Zenica

A group of about 50 third year students of the Law Faculty in Zenica visited the Judicial Complex of Bosnia and Herzegovina, where they heard the representatives of the Court and the Prosecutor's Office of BiH presenting about the work of these institutions.

The students wanted to learn about the details related to the formation of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, its development as well as about the prosecution of cases which are under the jurisdiction of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

Representatives of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, who met the students: Prosecutor Mirza Hukeljić and Head of the Public Relations Department Boris Grubešić, spoke about the history, organization, responsibilities as well as the internal organization of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

Students were shown a presentation which covered different time periods starting from the beginning and inception of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH through to development of the institution in the past 10 years. It also included in-



formation on internal organization of the institution i.e. Departments of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, interesting details about the work of this institution, as well as its cooperation with law enforcement/police agencies and other institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Since the visitors were law students who intended to pursue their careers in judicial institutions of our country, Prosecutor Hukeljić spoke about the challenges of pros-

ecutorial work, the specifics of the work in judicial institutions and the everyday efforts of the prosecutor's office, its responsibilities and tasks.

From its inception onwards the Prosecutor's Office of BiH is building good relations with NGOs and educational institutions in our country, in order to paint a better picture of the work of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH for the citizens and the public. ■



■ Students from countries in the region visit the Prosecutor's Office of BiH within the scope of transitional justice projects

Presenting: Analytical Services Branch

The Special Department for War Crimes of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina also includes analysts (senior advisor and senior officers) who have a specific role in supporting prosecutors in war crimes cases. Analysis and research are designed to model large Departments for War Crimes in the U.S. and Canada, as well as the Hague Tribunal (ICTY) and the International Criminal Court (ICC), and this is the first unit of its kind in the BiH judicial institutions.

At the request of Prosecutors, Analysts perform research and analysis of primarily documentary evidence related to committed war crimes i.e. the analysis of military, police and civilian structures, as well as persons suspected of being the perpetrators or accomplices in commission of the criminal offenses of war crimes.

Analytical research involves search of available databases, judgments, archives, institutions and agencies, libraries, media and various other resources, as well as witness statements, aiming to establish the facts about persons and events of the war and to meet the demands of Prosecutors.

This is followed by analysis of available and relevant documentary evidence with a view to a more complete establishment of the state of facts in the form of analytical reports drafted on the basis of evidence found.

Requirements for the development of analytical reports are usually related to profile information about the suspects, the specific military or civilian structures within a certain period of time, the beginning of the conflict in the territory concerned and the chronology of events, information about specific war crimes (e.g. camps, mass murders, etc) and preparation of a detailed and comprehensive analysis, which involves a combination of



the above-mentioned. Based on the analytical report and specific isolated documents, the Prosecutor is delivered crucial information about the case in terms of evidence, the facts established, information concerning suspects and the identification of potential victims and witnesses.

Analysis and research lead to drafting of shorter and/or extensive analytical reports on cases submitted, often involving suggestions for potential suspects and/or additional witnesses on the basis of available documentation as well as suggestions to review the archive with the aim of finding additional material documentation or suggestions for further investigative actions.

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alysts perform search of the state, military and other relevant archives, collections of documents in documentation centers and centers for research. They prepare questions for witness interviews and perform other tasks in connection with war crimes. Analysts are involved in all phases of work on war crimes cases through research of documents thus providing the Prosecutors with answers to questions that may occur at any time of the investigation or even at trial.

Analysts work is very interesting but also complex. It's a job that requires extensive knowledge in various fields, detailed knowledge of the events of the war, military, police and civilian structures, and maximum professionalism, impartiality and confidentiality. ■

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BHT1: Mr. Salihović, we are pleased that you are giving your first extended television interview, almost 11 months after assuming the duty of the Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, to BHT 1.

Goran Salihović: Thank you, I am happy to be here.

BHT1: What do you think about the concept or term that has already established itself in public the so called "Sanaderization" of BiH?

Goran Salihović: Well I think the time has come that we have to think about it, that we all need to take a look as to how corruption affects all pores of society. I can tell you that when I entered office I expected, along the lines of the rumors going around, to find corruption cases stuck in some drawers, to find people afraid to prosecute such cases, however, I can now honestly say for the camera that I did not find anything, not even a single "Sanader" like case. We have, however, during these 11 months started to build some cases and I think that we can expect certain results. I can mention the fact that the "Kekerović" case, which is a part of the so called "Sanaderization", was completed this year with an indictment issued against 23 legal entities and 23 individuals. This is the biggest indictment concerning economic crime in BiH or to be exact in the history of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. There were also some other cases that could be included in this type of cases, but...

BHT1: So, we have grounds to expect at least one "Sanader" like case in 2014?

Goran Salihović: We can say so because this is the type of case in which the investigation is not finished which allows the matter to be investigated further to the top and towards international factors. We are also making certain preparations and investigations in all areas and will have to see what happens. The



latest example is that of a case that took place a few days ago where we have seen corruption on the spot and during the course of which the Prosecutor's Office was cooperating with ISA, which was extremely helpful in this case with its equipment, and SIPA pursuant to the order of the Prosecutor's Office and with the approval of the Court. Practically, corruptive activities were detected on the spot within two days hence this is one of the best examples, and is also one of the cases where we can go on further towards the top and we'll see what we shall get.

BHT1: Do you share the impression that the election campaigning is accompanied by the appearance of certain information in the public about preliminary investigation, investigations, announcements of indictments, arrests. Political opponents seem to threaten each other with law enforcement agencies, prosecutor's offices and courts, how detrimental can this be for the reputation of the institutions that we are talking about?

Goran Salihović: Every election campaign is the same and they do employ these methods. As far as the

pressure on the Court and the Prosecutor's Office is concerned that is continuous matter, sometimes it is mild sometimes stronger, but in principle we are already accustomed to it. It would be good if there was no such pressure allowing us to comfortably do our job, as it is very tricky when you get the pressure in terms of law amendments seeking to take away your autonomy in some way, to have someone else appoint the judicial function holder, to have your wages frozen etc.. These are the pressures that no one is immune to, It drains the energy as we have to present arguments for our independence because it is very difficult for the politicians to accept that there is another pillar of authority, equal to theirs, and that is judiciary. We need to have these three equal pillars.

BHT1: Do you think that citizens have more cause to believe in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH since you have taken the leadership?

Goran Salihović: Well, I would not say they believe in it because I'm the leader, but I basically want to see us moving towards Europe, towards European integration ASAP, and in this segment of ours - the judicial sy-

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the capacities of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH



stem, we can proceed towards European integration, having already introduced the European standards in it. I again emphasize that we will work on everything that is reported, so I use this opportunity to invite the citizens to join us in these efforts.

BHT1: The results speak for themselves?

Goran Salihović: Yes. There are a lot of problems, you can not just say that what you see is crime and corruption until it is proven at the Court, until a decision and verdict of the Court is rendered, and so we can not be satisfied prior to that and that is a long and time consuming effort.

BHT1: Budimir Case, please be honest, how much did the media spectacle, if we can call it that - because the media reported on almost all details of the case, hinder the Case?

Goran Salihović: It has both hindered and helped but there is another issue there. We have the involvement of the Constitutional Court in merit - the Constitutional Court of BiH. The Constitutional Court and other courts of its kind, as is the Court in Strasbourg, decide only on injuries not about how you will pro-

secute and punish. There is no doubt that I have and always will respect the decisions of the Court - it is the highest court in my state and I will always respect the decisions of this Court and any other Court. We have respected the decision and have not lost the case it was simply transferred down as the court has declined its jurisdiction but the criminal act is still there. We've got these various cases that were transferred to the entities. In the recent history there were cases such as, "Dodik" "Zlatko Lagumdžija," and "Čović". I have every confidence in the entity prosecutor's offices/courts therefore this matter will be transferred down.

BHT1: Does this raise the issue of the responsibility of the prosecutors or not?

Goran Salihović: I do not know why would there be any issue?

BHT1: Well, in the case like Budimir.

Goran Salihović: The case was built, in terms that it will fall within the jurisdiction of another prosecutor's office. The law is very clear you know, we can work on a case and when we determine that we have ju-

risdiction i.e. when the Court confirms it, we will complete it. I also see no reason why we can not transfer the case that is completely prepared to any other prosecutor's office to be finalized there. There is no doubt that it is within our jurisdiction to operate in this way.

BHT1: Most days you are away from the media eye and I do understand it because we live and work in a country like ours, but do you not think that it would be better to be transparent else it may happen that the media obtains a wealth of information, from your prosecutors, half-truths or perhaps info under the table which then leaves room for speculation?

Goran Salihović: You see, as President of the Court I was quite present in the media and I have no problem at all with the media. I am transparent and have nothing to hide, however, this job is a little different and it just wouldn't be good to be ever present in the media as was the case when I was the President of the Court. As for the leak of information I do think that it has been kept to a minimum. I mean all prosecutors ask for permission from the Chief Prosecutor if they are to give a public statement, We've got our own spokesperson Boris Grubešić who is very good and is constantly in the media. Perhaps some people are tired of watching central news open with info from the Prosecutor's Office or the Court of BiH, therefore I should not appear in the media too often. I think that's enough from me.

BHT1: Can you guarantee that every prosecutor, conditionally speaking under your control, is independent of any political influence or the influence of some economic interest lobbies. If I am asking you this I am assuming that you are independent?

Goran Salihović: Well, you see, we've been fighting for this system through some 10 years of reform and

I think it's the best thing that was done in Bosnia and Herzegovina, that we went far in terms of European standards in appointments, financing methods, salaries, autonomy in work and so I think that my prosecutors, as were my judges, are completely independent. One should mention, however, that you may have complete independence that I or should I say the country may give you everything: good salary, good working conditions - all but there is no cure if you feel dependent in your head. I do believe they are all professionals and that we can count on them.

BHT1: Are there any Prosecutors in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH that are under preliminary investigation or investigative activities of lower level prosecutors' offices?

Goran Salihović: I do not have any specific knowledge, but it is possible.

BHT1: Oleg Čavka?

Goran Salihović: Yes, it's down in the Sarajevo Canton, I think that the prosecutor should just finalize the case as soon as it is complete and make a final decision. I believe in that particular Prosecutor, I think he is a good prosecutor and I stand behind him, as well as behind any other Prosecutor.

BHT1: And what is generally required to have a Prosecutor suspended at any time if found necessary?

Goran Salihović: Well a disciplinary procedure should be initiated by the Disciplinary Prosecutor, who is completely independent of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council and us, and if he finds that there were violations he will make a decision that the Prosecutor has the right to appeal to with the Commission and then the Commission will make the final decision.

BHT1: Would there even be a Prosecutor's Office of BiH without the strong support of the international community to judicial institutions? I ask you this, because there were open calls for dismissal of the State

Court and Prosecutor's Office in the past years?

Goran Salihović: Well, there would be, but it is very difficult to survive if everyone is against you. However I can again tell you that I am satisfied that my Council of Ministers, I mean my Government and certain ministers were sympathetic to this Office, in terms of granting us an increase i.e. funds for 13 Prosecutors who should work on war crimes cases. We have also received funds for the exhumation and that was a major signal to the international community to plan to support us through IPA funds. There must exist



the political will to assist the judicial institutions, financially and in any other way, as it is their prosecutor's office. We are primarily defending the victims, then the country and finally the system - hence we are the ones who simply want to help this country in its path towards the European integration and we want to help the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

BHT1: Can you please tell me how do you react when you see or hear a statement of a victim or families of victims who truly believe in what they are saying and that is that the BiH Prosecutor's Office is only prosecuting Serbs?

Goran Salihović: Believe me I find it difficult. As a human being I

find it hard. I'm not burdened by ethnicities, I love people, I love citizens of our country - this is my country and I do find it very difficult to hear any of the victims say so. You often feel sorry, you feel for the victims. You see I give the victims the right to say anything as I just came here. I've been here for ten and a half months, the Prosecutor's Office has been here for 10 years so I allow the victims - all the victims, to say anything and I do not have the right to be angry but I am attempting to work on this. We have had some results in this area and I think that there will be some balance, although this is not the way

to look at it for, in principle, I view all victims as equal and all war criminals are the same for me.

BHT1: Are you then, in this context, satisfied with the activities concerning the exhumation at the Sarajevo landfill. Foreign Minister Zlatko Lagumdžija said that it seems that the Serbian authorities have shown their interest via diplomatic route?

Goran Salihović: Let me say that I'm not satisfied because we have not found anything and a lot of money was spent. There were attempts to manipulate and even "blackmail" the Prosecutor's Office, but ...

BHT1: Can you tell us who was trying to do so?

Goran Salihović: Well with cer-

tain media created pressure, through certain structures. One small bone of a Bosniak, who was killed in 1994 in Sokolac, was found there as confirmed by the DNA analysis. And now questions shall be raised as to how did that bone end up at the landfill. I have, nevertheless, sought for additional four satellite images to be made some kilometer and a half away from the landfill. We came to a depth of about 30 meters and they warned us that it could all collapse and that someone could die, but I did not allow that the process be stopped. I wanted to investigate further to have two engineers perform geological tests to see if we can dig two or three meters more. In general we will look for anything not just for that. I visited both mass grave sites, the landfill and Tomašica, but I think that perhaps the Solomon's solution or the best solution was the fact that I asked the Presidency which was unanimous in its prompt reaction to allow that the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina be involved. I originally asked for assistance in Buća Potok and Tomašica but have extended it in terms of asking for conclusion of an agreement with the Armed Forces, again through the Presidency, that would relate to the entire territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. I think we can engage the armed forces, they belong to us all, they are our armed forces and the money will remain in the budget.

BHT1: So, you are telling the victims to wait?

Goran Salihović: My message is that, as far as we are concerned, we are not under anyone's influence and we are/will be searching.

Novinarka BHT1: What do you think about the prosecution of Ilija Jurišić in Belgrade?

Goran Salihović: Well, I do not know what I could now say about this case. The appeal case continued in Belgrade. In line with the concluded Protocol we have received the almost complete case without the Ilija Jurišić part - that part could not be transferred to us. We got the complete set, we got the RS MoI supple-

ment to the complaint, and I think that we shall work on that part of the case in line with the protocol and pursuant to the complaint filed. The Assigned Prosecutor had said that there was nothing there, but we will take all that we have received from Belgrade and the complaint and we shall see what is to be done.

BHT1: Do your colleagues from Serbia and Croatia trust you to the extent that you trust them and vice versa when it comes to regional cooperation in prosecution of war crimes?

Goran Salihović: I think it's the best form of cooperation. The three of us have really become not just partners but friends and it all literally functions on friendly basis, which is very, very important for reconciliation in the region, for the victims, for the authorities, for everyone. The work on cases is expedited and we believe that, well I am convinced in the success of this agreement. Just the other day the Council of Ministers passed a decision, which supports the signing of an agreement with Montenegro - hence we shall conclude it with them as well.

BHT1: Do you have any information as to the total of active war crimes cases in BiH waiting for the verdict rendering?

Goran Salihović: Well, you see, we try to include all the elements that are necessary to complete a certain number of cases, I mean as you have seen the Hague is about to finish in some two or three years.

BHT1: That is exactly why I have just asked you that, to get an estimated timeframe.

Goran Salihović: Yes. We have these protocols pursuant to which part of the cases will be transferred to Serbia and Croatia, because the individuals concerned are not available i.e. can not be found in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The BiH war crimes strategy instructs that one part of cases be transferred to the Entities. We have and still do support the program, however, it should be noted that a certain num-

ber of cases gets transferred, nothing gets done and the cases are again returned to us. So, this is where the 13 new prosecutors and the 5 that will be engaged through IPA funds will help expedite the efforts. Each Prosecutor will have to issue three war crimes indictments. There are 30 of them and when you do the math 30x3 I do get to hope that in the coming year things will get done faster, better. I was recently in Nuremberg with Mr. Vukčević on a conference. When I got there I was still thinking that we must immediately finish all the cases and then I actually realized, as these crimes are normally not subject to statute of limitations, that they are still to this day chasing war criminals. Hence it's a terrible painstaking work, hard work, but we have to do it because of the confidence expressed by the victims and because no one else will do it. Remember, no one but us can do that. Therefore, the capacities of the Prosecutor's Offices should be strengthened and both the Court and the Prosecutor's Office should be supported.

BHT1: Is the State Prosecutor's Office still issuing indictments pursuant to the Criminal Code of Bosnia and Herzegovina of 2003 if there are also grounds to do so pursuant to the Criminal Code of the SFRY or is it perhaps the obligation of the Court that you somehow be, well lets say...

Goran Salihović: Well that is a matter of judicial opinion of the Prosecutor/Judge and I believe that we comply with the law.

BHT1: You have not spoken much about the political pressure, but have you had any that may have, at some time, been unbearable?

Goran Salihović: Let me tell you that there was no direct political pressure. No one has put pressure on me - no ordinary criminal, no war criminal nor a politician hence I cannot say that there was any direct pressure. However there were political pressures directed at the system and via the system through this set of laws where some have wanted to control the Court and the Prosecu-

tor's Office and arrange, in some way, for the decisions that would suit them. That was serious pressure. There was also some financial pressure which was not direct but was indirectly exerted through the adoption of the Law on Salaries, in which the Judges and Prosecutors were made equal with the workers. The whole point of the reform was to ensure certain benefits for the Prosecutors and Judges.

BHT1: And in a particular case or in a particular matter?

Goran Salihović: No, not in the case - no way!

BHT1: Who is better for cooperation the President of the Court Medžida Kreso or Goran Zubac?

Goran Salihović: Personally, I can cooperate with anyone and as far as work is concerned it can not be made to suffer hence we cooperate very well. I have no objections to any agency or the Court. Maybe sometimes I get upset with some decisions on remand in custody, I do get upset with some decisions of the Court but I respect them – things do not necessarily have to go the way we all imagine they will and I think that the other side should be heard as well.

BHT1: And in which case, if it is mentioned at all, does the name of Goran Zubac appear?

Goran Salihović: Well I do not know, I do not have any problems with Goran as far as I myself and the service is concerned and for the report he made...

BHT1: Well, there were reports...

Goran Salihović: It is his right. I said that I would not attach much importance to it, believe me for me it makes no ...

BHT1: At the time you reacted quite sharply in your video statement.

Goran Salihović: Well I only responded once, and once I think was enough.

BHT1: So, is his name mentioned or not...

Goran Salihović: In what?

BHT1: In one of the cases, if there are any...

Goran Salihović: You mean is his name in a case?

BHT1: Yes, yes, yes.

Goran Salihović: Well, there are some reports filed against him too, but this is all in pre-investigation stage and it is treated the same as those relating to all other citizens - one should not attach too much importance to it. For me he is in the clear like everyone else, until proven otherwise, hence I do not attach much importance to it.

BHT1: Is it true that he ordered investigators to follow you, have you heard of ...

Goran Salihović: I really do not know and I think that he would be exceeding his authority if it were true, but believe me it does not matter.



BHT1: The operations "Lutka" and "Boss" and especially "Lutka" were hailed as the largest to date and were to have far-reaching consequences even for some "big fish", but today we have a situation that almost all or at least some of those arrested are released pending trial, and it seems that nothing will happen with regards to the announcements of some "Lutka 2" or "Lutka 3" operations that were heard, or is there some other information?

Goran Salihović: That was the decision of the Court that they be released from custody. We respected the decision and we can not say what will happen.

BHT1: Announcements were made pretty much in middle of the year?

Goran Salihović: Well, we can not talk about a specific case.

BHT1: If it is true that the Vice President of the Federation - Mirsad Kebo gave you certain documents related to several different cases, were there other politicians or officials who have brought some documentation or have contacted you in this way?

Goran Salihović: Well, maybe not that way exactly but let's say Željko Komšić also filed a criminal report normally like any other citizen. As far as I am concerned we in principle review all reports, including such reports, and if it is believed that a report has great significance we shall attach more importance to it, if not it will be treated as any other report.

BHT1: Mr. Salihović, is it a criminal offense to disclose information concerning pre-investigation an investigative activities. As I know you will answer yes I ask why doesn't the Prosecutor's Office act ex officio when something like that happens in front of television cameras or in the media?

Goran Salihović: Well, I do not know of specific cases and I do not wish to talk about concrete cases, but it is up to the particular prosecutor's office. We were talking about the range of tasks that the Prosecutor's Office does, you have to assess the capacities and you need to evaluate what is important and what is irrelevant at this point.

BHT1: Is my calculation correct that you i.e. the Prosecutor's Office of BiH will have to interview about 70 persons for the purposes of investigation of failure to implement the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in the "Sejdic - Fincl" case, including members of the Presidency, Council of Ministers, both Houses of the State Parliament. It kind of sounds impossible to manage, perhaps the judgment will be implemented prior to that or is there a different plan?

Goran Salihović: You see, it depends on the Assigned Prosecutor, meaning that the Assigned prosecu-

tor Oleg Čavka has a plan and its dynamics. Just to be clear on what we wanted with this case - we are not interested in non-institutional matters i.e. in what the politicians agree although it should to be commended, we are interested in institutions who were responsible to act when the verdict was forwarded by Monica (*Ms Monika MIJIĆ, Agent of the Council of Ministers of BiH before the European Court of Human Rights*) as It came to one ministry, then the other and the question is whether the ministry has proposed a law, and whether the minister forwarded it to the Council of Ministers so that the CoM could put it on the agenda and forward it to the Parliament so that the Speaker can put it up for vote etc..., We are not interested in the outcome of the vote be it negative or positive or whether it is was published or not. It means that we require to see failure to act, to find who did nothing which led to this, as it has been four years of waiting...

BHT1: It will take some time!

Goran Salihović: We'll see, maybe...



BHT1: What were you waiting for?

Goran Salihović: Well, I do not know what was being waited on. I do not know. However, we must be realistic...

BHT1: What I mean is why wait with investigations?

Goran Salihović: Well, we waited to see if there would be any will to do so, we have 82 judgments of the Constitutional Court that were not complied with you know, so in essence we were simply encouraging those who were obliged to propose/adopt law amendments to do so, to just do their job. We are not interested in

the outcome of the Parliament vote as we do not have the right to that, but in someone who has kept something in a drawer. Say, for example, everything was done right - the law was adopted, the order of the Constitutional Court is to be implemented and now all that needs to be done is to publish the law in the Official Gazette and some prime minister calls and says, "Do not publish it" thus keeping it hidden in the drawer for a year as a consequence of which the law or constitutional decision is not being implemented - now that is what we are looking for - the guilty party. I think I made myself clear.

BHT1: Are there any pre-investigative or investigative proceedings initiated in relation to indications of organized travel of our citizens to the Syrian battlefield?

Goran Salihović: Well I welcome this law which refers to our citizens not fighting on any battlefield, but in essence it is up to every citizen and individual what he/she does in life.

BHT1: How many cases has the Prosecutor's Office of BiH initiated ex officio during your term of office, based on media research of some corrupt acts?

Goran Salihović: We had a very effective example with a war crime that was committed in Banovići. Federation Television has aired a video of the crime committed against Serb population, and we took that footage and initiated an investigation resulting with an indictment in some four months. This is just one example and I often tell Boris to: - *get something from television, the radio, the newspapers or to look into it* - hence the media is certainly one of the sources that we can use.

BHT1: Will work on organized crime, corruption, and war crimes be a priority for 2014 or are you planning something else?

Goran Salihović: I think that we are doing well in the area of organized crime and terrorism, just look at the completion of "Turković" case, operation "Lutka" etc...I think the focus will be on corruption. We will

try to see what we can do in this area with the capacities available and our jurisdiction. The problem is that sometimes the Prosecutor's Office hands are tied in terms of jurisdiction e.g. "Budimir," case or any other example that I mentioned a little while ago. We'll focus on the corruption and we'll see what we get. These investigations are demanding and difficult, and while I am here we will not charge anyone with anything if we do not have evidence to do so. You can be to be sure of that. There will be no fabricated processes.

BHT1: Are you personally satisfied with the results in 2013?

Goran Salihović: Well I'm not happy, I think that these results could be better, however, when I glanced back at the results from 2003 to 2013 i.e. the full 10 years, I saw that we have still managed to achieve the best result this year by indicting 435 persons. Never, in the last 10 years, have there been more persons indicted. Therefore, in my opinion, this is a great result but I'm not satisfied in any case. I believe that this year we can expect better results in the sphere of war crimes, organized crime, economic crime and corruption. When I came here my priority were war crimes and I still think those are the highest of all priorities. Truth be told, we are slowly detaching certain capacities for the other areas and we should have certain results there as well. I also appeal to the entity level prosecutor's offices to try and take over certain cases and investigations regarding corruption. There's plenty of work for all of us, therefore we shall certainly support them as much as we can.

BHT1: Mr. Salihović thank you for the time you have taken to speak for the Television of Bosnia and Herzegovina!

Goran Salihović: Thank you as well!



■ Chief Prosecutor Salihović and H.E. Rami Rexhepi, the Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia to Bosnia and Herzegovina, November 2013



■ Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović and H.E. Ruggero Corrias, the Italian Ambassador to BiH; November 2013



■ Delegation of Prosecutors from the Republic of Albania headed by the Chief Prosecutor - Adriatik Llalla visited the Prosecutor's Office of BiH; January 2014



■ Chief Prosecutor Salihović and H.E. Vibeke Lilloe, the Ambassadors of the Kingdom of Norway



■ Delegation of the Judicial Service Commission of Kenya visited the Prosecutor's Office of BiH; January 2014



■ Visit of the High Level Delegation of Judicial Institutions from Turkey, November 2013



■ Meeting of the Chief Prosecutor and H.E. Mary-Ulrike Knotz, the German Ambassadress to BiH; April 2013



■ Meeting of the Chief Prosecutor with H.E. Donatus Köck, the Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to BiH; April 2013



■ Visit of the Head of the Council of Europe Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina - Ms. Mary Ann Hennessey



■ Visit of the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Sweden to BiH - H.E. Bo William Hedberg; April 2013



■ Visit of H.E. André Schaller, the Ambassador of the Swiss Confederation to Bosnia and Herzegovina; June 2013



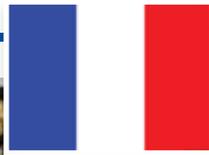
■ Visit of H.E. Patrick Moon, the U.S. Ambassador to BiH August 2013



■ Visit of the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Bosnia and Herzegovina - H.E. Tomáš Szunyog; February 2014



■ Meeting with the British Ambassador to BiH - H.E. Nigel Casey; June 2013



■ Meeting with the Ambassador of France - H.E. Roland Gilles; March 2013



■ The delegation of ambassadors visits the exhumation sites Tomašica and Buća Potok

Officials who visited the Prosecutor's Office of BiH



■ Meeting with the member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Željko Komšić; April 2013



■ Meeting with the FBiH Minister of Interior, Predrag Kurteš, May 2013



■ Deputy Chief Prosecutor and Head of the Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption - Božo Mihajlović in discussion with experts from a U.K. consulting agency working on an assessment of the existing capacities of the Prosecutor's Office and the possibilities of strengthening those capacities



■ Meeting with a delegation of the BiH Council of Ministers: Minister of Security - Mr. Fahrudin Radončić and Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations - Mr. Mirko Šarović; April 2013



■ Chief Prosecutor and representatives of the European Commission taking a tour of the facilities and premises for a separate building of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH



News

The Ministry of Security donated 9 vehicles to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

Mr. Goran Salihović, Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, met with Mr. Fahrudin Radončić, BiH Minister of Security, on the occasion of the handover of nine (9) vehicles donated to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH by the Ministry of Security of BiH.

The meeting was also attended by Mr. Milorad Novković, President of the HJPC..

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH necessitates these vehicles due to the increase of its field activities, especially the activities pertaining to the coordination of the process of exhumations conducted in inaccessible terrains throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina, but they are also required in the work of Investigators and legal staff since they often

have to go to the field to conduct investigative activities, namely, to interview witnesses, collect evidence



or conduct other activities.

These vehicles are used vehicles, but they are in a very good condition; therefore, such a donation will significantly save money allocated for travel expenses.

The Chief Prosecutor thanked Minister Radončić for this donation which will support the work of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and help the strengthening of its capacities.

For more than ten years now, the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the Ministry of Security of BiH have been maintaining significant cooperation with regard to establishing the rule of law, combating different forms of crime and creating a safer environment for all the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■

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Глас Српске

Салиховић Рекордан број оптужених
САРАЈЕВО - Тужилаштво БиХ је у 2013. години подигло оптужнице против 469 лица, што је највећи број оптужених током једне године од његовог оснивања, рекао је главни тужилац БиХ Горан Салиховић у разговору са делегацијом тужилаца из Албаније, пренијела је Срна.



Глас Српске

Мидхат Османовић из Странке за БиХ ухваћен на дијелу
Посланик ухапшен због примања мита
УХАПШЕН И ВЕЛИД ТОРИЋ
Османовићу дала изјаву сарађивала је с полицијом. У Тужилаштву су, изаславши извјештаје, саопјестили да је ухапшено једно лице на основу сазнања Објективно-безбедноске агенције БиХ.

Dnevni list

Organiziranim kriminalom i utajama poreza došli do 10 milijuna maraka
NAJVEĆA OPTUŽNICA U BiH
Optužene osobe, njih 23, terete se da su u širom vremenskom razdoblju, djelujući kao svjetska organizacija, izvršile porezne utaje i nezakoniti postiz PDV-a u iznosu od oko 10 milijuna maraka.

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NAJVIŠE OPTUŽNICA U 2013.
Tuzilastvo BiH je u 2013. podiglo optužnice protiv 469 osoba, što je najveći broj optužnica tokom jedne godine OD OSNIVANJA TUŽILASTVA, rekao je glavni tužilac BiH Goran Salihović.

NEZAVISNE

DANI



TUŽILAŠTVO BiH
Optuženo
469 osoba

SARAJEVO - Tužilaštvo BiH je u 2013. godini podiglo optužnice protiv 469 lica, što je najveći broj optuženih tokom jedne godine od osnivanja Tužilaštva, rekao je Goran Salihović, glavni tužilac BiH, u razgovoru sa delegacijom tužilaca iz Albanije. Na sastanku je bilo riječi o saradnji u borbi protiv međunarodnog krijumčarenja droge i u borbi protiv drugih oblika kriminala. (Srna)



Goran Salihović, glavni tužilac Tužilaštva BiH

Poslije objave spiska dužnika

Tužilaštvo BiH u zaštiti države

Tužilaštvo BiH je po nalogu glavnog tužioca Gorana Salihovića 14. januara formiralo tim tužilaca koji će provesti intenzivne provjere o dugovanjima za porez na dodanu vrijednost (PDV) za oko 1.970 firmi u BiH. U saopštenju iz Tužilaštva BiH se navodi kako se želi utvrditi postoje li elementi za krivično gonjenje osoba odgovornih za porezne utaje i neplaćanje poreza. Tužilaštvo BiH se na ovo odlučilo nakon objelodanivanja liste poreznih dužnika, koji duguju oko 269 miliona KM po osnovu poreza, carina i akciza, a iz ove pravosuđne institucije su kazali kako će od Uprave za indirektno oporezivanje BiH (UIO) za tražiti detaljne podatke i izvještaje o poreznim dužnicima, radi utvrđivanja eventualne krivične odgovornosti. Iz Tužilaštva BiH su podsjetili da neplaćanje poreza predstavlja krivično djelo, a višemilionska dugovanja udar na ekonomski i privredni sistem BiH, te život svih bh. građana. Međutim, kao što je u prošlom broju *Dana* kazao i ekonomski analitičar Goran Nedić, u startu treba jasno razdvojiti dvije kategorije dužnika - prve koji su utajom došli od novca i svjesno počinili u krivično djelo i druge koji uslijed nelikvidnosti nisu u stanju svoje obaveze izvršavati svoje obaveze na vrijeme. Goran Salihović, glavni tužilac Tužilaštva BiH, za *Dane* kaže: "Mislim da ovim možemo potaći sve da ovu temu ozbiljnije shvatite s obzirom na to da je riječ o krivičnim djelima, ako se utvrdi da postoji krivična odgovornost.

Nakon što dobijemo izvještaj od UIO BiH vidjećemo da li ima elemenata za pokretanje krivičnog postupka. Krenućemo s ovim, imamo dobru volju da zaštitimo državu. Što se Tužilaštva BiH tiče, osnov svega je da država naplati ono što je njeno." Salihović je istaknuo i to da će se utvrđivati zašto porez nije plaćen, a tu je jedno od ključnih pitanja je li riječ o krivičnom djelu ili nelikvidnosti preduzeća? Iz UIO BiH su u novembru 2013. saopštili da je od početka primjene Zakona o PDV-u BiH (1. januar 2006.), dug po osnovu prijavljenog, a neplaćenog PDV-a sa teretom naknadne prinude iznosio 789 miliona KM. Od ukupnog dugovanja naplaćeno je 520 miliona KM, pa dugovanja 9.089 obveznika iznose 269 miliona KM. (DAN)

NEZAVISNE

MIDHAT OSMANOVIĆ I VELID TORIĆ, FUNKCIONERI SBiH, OSUMNJIČENI ZA ORGANIZOVANI KRIMINAL...

Poslanik uhapšen zbog primanja mita

Zaposlenje: Osmanović osumnjičen i za uzimanje mita od jedne osobe, u iznosu od 20.000 KM, radi rješavanja radnog statusa i zaposlenja, saopšteno iz Tužilaštva BiH

Uhapšen je poslanik u Parlamentu FBiH, i velid Torić, direktor Zvezde odbojke, zbog uzimanja mita od jedne osobe, u iznosu od 20.000 KM, radi rješavanja radnog statusa i zaposlenja, saopšteno iz Tužilaštva BiH. Osmanović je osumnjičen i za uzimanje mita od jedne osobe, u iznosu od 20.000 KM, radi rješavanja radnog statusa i zaposlenja, saopšteno iz Tužilaštva BiH.



U SBiH su postavili da se Midhat Osmanović i Velid Torić, direktor Zvezde odbojke, osumnjičeni za organizovani kriminal. Osmanović je osumnjičen i za uzimanje mita od jedne osobe, u iznosu od 20.000 KM, radi rješavanja radnog statusa i zaposlenja, saopšteno iz Tužilaštva BiH.

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OSLOBODENJE



Slučaj Kekeerović najveća optužnica u BiH

Kada sam došao na mjesto glavnog tužioca Tužilaštva BiH, očekivao sam predmete o korupciji u ladicama, ali nisam zatekao ništa, rekao je, između ostalog, glavni tužilac Tužilaštva BiH Goran Salihović u intervjuu za politički magazin "Crta" BHT1, javlja Fena.

Na pitanje da li postoji osnova u 2014. da u BiH bude barem jedan predmet Sanader, Salihović je kazao da se upravo predmet Kekeerović može tako nazvati zato što se tim predmetom ne okončava istraga, nego daje mogućnost da se ide prema vrhu i prema međunarodnim faktorima. - To je najveća optužnica u privrednom kriminalu u BiH, faktički u historiji Tužilaštva BiH, istakao je Salihović.

U TUZILAŠTVO BIH, SARAJEVO, predstoji u Parlamentu FBiH, i velid Torić, direktor Zvezde odbojke, zbog uzimanja mita od jedne osobe, u iznosu od 20.000 KM, radi rješavanja radnog statusa i zaposlenja, saopšteno iz Tužilaštva BiH.

Gracija

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S godinama iskustva, tužiteljica Tužilaštva Bosne i Hercegovine, Diana Kajmaković, prihvatila je sve izazove i suprotnosti svog odgovornog posla, koji ponekad ugrožava ličnu sigurnost, slobodu i privatnost, a kad se čini da u svakodnevnici više ništa nije normalno, tu su njena djeca i muž – stvamost i ljepota njenog života



DIANA KAJMAKOVIĆ Žena koja se "muški" nosi s poslom i životom

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Napisala Zlatica Jovančić
Slikala Jasmina Brčić

Život pod stacionarnom pratnjom...
Diana Kajmaković je žena koja glasila stvamost u oči, uprkos ograničenoj slobodi kretanja...
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Tuga, suze i strah

Karinjari je započela kao pripravnica u Vijeću tužilaštva, bila je stvorna saradnik...

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Njena druga ruka

Zbog te stvamosti, i ponudila tužiteljica Kajmaković...
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NJENA DJECA "Neki put pomislim da su u ovom našem vremenu djeca pametnija od roditelja, pa tako i moja. Nedavno su mi rekli: 'Nemoj više uzimati nijedan ovako težak slučaj!'"

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PORUKA GLAVNOG TUŽITELJA



Salihović: Pred zakonom su svi isti i nema nedodirljivih



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Dnevni avaz

Glavni tužitelj Salihović prilikom posjete UIO najvio

Uskoro osnivanje 'malog USKOK-a'

Tužilaštvo BiH neophodna pomoć eksperata iz UIO

Glavni tužitelj BiH Goran Salihović najvio je jutros u Bonini Lacu ministar probošnjačke države u BiH, po imenu na izvanjski USKOK, te sklopljenju istrage protiv nekoliko velikih poravnih dužnika u BiH.

On je jutros u direktnom Upravu na indikativno opozivanje (UIO) BiH Mirza Džaković razgovarao o pravnim i izvještajima koje je UIO poslušao Tužilaštvo BiH, a u kojima postoje osnove namjere da na politična kretanja koja se odvijaju indikativno poravnih dužnika je podjela da oko

Upravu je opredijeljena za saradnju s Tužilaštvom u borbi protiv svih vidova korupcije i ispitivanje, kao i pružanje odgovorosti u UIO, BiH - istakao je Džaković.

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