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In his speech at the UN, Chief Prosecutor of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals - Hassan Jallow congratulated Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović on a successful regional cooperation in "Štrpci" case and praised the work of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

In its 2014 Report the European Commission praised the efforts and the results of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. Full support voiced for the Prosecutor's Office of BiH



Cooperation of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the European Union Institutions continues



The Prosecutor's Office of BiH achieved the best results in the history of the institution in 2014. A total of 470 persons were indicted and 119 of those were indicted for war crimes

PROSECUTORIAL DECISIONS IN CASES BY NUMBER OF CASES AND PERSONS

In the 11 years of its existence the Prosecutor's Office of BiH has indicted a total of 4281 persons accused of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Prosecutor's

Office of BiH. The best results were achieved in 2013 and 2014 when 939 persons were indicted in two years. ■

YEAR	WAR CRIMES DEPARTMENT		DEPARTMENT II SDOC		DEPARTMENT III GENERAL		TOTAL	
	CASES	PERSONS	CASES	PERSONS	CASES	PERSONS	CASES	PERSONS
2003	0	0	0	0	0	0	%	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
2014	57	119	58	261	76	90	191	470
TOTAL	255	442	455	1499	1634	2220	2344	4281

THE 2014 QUOTA OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BIH - 128,61%



Message of the Chief Prosecutor

Dear citizens,

In the year 2014, which is behind us, the Prosecutor's Office of BiH invested the maximum of efforts in the prosecution of criminal offenses under its jurisdiction aiming to achieve better results. Strengthened by new Prosecutors, who were appointed and started working in March, and with the help of professional staff we expected the results in 2014 to be the best in the history of this institution and they were.

In the past year indictments were issued against 470 persons accused of criminal offenses within the jurisdiction of the BiH Prosecutor's Office - War Crimes, Organized Crime, Financial Crime and Tax Evasion, corruption offenses involving Abuse of Office and other criminal offenses, and that is the best result in the 11 years of the existence of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

Last year we indicted 119 persons for War Crimes, which is certainly a significant result of which we are proud.

We have worked intensively, in the past period, on strengthening the regional cooperation and have carried out significant joint activities with partner institutions in the region. The pinnacle of the successful cooperation was the operation of arrest and prosecution of persons suspected of War Crimes committed in Štrpci in 1993, within a case that we have worked on together with the colleagues from Serbia.

A number of joint police operations were carried out in our country, where several hundreds of police of-

ficers from various police agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina acted on orders of the Prosecutors of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. Some of the operations were carried out simultaneously in several countries.

Following the operations indictments will be issued against international narcotic drug traffickers, who smuggled drugs across BiH to Croatia and further to EU countries. Significant activities were undertaken in the fight against human trafficking and illegal migration.

Considering the fact that BiH has been on the border with the European Union for about a year and a half these crime tackling operations are important not only for our country but also for the countries of the region and the EU, because they are related to the prosecution of crimes which endanger the security in the EU territory.

That is why we are in constant contact and coordination with partner institutions in Brussels, in order to help strengthen the law enforcement agencies and to see our country become a worthy partner of the European countries in the fight against all forms of crime, which is all a part of our EU accession path.

The position of Prosecutors and the judiciary in general in BiH is, unfortunately, still far from the situation in the European Union. Namely, only 0.82% of gross national income is allocated to the judiciary in BiH, while the percentage in developed countries is at least twice as high. In our country only 28 euros per capita



is allocated for Judiciary, which is why Bosnia and Herzegovina is at the very bottom in Europe, with only a few countries with less allocation.

There have also been frequent attempts of political structures to exert influence on salaries of Judges and Prosecutors, which have been the same for more than a decade, and thus create certain control and financial dependence of judicial actors. We shall fight for the independence of the judiciary and judicial actors and against such attempts aiming to give Prosecutors the place and the status they are entitled to and deserve in the community.

We will continue to strengthen our institution in the future as well as to strengthen cooperation with partner institutions in our country, the region and the European Union in order to entrench the rule of law and ensure a safer living environment for all citizens.

Respectfully,

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

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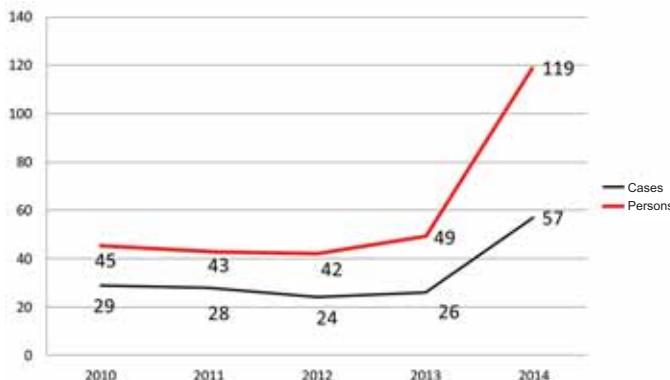
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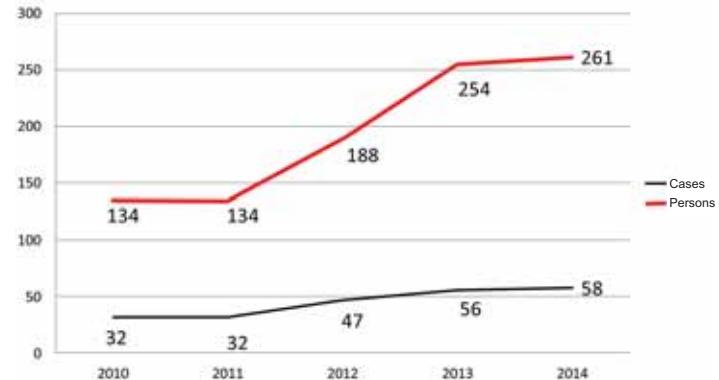
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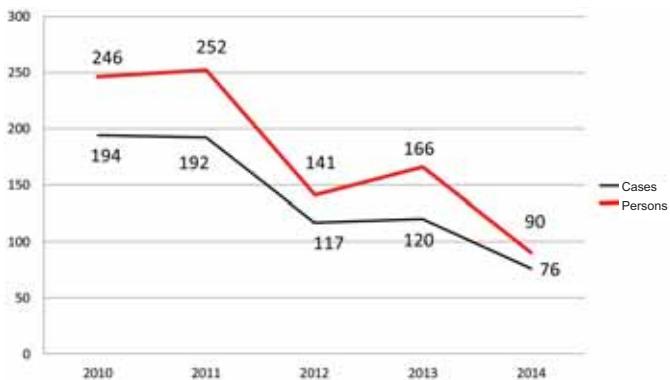
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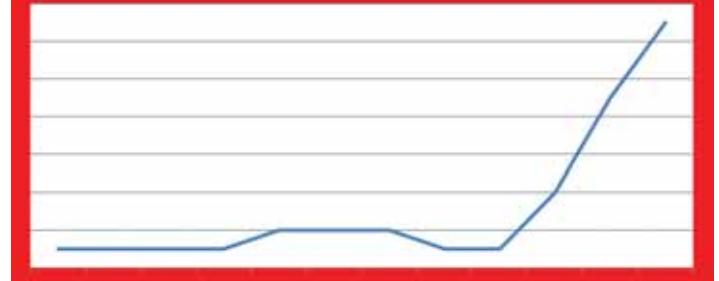
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DEPARTMENT III



CATEGORY II WAR CRIMES



The greatest progress in the prosecution of Category 2 cases, which are cases that were transferred to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH from the ICTY Office of the Prosecutor in the investigation phase, was made in 2013 and 2014.





■ Detalj sa konferencije na Paliću, 01. decembra 2014. godine, tužioci Jallow, Salihović i Vukčević

Prosecutor Hassan Jallow voiced his support to the colleagues from BiH and Serbia and congratulated them on the success of the operation carried out within the „Štrpci” case

With regards to the great success of a joint operation in the prosecution of war crimes committed in Štrpci, the Chief Prosecutor of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals - Mr. Hassan Jallow voiced his sup-

port to Chief Prosecutors: Salihović and Vukčević and congratulated them on the operation calling it the best example of cooperation . The matter had been discussed at a conference in Palić, just a few days earlier. ■

Monday December 8, 2014

To: **Goran Salihovic**
Chief Prosecutor
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Vladimir Vukcevic
War Crimes Prosecutor
Serbia

Dear Sirs,

I am very pleased to learn that your respective offices in a joint operation have arrested 15 individuals - 10 in BiH and 5 in Serbia - suspected of war crimes. This operation demonstrates the high level of cooperation in the region and what is achievable with the intensification of the Palic process. I shall bring this welcome development to the attention of the appropriate U.N. organs.

My office, which provided you with information on these individuals is ready to assist you further in your work.

Please accept my congratulations and those of the entire MICT (Mechanism) for the successful operation.

Best regards,

Hassan B. Jallow
Chief Prosecutor ICTR and MICT
Under-Secretary-General, United Nations



Suspects of War Crimes in Štrpci and Višegrad arrested. Great success of the regional cooperation of the Prosecutor's Offices in BiH and Serbia

Early in the morning of 5 December 2014, upon the orders of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Office of the War Crimes Prosecutor of the Republic of Serbia, a police operation was conducted simultaneously in the territories of the two respective states and several suspects were deprived of liberty; ten (10) suspects were arrested in Bosnia and Herzegovina, whereas five (5) suspects were arrested in the Republic of Serbia.

Persons deprived of liberty are suspects of war crimes in Štrpci and Višegrad, when at least twenty (20) victims, citizens of Serbia and Montenegro of Bosniak ethnicity, one person of Croat ethnicity and one victim of Afro-Asian origin, were abducted from the train operating from Belgrade to Bar and later killed in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Office of the War Crimes Prosecutor of the Republic of Serbia formed a joint investigative team in this case which was working intensively for almost a year in the territories of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, in cooperation with police agencies from the two respective states, and collecting evidence on the perpetrators of this horrible crime that had not been resolved for twenty (20) years.

In the course of a detailed and thorough investigation, evidence was collected on the perpetrators of this crime, and Prosecutors from Sarajevo and Belgrade in charge of this case have been in constant contact since the early morning when the arrest operation began.

Some of the suspects were high-ranking military officials of the Army of Republika Srpska from that period, or direct perpetrators who participated in brutal tortures and later executions of the victims who were thrown in the Drina river after the execution.

This investigation is an example of good and efficient cooperation between the Prosecutor's Offices of the two respective states, based on the Protocol on Cooperation, as this case refers to a war crime that was perpetrated in the territories of the two states, and the victims and witnesses in this case also reside on the territories of the two states.

The Chief Prosecutors Salihović and Vukčević emphasized that they were extremely satisfied with the work of the joint team who had succeeded in shedding light on this crime and in bringing hope and justice to the families of victims that had been searching for the mortal remains of their dearest ones and calling for finding and punishing the perpetrators of this crime for over a decade.

In the course of this day, the suspects will be handed over to the Prosecutors assigned to his case and the Prosecutors will question the suspects and subsequently decide on putting forward a motion for custody.

The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Office of the War Crimes Prosecutor of the Republic of Serbia will continue their cooperation in detecting and prosecuting war crimes cases, and the ICTY, MICT and UN Security Council will be informed about the results achieved. ■





What others said about us in 2014

In 2014, compliments on the work of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina were extended by Mr. Valentin Inzko, High Representative, Mr. Hassan Jallow, Prosecutor of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT), Mr. Serge Brammertz, ICTY OTP Prosecutor, Ms. Kathryne Bomberger, Director of the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and many other officials, of which we are very proud.

The 2014 European Commission Report mentions activities of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and joint operations in fighting organized crime, corruption, money laundering and other criminal offenses, as well as in combatting organized crime in the region, as positive steps forward.

Our efforts in fighting international smuggling of narcotic drugs, money laundering, terrorism and other serious criminal offenses have been recognized, together with the fact that Bosnia and Herzegovina has become a partner in the realization of international agreements and in the strengthening of cooperation between judicial and police agencies.

In his address at the UN Security Council, Mr. Hassan Jallow, Prosecutor of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals, congratulated the Chief Prosecutor

Goran Salihović on excellent regional cooperation and efficient prosecution of the Štrpci case, whereas, at the UN Security Council, Mr. Serge Brammertz, ICTY OTP Prosecutor, noted good managerial skills of the management of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

At the Regional Conference of War Crimes Prosecutors, held in December this year in Palić, Mr. Thomas Osorio from the UNDP Mission extended strong support to the efforts of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina aimed at strengthening regional cooperation in the prosecution of war crimes cases.

The activities of regional cooperation will be supported by the United Nations.

The Director of the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) in Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Ms. Kathryne Bomberger, has also praised the work of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its outstanding efforts in conducting exhumations and identifications of missing persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Another significant result is the recognition given to the Chief Prosecutor by the Indirect Taxation Authority and its Director, Mr. Miro Džakula, for outstanding results achieved in the prosecution of tax evasion cases and improvement of financial discipline in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The results for the next year will surely be even better, as Prosecutors and other employees of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina will invest maximum efforts in the process of establishment of the rule of law, in the upcoming period of our country's European integrations. ■



Indirect Taxation Authority (ITA) BiH awarded its recognition – Coat of Arms of the ITA BiH to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, headed by Chief Prosecutor Salihović, for good cooperation and outstanding results in 2014

In 2014 the Indirect Taxation Authority (ITA) BiH collected a record BAM 6.1 billion of indirect taxes. With its intensive work in the fight against tax-evasion during 2014 the Prosecutor's Office of BiH contributed significantly to better collection of taxes and improvement of financial discipline. Therefore the Indirect Taxation Authority (ITA) BiH awarded its recognition – Coat of Arms of ITA BiH to the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, headed by Chief Prosecutor Salihović, for good cooperation and outstanding results. ■



UIO uručio priznanja za saradnju

Uprava za indirektno oporezivanje (UIO) BiH prikupila je ove godine rekordnu 6,1 milijardu KM, izjavio je direktor Uprave Miro Džakula, javlja Srna. Džakula je zahvalio Delegaciji EU na dosadašnjoj saradnji, posebno na donaciji dva miliona eura za modernizaciju carinskog informacionog sistema i novih projekata iz fondova IPA 2014. od 3,1 milion eura. On je zahvalio i Tužilaštvu BiH na saradnji koja se u prethodnom periodu ogledala u procesuiranju i sprečavanju krivičnih djela iz domena nadležnosti UIO. Povodom obilježavanja 11 godina od formiranja Uprave, jučer je UIO u Banjoj Luci dodijelio svoj Grb Delegaciji EU u BiH, Tužilaštvu BiH, sa glavnim tužiocem Goranom Salihovićem na čelu, te šefu Odjeljka za carinske postupke u UIO Miljki Kutić.



Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović met with Prosecutor of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT) Hassan B. Jallow. Prosecutor Jallow voiced his praise for the work and efforts of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

The two Chief Prosecutors signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will allow for intensive cooperation of the two Prosecutor's Offices in prosecution of war crimes



The signed Memorandum is a technical agreement on the modalities of access to evidence thus formalizing the working relationship of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and MICT, the residual mechanism which will continue to operate after the end of the mandate of the Hague Tribunal.

The Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals has the same mission and task as The Hague Tribunal and the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, which is to detect and prosecute war crimes cases.

Considering the fact that appellate proceedings in several cases now pending at The Hague will be handled by MICT including, inter alia, the cases against Radovan Karadžić and Ratko Mladić both entirely related to events in Bosnia and Herzegovina, it is necessary to ensure strong cooperation between the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the Prosecutor of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals.

"We are on the same track and we are truly allies because we are undertaking everything in our power to ensure that the crimes committed do not remain unpunished and that the perpetrators be prevented in their attempts to avoid prosecution" - stated Chief Prosecutor Salihović.

"I support my colleague Salihović and I can commend him on his hard work, as well as on the efforts invested by the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in prosecution of war crimes. The Office will have our full support in its work in the future"- stated Prosecutor Jallow following the signing of the Memorandum.

MICT Prosecutor - Mr. Jallow stressed that this is his first official visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region, and that he was extremely pleased with the signing of the agreements with his fellow Prosecutors. ■





Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović met with the Head of OSCE Mission to BiH

At the meeting, the OSCE Head of Mission extended support to the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina in its fight against organized crime, corruption and terrorism

The Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Goran Salihović, met with the Head of OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ambassador Jonathan Moore.

The Chief Prosecutor informed the Head of Mission about the activities of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina in fighting organized crime, corruption and terrorism, as well as about the achieved results in regard to issuing war crimes indictments and he noted that the results in terms of the number of war crimes indictments issued for the current year were the best results in the history of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Chief Prosecutor informed the Ambassador Moore about the activities and efforts invested by the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina into developing and strengthening regional cooperation

of prosecutor's offices with respect to the fight against organized cross-border crime and cases where criminal offenses were perpetrated in the territories of several states.

Ambassador Moore noted that the OSCE Mission was a true partner to the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the process of establishment of the rule of law, and

that the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina would have the Mission's support in the continuation of its activities aimed at fighting organized crime, corruption and terrorism, as a very important segment in forthcoming process of getting Bosnia and Herzegovina closer to European integrations. ■



The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Supreme State Prosecutor's Office of Montenegro held a meeting at the highest level



■ The central topics of the meeting pertained to the concrete implementation of the Protocol on Cooperation in Prosecution of Perpetrators of War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and Genocide

A meeting between Mr. Goran Salihović, Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Veselin Vučković, Acting Supreme State Prosecutor of Montenegro and Ms. Đurdina Nina Ivanić, Special Prosecutor, and their deputies and associates was held on the premises of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The central topics of the meeting pertained to the concrete cooperation in some cases, based on the Protocol on Cooperation in Prosecution of Perpetrators of War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and Genocide, which was signed in Brussels in late April this year.

Direct cooperation between the Prosecutor's Offices of the two respective States is very important, since the work on war crimes cases has revealed the fact that there are some cases in Bosnia and Herzegovina in which suspected perpetrators are residing in the territory of Montenegro; also, the Montenegrin judiciary is prosecuting some cases of war crimes in which victims and witnesses may be residing in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The cooperation of these two Prosecutor's Offices is an important step in preventing war crimes from remaining unpunished because the suspected perpetrators of these crimes are residing in the territory of the other State.

At the meeting held today, there were some discussions about a few concrete cases; however, at this point we cannot provide the public with more details on those cases, due to the need to protect the investigation.

Moreover, the issue of appointing Liaison Officers to assist in facilitating the cooperation between the Prosecutor's Offices of the two respective States was also discussed at this meeting.

The realization of this cooperation based on the Protocol has been strongly supported by the institutions of the European Union as a significant step towards the development of the rule of law and strengthening judicial cooperation in the region, which is also an important segment that has been emphasized as such in the Structured Dialogue on the reform of the judiciary.

The meeting in Sarajevo, held at the highest-level, is the second meeting held after the signing of the Protocol and this cooperation will continue in the future.

The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina resumes its activities of strengthening regional cooperation between the respective Prosecutor's Offices, for the purpose of efficient prosecution of all types of crime committed in the territories of several states, and for the sake of preserving the rule of law and creating a safer environment on Bosnia and Herzegovina's European path. ■





Meeting of officials of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the State Attorney's Office of the Republic of Croatia

The Chief Prosecutor - Goran Salihović met with the high level delegation of the State Attorney's Office of the Republic of Croatia, headed by the State Attorney General - Dinko Cvitan.

This is the first official visit of Mr. Cvitan to the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina following his appointment as Head of the State Attorney's Office of the Republic of Croatia.

Previous cooperation between the two prosecutor's offices was discussed at the meeting. The two prosecutor's offices have been cooperating for more than a year pursuant to the Protocol on Cooperation in Prosecution of Perpetrators of War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and Genocide, which was signed in Sarajevo in June last year with the support of the European Union structures in BiH.

In the previous period, the Prosecutor's Offices of BiH and Croatia have participated in and coordinated several joint actions in the fight against organized crime in the region, which were related to cases of international drug smuggling, smug-

gling of illegal immigrants, counterfeiting of money and other forms of serious organized crime.

The cooperation of the two prosecutor's offices is extremely important both on regional and international level for the fight against impunity for war crimes as well as for protection of borders and prevention of cross-border crime, because the Republic of Croatia is an EU member state as of last year and Bosnia and Herzegovina is in the process of European integration in which the establishment of the rule of law is one of the most important priorities for the accession process.

The Prosecutor's Offices will continue to coordinate joint activities and operations against organized crime in the future involving a number of police agencies of both countries, because organized crime requires a determined and organized response of prosecutorial and police structures.

During the meeting, Mr. Salihović and Mr. Cvitan pointed out that the intense cooperation will continue in the coming months and that the public and the citizens will be able to see the results of this cooperation once the activities in specific cases are realized. ■



Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović met with the Chief Prosecutor Serge Brammertz

Chief Prosecutor Brammertz noted that significant progress was made in prosecution of category 2 cases



Chief Prosecutor Salihović acquainted the officials from the OTP in The Hague with the substantial progress the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina made in prosecuting Category 2 cases, namely the cases in which the ICTY OTP initiated respective investigations and which were then, as cases in the investigation stage, transferred to the Prosecutor's Office for further processing.

These are extensive and complex cases and, given that the investigations in them were initiated in The Hague, suspects in these cases are mostly persons who discharged mid-level command functions in the military, police and political structures that were active during the war in Bosnia.

Recognizing the importance of processing these cases, Chief Prosecutor Salihović has ordered expedient action taking and issuance of prosecutorial decisions. Good results in the prosecution of these cases are visible, as ten Category 2 cases have been completed thus far, thirteen cases are at investigation or criminal report stages and five cases are at trial or appellate stages. In addition, Chief Prosecutor Salihović has acquainted his colleagues from The Hague with

the activities that will be undertaken soon and which are aimed at speeding up the work and the issuance of prosecutorial decisions.

Chief Prosecutor Brammertz stressed out that the progress in work on these cases was visible and again expressed the support of the ICTY OTP to colleagues in the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina in prosecuting Category 2 cases and other cases dealt with by the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Moreover, Chief Prosecutor Brammertz supported the regional cooperation among Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia and Montenegro under the Protocol on Cooperation and noted that the Pros-

ecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina was a key link in strengthening regional cooperation.

The regional cooperation is of extreme importance for work on Category 2 cases, as some of the suspects and defendants are outside the borders of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

There was also discussion about future cooperation between the two Prosecutor's Offices, which have been maintaining good and professional cooperation for more than a decade, as the mission of both institutions is combating impunity and establishing the rule of law, as well as working on building up peace and reconciliation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in the region. ■





Chief Prosecutor met with the Head of the Unit for Bosnia and Herzegovina in the European Commission Directorate General for Enlargement. Clear and full support voiced for the role of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in strengthening the rule of law

Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Goran Salihović met with Ms. Michaela Matuella - Head of the Unit for Bosnia and Herzegovina in the European Commission Directorate General for Enlargement.

At the meeting the Chief Prosecutor informed Ms. Matuella about the activities that the Prosecutor's Office of BiH is carrying out in its efforts on cases concerning war crimes, organized crime, terrorism, trafficking in persons and corruption.

During the meeting Ms. Matuella reaffirmed the support that the European Commission provides to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in its work and the role that this institution plays in strengthening the rule of law in the whole of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Taking into account the information presented by Prosecutor Salihović, Ms. Matuella pointed out that the EU will continue to provide assistance in strengthening the capacities of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina allowing it to cope with current and future challenges.

The Chief Prosecutor conveyed his gratitude to the EU structures for their support provided through the projects in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH aiming to ensure more efficient processing of war crimes cases and pointed out that war crimes charges are expected to be issued against more than 100 accused persons which is the best result in the history of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Ms. Matuella welcomed the efforts of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH aiming to improve the work on war crimes and the fight against organized crime and corruption at all levels. ■



Activities of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH has, in the past 10 days carried out 8 extensive operations arresting more than 75 suspects in its fight against organized crime, war crimes, smuggling and terrorism. The operations involved hundreds of police officers from several police agencies in BiH. The past period was truly the most frequent in the history of the Prosecutor's Office when it comes to the realization of field activities. The operations were moving forward so fast as if they were on the conveyor belt. Persons with multiple criminal records pertaining to organized crime and war crimes suspects with a fairly high level of responsibility were arrested as well as politicians, thus confirming that no one is untouchable for the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. War crimes suspects of all ethnic groups living in Bosnia and Herzegovina were deprived of liberty in the past period. Activities of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in its fight against tax evasion have certainly influenced the improvement of financial discipline, which is indicated by the fact that in the past 8 months indirect tax income has increased in the gross amount of BAM 180 million. In the recent months we have also opened dozens of new cases, and the cooperation with the countries of the region has been raised to the highest level. We will continue to fight organized crime and corruption, in order to entrench the rule of law and provide a safe living environment for all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina on our path to the European integration. Below is an overview of some of the most important operations carried out in the past 10 days.



Evidence found in operation "Damascus"

**Monday,
September 1, 2014
- Joint operation
in the "Miće" case**

Apprehension of 13 persons suspected of war crimes in Doboj and Teslić. Category 2 case.

Approximately 40 killed and hundreds of displaced, illegally incarcerated, tortured and abused victims.

The Court of BiH remanded all suspects in custody.

**Tuesday,
September 2, 2014
- Operation "Joker"**

14 suspects deprived of liberty for smuggling of excise goods, mostly cigarettes. Two (2) tons of tobacco seized. Remand in custody requested for 4 persons suspected of the criminal offense of Organized Crime and criminal offense of Smuggling.

in the first 10 days of September

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

- Operation "Damascus"

16 persons suspected of criminal offenses related with terrorism. Members of the radical Islamic groups. Five suspects remanded in custody.



Thursday, September 4, 2014

- Persons suspected of genocide and war crimes deprived of liberty

Suspect Đojić Jozo, who is under investigation for war crimes committed in Odžak, arrested

Two suspects - Miodrag Josipović and Branimir Tešić, who are under investigation for aiding and abetting genocide committed in Srebrenica in 1995, arrested in Bratunac.



Sunday, September 7, 2014

- Operation "Global"

Eight persons suspected of organized crime and international smuggling of Cocaine and Heroin deprived of liberty. Actions carried out in Sarajevo and Banja Luka. The Prosecutor co-ordinated the entire operation out in the field. International cooperation achieved with several countries.

Monday, September 8, 2014

- Operation "Kavala"

Ten (10) persons suspected of organized crime, theft of expensive motor vehicles, forgery of documents and further resale deprived of liberty. The suspects include persons with multiple criminal records and prior convictions. The suspects come from both entities.



Wednesday, September 10, 2014

- Operation "Meat"

Pursuant to the order of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, 11 persons were arrested and 17 locations searched. It was one of the largest operations in post-Dayton Bosnia and Herzegovina in the fight against organized crime and tax evasions amounting to more than 11 million BAM. ■

Chief Prosecutor met with representatives of the Missing Persons Institute of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH held its regular coordination meeting concerning the process of exhumations, which was attended by the Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, the Deputy Chief Prosecutor Gorдана Tadić, the leaders of the Missing Persons Institute of Bosnia and Herzegovina, including two members of the Collegium and the Head of the search, exhumation and identification sector.



Issues related to the review of the work on exhumation cases and centralization of data on exhumation cases in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH were discussed at the meeting as well as the review of the situation in particular ossuaries and morgues, and certain issues related to specific exhumation cases. ■



The Prosecutor's Office of BiH continues with intensive activities on tracing and identifying the missing persons

Aerial reconnaissance of the areas with potential mass grave locations was organized during the past few days

On the occasion of the International Day of the Disappeared the Prosecutor's Office of BiH wants to inform the public and the citizens of our country that it will continue with intensive activities on coordinating and expediting the process of tracing and identifying the missing persons in cooperation with BiH and international institutions.

The staff of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH has, in the previous period, spent several hundred working days out in the field in all parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in all weather conditions and often in remote locations, aiming to coordinate the work on the exhumation of war crimes victims.

The engagement of the BiH Armed Forces machinery was arranged for assistance with the excavation of mass graves. The BiH authorities were asked to allocate more funds for this purpose; there was a series of coordination meetings with all institutions involved in the process of searching for the missing in order to remove all technical difficulties as soon as possible and to ensure that the process does not get stopped or unnecessarily prolonged.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH has also undertaken a series of activities and agreements with institutions of the state that can help in this process, and has undertaken activities to produce satellite images in its search

for traces of mass graves on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Following the approval of the BiH government, aerial reconnaissance of potential mass grave locations was conducted in order to find the remains of war crimes victims in collaboration with the International Commission on Missing Persons -ICMP, the National Council for Environmental Research and the University of Bournemouth from the UK.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH continues with the activities on the search for the remains of more than 8,000 people listed as missing during the war in BiH.

This process is extremely important for the families of victims who have been searching for the remains of their loved ones for 20 years or more.

Tracing the missing is also important for the prosecution of war crimes, as the remains that are found and identified are important evidence in war crimes cases.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH invites all persons, organizations, political entities and institutions in BiH to refrain from unnecessary politicization of the process of search for the missing, because the process is primarily a question of the truth, justice and reconciliation in Bosnia and Herzegovina in which all victims are equal and the rule of law is important in the process of peace building and European Integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■

Operation codenamed "Joker" initiated pursuant to the order of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. Several locations searched and a number of persons deprived of liberty

Pursuant to the order of the Assigned Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, police officers of the RS MoI have carried out searches and arrests of persons suspected of smuggling of excise goods.

Several locations were searched and 14 persons apprehended.

Activities were, inter alia, undertaken in the area of Banja Luka, Bosanska Gradiška and Laktaši. The matter concerns an investigation focused on detection of criminal offenses and prevention of smuggling of cigarettes and other excise goods.

During the course of these activities two tons of tobacco were seized. ■

Upon the order of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and as part of the largest case pertaining to the fight against corruption and financial crime, 54 suspects deprived of liberty so far

Around 30 officials of Customs Authorities and BiH Indirect Taxation Authority, including its former director, deprived of liberty

Pursuant to the Order of a Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, activities are being carried out in several cities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as part of the largest post-war investigation of the criminal offenses of corruption.

In all parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in its both entities and in the territory of the Brčko District, at several dozen locations in the areas of Sarajevo, Tuzla, Banja Luka, Prijedor, Prnjavor, Gradačac, Srebrenik, Bijeljina, Zvornik, Tešanj, Čelić, Doboј, Čelinac, Brod, Gradiška, Kozarska Dubica, Derventa, Bihac, Kotor Varoš, Kiseloj and Ilijaš, fifty-four (54) persons have been deprived of liberty or put under supervision so far, and searches of a large number of facilities have been conducted.

The Prosecution Team consisted of two Prosecutors and their Investigators and Associates have been conducting a detailed and thorough investigation in this case for more than eight (8) months.

Pursuant to the Orders issued by the Prosecutors from the Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption in charge of the respective case, more than three hundred (300) police officers are operating in the field.

Among the persons deprived of liberty, there are around thirty (30) officials of customs authorities and the Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina, including the former Director of the Indirect Taxation Authority of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The suspected persons in this case are subject to in-



vestigation for corruptive criminal offenses of organized crime, customs and tax evasion, illegal tax remission and VAT refund, money laundering and abuse of office or official authority in relation to the import of textile and other goods to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina is conducting financial investigation in this case as well, with the aim of blocking and confiscating illegal material gain and property in multi-million amounts.

Once the representatives of the Prosecution team have questioned the suspects, they will decide whether to put forward a Motion to order custody or to impose prohibiting measures in accordance with the law; moreover, a proposal will be put to block and put under control the state property for which there is evidence suggesting its illegal acquisition.

The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina resumes its fight against organized crime and corruption in which no person will be untouchable. ■

Operation “Damascus” carried out upon the order of the Prosecutor’s Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina



The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) expresses its appreciation to all police agencies involved in the activities aimed at detecting and prosecuting persons suspected of crimes of terrorism.

Under the supervision of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, several hundreds of police officers are active in the field and the activities were carried out in cooperation with SIPA, ISA BiH, Republika Srpska Ministry of Interior (RS MoI), Brčko District Police, Federation Police Department and respective Cantonal Ministries of Interior.

Moreover, significant international cooperation was effected in this case.

The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina is monitoring and will keep on monitoring instances and activities of organizations and individuals in Bosnia and Herzegovina that can be brought in connection with terrorism and terrorist activities. ■



Joint international operation codenamed "Šetač 2" aiming to identify and prosecute those involved in trafficking of narcotics carried out pursuant to the order of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

Acting on orders of the Court and the Prosecutor's Office of BiH police officers of the RS Ministry of Interior have, in cooperation with the Federal Police Department, undertaken activities on detection and arrests of more than 20 persons involved in international drug trafficking, which have continuously smuggled drugs from the area of Montenegro to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia over the past six months.

According to the evidence collected they have, in this manner, smuggled more than 100 kilograms of the narcotic "Cannabis sativa" also known as Marijuana, "Skunk" and a significant quantity of cigarettes and were finally prevented in their actions by

jointly agreed activities of the police and the prosecutor's offices of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia.

Along with activities undertaken in Bosnia and Herzegovina the Croatian police carried out coordinated activities to locate and arrest 10 persons from the territory of Croatia.

This joint investigation also involved police and judicial authorities of Montenegro who were acting upon the request of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

During the course of all these activities the suspects were put firmly under control, the prime suspect S.P. and two other persons are on the run for some time.

Certain quantities of drugs, as well

as evidence of the committed criminal offense were found during the search.

All suspects will be questioned by the investigation team of the Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption within the Prosecutor's Office of BiH which is out in the field. Following the questioning the team will decide on a motion for remand in custody/imposition of prohibiting measures against the suspects.

This operation is the result of international and regional cooperation between the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and police agencies with judicial and law enforcement agencies of the countries in the region. ■

Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the Faculty of Criminalistics, Criminology and Security Studies of the University of Sarajevo

The Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Goran Salihović and the Dean of the Faculty of Criminalistics, Criminology and Security Studies of the University of Sarajevo - Prof. Dr. Nedžad Korajlić signed a Memorandum on professional, educational and scientific cooperation today.

This memorandum establishes a direct collaboration between the two institutions, as well as a partnership in vocational and educational area.

The cooperation will, in particular, include the exchange of theoretical and practical know-how and experiences in the application of legal regulations in the field of criminal legislation.



It will also significantly improve the exchange of achieved scientific and practical results in the process of detecting and proving the committed criminal offenses in terms of criminalistic and criminological scientific results, and within the concept of prosecutorial and police cooperation in the investigation stage.

Special attention will be paid to the exchange of experiences in prosecution; the possibility of scientific advancement of instruments and solutions in criminal legislation, as well as the analysis of the criminal activity status in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is of particular importance for the Prosecutor's Office of BiH as well as the academic community in this field. ■

Meeting of the Task Force for Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings held at the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

Concrete activities for a more efficient prosecution of these criminal offenses and for our country's better status in international reports agreed

A meeting of the Task Force for Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings and Illegal Migrations in Bosnia and Herzegovina was held on the premises of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, where there were discussions about the concrete activities needed for a more efficient prosecution of these criminal offenses, as well as for punishing the perpetrators and providing assistance to the victims. One of the conclusions from the meeting is that the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina urgently needs to harmonize its criminal legislation and incorporate these criminal offenses in its legislation, since the current situation in which these criminal offenses are not being prosecuted at the level of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina causes damage to the entire Bosnia and Herzegovina and our country's international reputation and status in regard to detecting, punishing and preventing the trafficking in human beings. Mr. Goran Salihović, the Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Head of this Task Force, noted that the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina had strengthened its capacities employed in dealing with these cases, as well as that three Prosecutors had been assigned to work intensively with police agencies on detecting and prosecuting the perpetrators of the criminal offenses of trafficking in human beings for the purpose of their sexual or work exploitation, beggary and all other forms of exploitation. The Chief Prosecutor noted that the Indictment against thirteen (13) persons in the case of Vučenović et al., which pertains to

the exploitation of over 630 victims during their work in Azerbaijan, was one of the most important steps in the current year in terms of fight against trafficking in human beings, which would surely improve our country's status in international reports. Moreover, the Chief Prosecutor's initiation of the joint meeting of the Task Force and all Chief Prosecutors in Bosnia and Herzegovina was announced to ensue very soon. This meeting will be dedicated to the fight against trafficking in human beings and concrete activities needed for a more efficient prosecution of these criminal offenses, punishing the perpetrators and providing assistance to the victims will be discussed. Representatives of the US Embassy in our country stressed that the US Government would provide assistance to the law enforcement agencies in the period to come, by way of organizing education through international experts that would deal with various forms of trafficking in human beings for the purpose of sexual or work exploitation or other forms of exploitation. The Task Force meetings are attended by the representatives of all police agencies in our country, representatives of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Prosecutor's Offices of the respective entities and the Prosecutor's Office of the Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as representatives of the Ministry of Security and the non-governmental sector. This meeting was also attended by Mr. Robert Thomson, Resident Legal Advisor of the US Department of Justice at the US Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■





■ The central topics of the meeting pertained to the activities of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina aimed at establishing the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the progress achieved in the past year

Chief Prosecutor met with the representatives of the Monitoring Mission of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Mr. Goran Salihović, the Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, met with the representatives of the Monitoring Mission of the Council of Europe and Ms. Mary Ann Hennessey, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Delegation of the Council of Europe consisted of Mr. Egidijus Vareikis from Lithuania, Sir Roger Gale from the United Kingdom, Ms. Caroline Ravaud, Head of the Monitoring Department of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and Ms. Mary Ann Hennessey, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Sarajevo.

At this meeting, the representatives of the Council of Europe expressed their interest in the work and activities of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the process of strengthening of the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the course of European integrations of our country.

Members of the Monitoring Team engaged in the analysis of the progress of our country's structures in the past

period inquired whether the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina had sufficient assistance and support from the institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The representatives of the Council of Europe were interested in the investigation that is being conducted by the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina due to the non-implementation of the Decision of the European Court of Human Rights in the Sejdić-Finci case, so the Chief Prosecutor informed them about the activities conducted so far in this case by the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as about the future planned activities.

The Chief Prosecutor, Mr. Goran Salihović, informed the representatives of the Council of Europe about the current activities in the judiciary of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the process of reform of the judiciary in our country, as well as about the determination of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina to continue with intensified prosecution of the perpetrators of the criminal offenses of organized crime, corruption and war crimes in the period to come.

The Chief Prosecutor stressed that it was very important for the judiciary to remain independent from any political influence, to have its financial independence and an independent election of Prosecutors, as well as to secure the functioning of the judiciary as the third, independent pillar of power. He also emphasized that this institution needed assistance of domestic institutions and international community for achieving as good future results as possible.

The participants at the meeting agreed that the rule of law and the safety of the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina were some of the key elements in the process of the European integrations of Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■





Chief Prosecutor, Minister of Finance and Treasury and Director of ITA held a meeting

The Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH - Goran Salihović met with the Minister of Finance and Treasury of the BiH Council of Ministers - Nikola Špirić, Director of ITA - Miro Džakula and representative of the ITA BiH union - Mehmedalija Osmić.

The biggest operation in the fight against financial crime and corruption codenamed "Pandora" which was carried out by order of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH was discussed at the meeting.

Meeting participants agreed that these and similar operations in the

fight against evasion of taxes and customs duties and corruption are of vital importance for entrenchment of the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina and that this fight is important for all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina as evasion of taxes and customs duties causes great damages to the state and all its citizens.

It was concluded that these activities have to continue in the future because the collection of taxes and duties, as well as financial discipline is an important segment in the functioning of each state, as well as that this operation sends a clear message that tax and customs irregularities will be detected and the perpetrators prosecuted and punished.

A press conference was arranged after the meeting and was attended by several dozen journalists from electronic and print media. ■



■ One of the conclusions at the meeting was that the fight against corruption and evasion of tax and customs duties is a key element of the rule of law and state capacity building and that this fight will continue in the future with the support of all the institutions involved in the process

Operation codenamed "Gold" carried out by order of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

Ten Customs Officers of ITA deprived of liberty for corruptive crimes

Early in the morning of June 2, 2014 operation codenamed "Gold" was carried out at several locations in Sarajevo, Kiseljak and Pale by order of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

By order of a Prosecutor of the Special Department for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption within the Prosecutor's Office of BiH the officers of the Border Police of BiH and the ISA BiH carried out the investigation activities.

At least 15 persons, of whom 10 were customs officers - employees of the Sarajevo Airport Customs Office, were deprived of liberty within the scope of the operation. One of the customs officers was deprived of liberty at his workplace while the others were deprived of liberty in their places of residence.

Along with these deprivations of liberty multiple locations were searched. Activities of detention and search were conducted in Sarajevo, Kiseljak and Pale.

Persons deprived of liberty are, inter alia, suspected of corruption offenses i.e. Abuse of Office or Official Authority and Accepting Gifts and Other Forms of Benefits.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH carried out a several months long extensive investigation during the course of which evidence was collected as to prove that those customs officers abused their office and took bribes,

that they accepted financial compensation to allow for the import of items and goods the trade of which is subject to a special procedure (gold, etc.) as well as other goods that were imported to BiH via the customs office at the Sarajevo Airport.

In addition to customs officers other suspected persons who have participated in the crimes committed were also deprived of liberty.

Persons deprived of liberty are suspected of having committed the criminal offense of Associating for the Purpose of Perpetrating Criminal Offences (Article 249 of the CC BiH), the criminal offense of Abuse of Office or Authority (Article 220 of the CC BiH), the criminal offense of Accepting Gifts and Other Forms of Benefits (Article 217 of the CC BiH) and the criminal offense of Smuggling of Goods (Article 214 of the CC BiH).

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH will conduct a financial investigation in this case in order to determine the amount of ill-gotten gain obtained by committing these criminal offenses and will seek forfeiture of ill-gotten gain obtained by these civil servants.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH continues to fight against corruption together with police and law enforcement agencies in BiH with the aim to entrench the rule of law on the European path of Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■

Chief Prosecutor met with the Director of the Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Chief Prosecutor - Goran Salihović, met with the Director of the BiH Border Police - Zoran Galić.

Director Galić and his deputy informed the Chief Prosecutor about the irregularities regarding the illegal use of equipment for lawful interception of telecommunications which was established to have taken place by the management of Border Police in the previous period.

Chief Prosecutor received the information and results of the review identified by the Border Police, and stated that all allegations of illegalities must be thoroughly investigated and that any misuse of such equip-

ment must be prevented, as well as the manipulation related to these events.

It was agreed that the Border Police will conduct a thorough investigation of these events and submit a report

following a detailed inspection to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

Meeting participants pointed out that the use of equipment for lawful interception must be handled in accordance with the law. ■





Ceremonial collegium

A Ceremonial collegium of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH was held on December 23, 2014. The Chief Prosecutor presented the results achieved in 2014, which were the best in the history of the institution, to all the colleagues from the Prosecutor's Office of BiH as well the plans for capacity building and improvement of results in 2015 . ■





Chief Prosecutor met with the delegation of the Office of the State Prosecutor General of the Republic of Slovenia

Central topics of the meeting pertained to the interstate cooperation in fighting all forms of crimes

The Delegation of the Office of the State Prosecutor General of the Republic of Slovenia, comprised of the State Prosecutor General of the Republic of Slovenia, Dr. Zvonko Fišer, Supreme State Prosecutor, Mr. Aleš Butala, and the Head of the Specialized Prosecutor's Office, Mr. Harij Furlan, has visited the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and met with the Chief Prosecutor, Mr. Goran Salihović, and his associates, Prosecutors of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

At this meeting, the issues of prosecutorial cooperation between these two states and joint fight against all forms of cross-border crime have been discussed.

The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Prosecutor's Offices in Slovenia have cooperated in the past, in prosecuting perpetrators of criminal offenses of smuggling of persons, smuggling of narcotic drugs, counterfeiting of money and smuggling of weapons, in

which criminal offenses a link between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia was determined.

At this meeting, representatives of the two respective Prosecutor's Offices have exchanged their experience in combating various forms of crime, and the issues of fight against corruption and financial crime have also been discussed.

Likewise, future intensive cooperation between the respective Prosecutor's Offices of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia has been agreed on at this meeting, particularly cooperation as part of the process of our country's European integrations.

Moreover, the possibilities for concluding protocols and agreements on direct cooperation in exchanging information and evidence and in detecting and prosecuting perpetrators of criminal offenses in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia have also been discussed at this meeting. ■





Chief Prosecutor, Goran Salihović, met with the Head of the Diplomatic Office of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium in BiH, Mr. Jean-Pierre Biebuyck

Support of the Kingdom of Belgium in establishment of the rule of law in our country



Chief Prosecutor met with representatives of the U.S. Embassy in BiH to discuss urgent activities needed in the fight against human trafficking



The Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Goran Salihović and his associates met with the representatives of the U.S. Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Mr. Robert Thomson, resident legal advisor at the U.S. Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Mr. Ante Miliša, assistant in the Political Department and discussed the possibilities and modalities of activities that judicial and law enforcement agencies can undertake in Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to combat human trafficking more effectively and to protect victims of such criminal offenses.

The issue of prosecution and in general the fight against trafficking in persons for the purposes of various exploitation directly affect the status of our country on the list of the countries with significant rates of trafficking in persons made by the U.S. Government.

The Chief Prosecutor informed the representatives of the U.S. Embassy that the Prosecutor's Office of BiH actively participates in the work of the Task Force to combat human trafficking and illegal migration, and that it prosecutes several cases related to trafficking for sexual and labor exploitation, as well as begging.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH is prepared to work



together with judicial, police and security agencies in our country in the future and to lead the initiative to effectively prosecute perpetrators of human trafficking for which it will require the assistance and support of the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the international community.

The meeting participants also expressed their confidence in BiH in terms of its ability to achieve significant results in this area in the upcoming period thus improving its status on the list of countries with significant rates of trafficking crimes, which will require coordinated activities and efforts of all institutions involved in the issue. ■





Ambassador of the United Kingdom expressed strong support to the BiH Prosecutor's Office

The Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Goran Salihović, met with the Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Edward Ferguson.

At this meeting, there was discussion about the work and activities of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the process of the establishment of the rule of law and detection and prosecution of perpetrators of war crimes, organized crime, corruption, terrorism and other criminal offenses falling within the jurisdiction of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Chief Prosecutor presented to the Ambassador the results that the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and

Herzegovina achieved in this year, and he stressed that the support of the governmental institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the international community was the key factor in strengthening the institutions and establishment of the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Ambassador Ferguson emphasized that the United Kingdom had



been helping the establishment of the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina for many years, as that was one of the key segments in the development of the security and stability in the upcoming process of bringing Bosnia and Herzegovina closer to the European integrations.

At this meeting, the continuation of the cooperation between the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Embassy of the United Kingdom to Bosnia and Herzegovina was agreed. ■



Chief Prosecutor met with the officials of the U.S. Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)

The Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, Goran Salihović met with officials from the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs which operates within the U.S. Government.

International cooperation of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH with the judiciary and police of the countries in the region in the prosecution of cross-border crime as well as international cooperation of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH with the U.S. judiciary and police in the prosecution of organized crime, terro-

rism and war crimes were discussed at the meeting

INL representatives expressed their support to the Prosecutor's Office in the process of entrenchment of the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as in the activities that the Prosecutor's Office undertakes in its efforts to strengthen the regional cooperation in the prosecution of war crimes and organized crime.

Concrete cooperation in the future was also discussed given that INL Bureau develops policies and manages programs aiming to assist

partner countries to strengthen law enforcement and institutional capacity of the rule of law thus enabling partner countries to effectively combat international production/trafficking of narcotics as well as international crime and terrorism, in cooperation with the countries in the region.

As these programs also support the work with victims and witnesses in criminal cases the activities that the Prosecutor's Offices undertakes in support of victims and witnesses were also discussed ■





Chief Prosecutor met with the Director of the USAID Mission to BiH

Strengthening of capacities to fight corruption discussed at the meeting, strong support voiced for the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

The Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Goran Salihović, has met with the Director of the USAID Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. David Barth.

At this meeting, the issues of cooperation between the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the USAID Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, which had been realized in an earlier period of time, and the planned activities for future implementation have been discussed.

During this meeting, the activities undertaken by the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina in relation to fighting trafficking in persons and prosecuting and punishing rapes and sexual violence committed during the war, as well as those in relation to combating corruption and prosecuting perpetrators of the criminal offenses of corruption have been discussed.

The Chief Prosecutor has informed Director Barth about a case formed within the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina which will in-

vestigate events related to the National Museum in Sarajevo, as this is an institution of great cultural and historical significance for Bosnia and Herzegovina. The USAID Director has expressed his support to the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina in protecting cultural institutions of great significance for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Director Barth has informed the Chief Prosecutor about the future activities that will be undertaken with respect to strengthening the capacities to fight corruption in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Chief Prosecutor has supported the idea of strengthening the fight against corruption as one of the priorities in establishing the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the USAID Mission in our country have a long-standing and successful cooperation in strengthening judicial capacities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■



Strong support expressed to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH: international cooperation projects tackling organized crime discussed

Chief Prosecutor - Goran Salihović, met with the Police Attaché of the Embassy of Italy in BIH - Mr. Giovanni Santoro and his colleagues tasked with the implementation of international cooperation projects.

A project which will involve activities relating to joint regional and international cooperation in the fight against all forms of organized crime was discussed at the meeting.

Given the importance of regional cooperation in combating cross-border crime as well as the successful realization of joint operations involving several countries, the Prosecutor's Office of BiH supports activities to strengthen re-



gional cooperation and bring Bosnia and Herzegovina closer to European integration.

Details regarding the project activities will be agreed upon in the future. ■

Students of the University of Louisville (U.S.) visited the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

The international students have expressed a desire to visit the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, within the framework of their visit to the judicial institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and to learn about the background and inception of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, its results as well as the internal organization of the institution.

The students in question are from the Department of Psychology where they attend a program on transitional justice, reconciliation and dealing with the past. Under the program, the students are in a study visit

to Bosnia and Herzegovina where they are to learn about the practical activities undertaken in Bosnia and Herzegovina on rebuilding the society and trust after conflict.

The Head of the Public Relations Department of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH - Boris Grubešić addressed the students and spoke about the origins and role of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in the judicial system of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the results achieved in the prosecution of war crimes, organized crime, corruption, terrorism and other cases prosecuted by the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

His presentation also included information about the international cooperation of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH with judicial institutions in the region, Europe and the world.

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH is open for cooperation with the academic community and students. Throughout the years it has kept good cooperation and an open door for the academic community in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as international scientific institutions. ■



■ Students of the University of Louisville, Kentucky (U.S.) visited the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.



Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey voiced his support to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH



Chief Prosecutor met with the newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in BiH - H.E. Cihad Erginay.

Chief Prosecutor informed the Ambassador about the history of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, internal organization of the institution, its performance results and future activities.

Ambassador Erginay voiced his support to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in its fight against all forms of organized crime and establishment of the rule of law, which is necessary for all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Chief Prosecutor thanked the Ambassador for the support that the Republic of Turkey provided in the judicial reform process and the strengthening of judicial institutions. Both sides voiced their confidence that the cooperation and support will continue in the future. ■





■ Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović met with IPA Project representatives and diplomatic officials, Strong support voiced to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

EUROJUST expressed strong support to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

Bosnia and Herzegovina will soon appoint a liaison officer to the European Union's Judicial Cooperation unit - EUROJUST



The Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović has met with IPA Project representatives and diplomatic officials to discuss strengthening of prosecutorial capacities and our country's cooperation with prosecutorial structures in the European Union.

A meeting between the Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović and IPA Project officials and diplomatic core representatives has been held in the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, where strengthening of cooperation and getting the prosecutorial structures of Bosnia and Herzegovina closer to the European integrations has been discussed, in the light of a more efficient combatting organized crime and corruption.

One of the topics of this meeting pertained to the upcoming process of appointing a Liaison Officer, namely a Prosecutor from Bosnia and Herzegovina, who will be seated in European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit – - EUROJUST, in order to improve cooperation in combatting cross-border organized crime and corruption.

The Chief Prosecutor Salihović has stressed the need to maximally expedite Bosnia and Herzegovina's connection with the structures of EUROJUST and EUROPOL, because the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina is already working on a larger number of investigations and prosecutions of criminal offenses in cases where crimes also extend to the territories of EU countries, particularly Croatia, Slovenia, Austria, as well as other countries, all of which proves such cooperation to be necessary.

The Chief Prosecutor has informed the IPA representatives and the diplomatic representatives about the activities aimed at strengthening the capacities of the

Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina with respect to its staff, as well as in its technical segment.

Moreover, the upcoming process of assigning a Prosecutor from an EU country to the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina to support its work and strengthen the cooperation of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the countries of European Union in fighting organized crime was discussed together with other modalities of strengthening of the cooperation between the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and prosecutorial structures in the EU countries.

The Chief Prosecutor has informed the officials about the results of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina achieved in 2014, when prosecution of several complex cases falling within the domains of fight against terrorism, corruption, organized crime and financial crime was intensified.

Good cooperation of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the case of combatting terrorism and sanctioning the departures of BiH citizens to foreign battlefields in Syria and Iraq has also been noted, and in this particular case, significant cooperation with prosecutorial and police structures in Austria and Germany was realized.

At this meeting, a joint conclusion has been reached that intensive activities will start early next year, aimed at linking and cooperation of prosecutorial structures in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in the European Union, as that will significantly assist the process of establishment of the rule of law and creation of a safer environment for all the citizens in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as in the region and in the European Union. ■

ZDRUŽENO Po nalogu pravosudnih i policijskih agencija BiH i EU

Velika akcija u borbi protiv međunarodne trgovine ljudima radi prostitucije

U Njemačkoj, Austriji i BiH akcija usmjerenja na otkrivanje međunarodnog lanca organiziranog kriminala, posvećenog i trgovini ljudima, koju se izvršiće po nazivu nazivaju Tuzilaštva BiH, se općeno je iz ovog sridišta.

• Pretresi sinoć izvršeni i na području Sanskog Mosta

Takođe u 18 sati sinoć je na dogovorenim mjestima na području Njemačke, Austrije i BiH počela akcija usmjerenja na otkrivanje međunarodnog lanca organiziranog kriminala, posvećenog i trgovini ljudima, koju se izvršiće po nazivu nazivaju Tuzilaštva BiH, se općeno je iz ovog sridišta.

Maloletje žrtve

Među žrtvama nalazi se više hrvatskih i područja balkanskih zemalja, među kojima, prema operativnim podacima, ima i maloletnjih osoba.

Kako je naveđeno u saopćenju, na terenu u BiH sinoć je pretriveno veždo više desetina predstavnika SIPA-a, a do zaključenja ovog operativnog lista nije uspešno na kalkulu sačuvati jedan od njih.

Njemački "Bild": Učestvuju 800 policijaca

U međunarodnoj akciji protiv trgovine ljudima u BiH i pretrivenju više stotinu policijskih predstavnika učestvuju i austrijske i njemačke, stanzne i radne sile BiH i Rumunjske. Samo u Njemačkoj više od 800 policijaca

**Duga i temeljita Istraga**

Akcija je rezultat dugog i temeljnog istraživačkog poslovanja pravosudnih i policijskih agencija Njemačke, čiji su tučici i temeljni interesima radiju zadržali i koloniju iz EU na istraživanju ovog lanca organiziranog kriminala. Radi se o velikoj međunarodnoj skupini koja se pretraje

strenuiti teroristi, niti da li je i koliko mreže ulupljene.

Blokada puta

Pripadnici SIPA-e pretrevali su stanovništvo, objekte i vozni park, a u kontaktnim intervjueima s učesnicima mještajom koji imaju probleme sa zakonom i uključujući evropskim državljanima. Većih broj mještana Jezera koji live u blizini istraživačkih objekata da se aktivno ne vidi.

U taj objekt, kako rezultiralo učenje, došli su i veliki tajnosti. Kako "Arač" umije, predstavnici SIPA-e su izveli

pretrivu i jednog aguzantog ležala u centru Širokog Mosta, u kojem se, uvedeno, otkrivaju mlade djevojke, a koje bi, eventualno, mogle biti objekti organizirane trgovine ljudima i svrhu prostitucije u međunarodnoj skupini Europe.

Akcija pretrava predstavnici SIPA-e obavili su bez prisutnosti policije MUP-a i okruglo-sanskom kanonskom. Ovakav postupak omogućava da se izbjegnu novi krizi i povredi. E.O.A.

Zajednička akcija BiH, Austrije i Njemačke



Pretresi zbog trgovine ljudima

Pripadnici Agencije za istraživanje i zaštitu (SIPA) sinoć su počeli pretres jednog objekta na području Sanskog Mosta u okviru međunarodne akcije otkrivanja lanca organiziranog kriminala povezanih sa trgovinom ljudima i drugim kriminalnim djelima, izjavila je za Anadoliju glasnogovornica SIPA Kristina Jozic.

Akcija je istovremeno počela na teritoriji Bosne i Hercegovine, Austrije i Njemačke. Akcija se u Bosni i Hercegovini izvodi po nalogu Tužilaštva BiH, dok se na terenu nalazi više desetina pripadnika SIPA.

Tužilaštvo BiH je na pripremi akcije radio u saradnji sa policijskim i pravosudnim agencijama Austrije i Njemačke, čiji su eksperti, kako je saopćeno iz Tužilaštva BiH, u proteklom periodu boravili u BiH. Ova državna institucija je takođe saopćila kako se među žrtvama pomenutog lanca trgovine ljudima nalazi veći broj osoba sa područja balkanskih zemalja, te da navodno imaju saznanja o tome da među žrtvama ima i maloletnjih osoba. Glasnogovornica SIPA Jozic je kazala kako će više detalja o akciji biti saopćeno danas.

Upon the order of the BiH Prosecutor's Office and EU Judicial and Police Agencies, extensive operation is underway to fight international trafficking in persons for prostitution

At precisely 6 p.m., at an agreed command, started the operation that is being carried out simultaneously in the territories of Germany, Austria and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and several dozens of SIPA officers are active in the field throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina upon the order of the Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This is a large international operation which is being conducted in several states and the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina has achieved significant cooperation with its partner judicial and police agencies in Austria and Germany, whose representatives resided in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the past period in order to attend working meeting sessions.

The operation is directed at detecting an international chain of

organized crime linked with the trafficking in persons for prostitution, as well as with other criminal offenses, and according to the operational information, a larger number of persons, even minors, from the Balkan countries are among the victims.

This operation is a result of a long and thorough investigation conducted by judicial and police agencies of the Republic of Germany, whose Prosecutors and Investigators have been working for months together with their EU colleagues at detecting this chain of organized crime.

The Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its partner agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the region and in EU countries, is investing outstanding efforts into detecting and prosecuting perpetra-

tors of the criminal offenses of trafficking in persons, since those are extremely dangerous criminal offenses that have impact on the lives of a large number of victims.

This operation and similar operations that will be realized in future will surely help improve the international position of our country when fighting this type of a crime and aiding victims are concerned, which is one of the key steps in establishing the rule of law and protecting human rights of victims coming from socially vulnerable categories. ■



Medunarodna akcija razbijanja lanca prostitucije



■ Strong support voiced to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and its efforts on tracing and identifying the missing persons

The International Commission on Missing Persons – ICMP expressed its strong support to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

Ambassador Knut Vollebaek, Commissioner of the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) visited the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and met with the Chief Prosecutor - Goran Salihović.

The process of tracing and identifying those that went missing during the war in BiH was discussed at the meeting.

Given that our country is still searching for some 7.000 missing persons and that tracing and identifying the missing is a very important process as well as evidence of war crimes, the Chief Prosecutor pointed out that BiH institutions must invest the maximum of efforts in this area and that the help of the international community is required.

The Chief Prosecutor informed Ambassador Vollebaek about the capacity strengthening of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, in particular of the Special Department for War Crimes, and added that better results are expected in the prosecution of war crimes this year. He also pointed out that the Prosecutor's Office is putting forth the maximum of efforts in exhumations and tracing and identifying the missing persons but that it needs assistance of the international community in the process.

Ambassador Vollebaek and ICMP's Director-General Ms. Kathryne Bomberger pointed out that about 23.000 out of a total of 30.000 missing persons have been found and identified to date, which is a huge job done in this area, and that activities on tracing and identifying the missing persons will continue in the future.



Representatives of ICMP in BiH have pointed out that these activities shall continue to be implemented particularly when those concern complex and large mass grave sites in order to expedite the identification of recovered remains.

It was pointed out that the activities related to recovery and identification of victims from mass grave Tomašica that were undertaken in recent months required a great commitment of the Prosecutor's Of-

fice of BiH and ICMP in BiH, which is an example of their active cooperation and dedication to this task.

The process to review cases of unidentified mortal remains in 11 BiH mortuaries, which is currently taking place in Goražde and was completed in Mostar and Nevesinje, is to continue in the remaining 8 mortuaries, including Visoko and Tuzla where the largest number of mortal remains are located.

This process, which will be actively carried out in the coming period, will require great assistance of the international community in order to ensure that the identification of remains found is completed.

During the course of the meeting it was emphasized that attempts will be made to try to detect new locations of mass graves in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the help of satellite imagery.

ICMP officials have expressed their support to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in its efforts to establish the rule of law and prosecute war crimes, as well as in its activities related to exhumation and identification of missing persons. The officials of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH participate in such activities on daily basis and on multiple locations in all parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina. ■

Chief Prosecutor participated in the End Sexual Violence in Conflict - Global Summit dedicated to prevention and punishment of rape and sexual abuse in armed conflicts



■ Sarajevo, March 2014.



■ London, June 2014.

Ms. Gordana Tadić appointed Head of Special Department for War Crimes within the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

By the decision of the Chief Prosecutor Ms. Gordana Tadić was appointed Head of Special Department for War Crimes within the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

Following the aforementioned appointment, Prosecutor Gordana Tadić will organize and manage the daily activities and efforts of 38 Prosecutors working within the Special Department for War Crimes of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

Following the appointment, Prosecutor Tadić stated that the priority will be to prosecute as many war crimes as possible and to take all necessary actions in order to expedite the process of the search for the missing persons.

Prosecutor Gordana Tadić has worked in the judicial system since 1996 and has, during her career, performed the following du-

ties and functions: upon completion of studies in 1996 she worked in the field of economy, from 1996 to 2003 she was the Deputy Municipal Prosecutor in Živinice; from 2003 to the end of 2011 she was a Cantonal Prosecutor in Tuzla. Following the judicial reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina she served as Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the Cantonal Prosecutor's Office in Tuzla Canton from 2012 to December 2013. Ms. Tadić was appointed Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina by a decision of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina dated November 20, 2013. ■



Drugi o nama

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Brammertz posjetio Tužiteljstvo BiH

Napredak u procesuiranju predmeta koje je proslijedilo Haaško tužiteljstvo

SARAJEVO – Glavni tužitelj Tužiteljstva BiH Goran Salihović je učestvovao i stručno suradnju sa predstavnicima Mladićevog procesa u saradnji sa tužiteljstvom u Kroatiji, te generalnim tužiteljem BiH, generalom Željkom Franjom Brammertzom i njegovim suradnicima. Radnici su izrađivali napravljenim izvještajima o stanju radne napravljene u saradnji s tužiteljstvom BiH u procesuiranju predmeta kojeg je Tužiteljstvo BiH uverenstvo prenijelo u Sarajevo.

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OSLOBODENJE

Optužnica Mitroviću i Glogovcu

Sud BiH potvrdio je optužnicu koju optužuju Novaka Mitrovića i Dragana Glogovca tereti za krivnje djelo ratni zločin protiv civilnog stanovništva. U optužnicu se navodi da su optuženi Novak Mitrović, kao pripadnik 3. pješadijskog bataljona Druge srpske luke pješadijske brigade Vojske RS-a i optuženi Dragan Glogovac, kao pripadnik 9. bataljona Vojne policije Operativne grupe Doboj 1, krajnjeg korpusa Vojske RS-a, zajedno sa drugim vojniciima Vojske Republike Srpske, namjerno nancišali jedni ročici i psihički bol civilima i ratnim zarobljenicima bosanskoj i hrvatske nacionalnosti zatvorenim u podrumu objekta Lovćen dom "Franjo Herljević" u selu Kamečićima, općina Zavidovići.



Jozo Đođić optužen za silovanje

Tužitelj Posebnog odjela za ratne zločine Tužiteljstva BiH podigao je optužnicu protiv Jozu Đođića, državljanina BiH i Hrvatske. Optuženi se tereti da je u vrijeme rata i onuzlog sukoba u BiH, u vrijestvu pripadnika 102. brigade HV Oštak, tokom 1992. postupao u suprotnosti sa odredbama Ženevskih konvencija o zaštiti civilnih osoba za vrijeme rata. On je optužen da je na području Oštaka dolazio na nezakoniti mjesto i učinio silovanje na žensku civilnu osobu, a to je bio ratni zločin.

Глас Српске

Суд и Тужилаштво BiH

Норедили хапшење своја два службеника, који су осумњичени да су крли и продавали доказни материјал.

Večernji list

VEČERNJI LIST petak, 22. listopad 2014.

Zajedničke akcije BiH i Hrvatske protiv svih vrsta kriminala

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Interview

Interview of the Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's on the "Telering" TV show on December 28, 2014.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: The guest of the show is Goran Salihović - Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. Welcome!

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Mr. Salihović, welcome.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Thank you.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: What is the real truth about the Prosecutor's Office? Let's start in this order. When you were appointed Chief Prosecutor what did you find there?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well I found an institution that was simply in need of a manager. It has been left without a Chief Prosecutor for long i.e. it had an Acting Chief Prosecutor for almost two and a half years and needed an infusion of new blood to refresh the Prosecutor's Office, to strengthen the capacities of the Prosecutor's Office, to try to use the potential that existed within the Prosecutor's Office as there are plenty of really good Prosecutors there and a lot of good professionals. We have set certain tasks for ourselves and I think that we have, to some extent, succeeded in them. I came to a large number of cases, war crimes cases, accommodation capacities were insufficient, there was an insufficient number of Prosecutors, an insufficient number of legal officers, small budget, regional cooperation did not get far, no agreement was signed, there weren't many corruption cases and economic crime cases were simply not proceeding as they should, so my goal and task was to produce certain documents that would allow us to proceed with the realization of all these matters.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Did you make it?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, I think that I can be satisfied at this point. It will be two years in February that we have succeeded in achieving for sure some 80% of those things I have mentioned, of course it can get better and we will try to do better. What did we succeed at? We have initiated work on a number of cases resulting with a large number of indictments in all segments. In the previous year - 2013 we have indicted the biggest number of persons



and that is some 470 persons. That did not happen in the history of the Prosecutor's Office, not in the 11 years of its functioning, and we will have an approximate number in this year so we can say that we have indicted about 1000 persons. Hence, when we look at the Hague Tribunal, when we look at the region, when we look at these 11 years, it has never happened before.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Do not be a tattle-tale. I'm interested to know how many indictments were confirmed?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: All war crimes indictments, practically from the inception onwards, were confirmed and in essence this year we have, to this day, issued 53 indictments. So that's twice as much as last year.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: And those were all confirmed?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: All were confirmed. One indictment was returned, we appealed and the indictment was confirmed.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Now, let's...

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: It speaks of quality in terms of the Prosecutor's Office.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Yeah, I wish to first talk about that regional cooperation for which you said that there was none and then you had several meetings and arranged this good cooperation, first with Bajić, later with Cvitan, with Vukčević from Serbia, with Montenegro. What has this regional cooperation brought us?

GORAN SALIHOVIC: This regional cooperation has brought us a lot. I look at this regional cooperation as a sign of reconciliation in the region. We have established very good relations. On my very first day, a day before I was actually appointed, i.e. January 31 we have signed an Agreement with Serbia. This cooperation started with Serbia. Sometime in the 6th month we have already signed the Agreement with Croatia and then we signed the next Agreement with Montenegro. Hence, that was my goal. The Protocol as an agreement was not just a dead letter, we began to cooperate and we have created joint teams. The results of our cooperation are certain cases, certain evidence used to form cases in Croatia, as well as Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Therefore the message was very clear - that criminals will not be able to escape anywhere in terms of region and the best proof of this is the recent example of Štrpci case, where we have worked together with the Office of the War Crimes Prosecutor - Special War Crimes Prosecutor's Office of Serbia for over a year as one team. That was it - we have all practically lived this case and are extremely proud of it.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Well, this regional cooperation has led to you being mentioned by name by the leading person of the Hague Tribunal in front of the United Nations. When there is some reference to Bosnia and Herzegovina in the United Nations it usually concerns bad things.

Office of BiH - Goran Salihović given

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Yes. Yes, I am extremely proud. It's the last report when Mr. Brammertz and Mr. Hassan Jallow from the International Tribunal, had presented their report in New York where Mr. Hassan congratulated and praised Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and me as the Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, for the joint operation with Serbia and for the achieved level of cooperation concerning war crimes in the region. We - the Prosecutor's Office are extremely proud of it and also of the positive comments of Mr. Brammertz, hence certain manipulations of some people who are not happy with what we do with war crimes and criminals do not stand a chance.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Tell me, whose man are you?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: I'm nobody's man - that is I am the man of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is my duty to protect the State of Bosnia and Herzegovina and in some way I am the man of those injured, of all the victims - I represent the interests of victims in cases, all war crimes cases and I think that I am, I certainly should be, the Prosecutor of all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: And what about the story of being an American man, the story of being, oh I do not know, the man of Zlatko Lagumđija, Bakir, whoever - it does not matter?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well according to these stories I was everybody's man. For a few months I seem to be here somewhere, in one political option, then in another political option, and then with internationals... I can assure you that you that I am nobody's. I love this country, I love its citizens. I am trying to move things with a step or two I take, to get us closer to the European Union and NATO, those are my goals and some of my choices. I am a Social Democrat by orientation but I am certainly not anybody's man.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Mr. Salihović, who can guarantee me that you will not be satisfied by the show and then have SIPA come and detain me?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: I will certainly be pleased with the show because I'm transparent and I think that can you ask me anything freely. And those methods are long gone I think - methods of that past country. I believe that SIPA or any other police cannot and should not be operating without the order of the Prosecutor or a Court order.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: So, you guarantee that no one in this country can be a part of a staged political or any other process?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: I am convinced of that and have been saying it from the first day. I stand by that - there is no way that my colleagues and I will try anything in that area - rest assure as citizens, politicians or anyone else that you will have a fair treatment at any stage of the proceedings.



MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: You started the story on war crimes and these days there are operations taking place around these war crimes. Since you've taken over the position of the Chief Prosecutor a great job was actually done, but again it happens that Mr. Dukić from the Association of Serbs complains that there are not enough of those arrested who committed crimes against Serbs and this seems to go around and around. You will explain whether you're mindful of that or are you just collecting evidence and doing the required job when the right time comes?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: I think I don't have that problem or my Prosecutors. We are looking for criminals, or to be exact for us all the criminals are the same and all the victims are the same. Hence, we do not look at the number of those in this or that group, but in principle perhaps some are displeased that we work on all cases. Maybe they have looked at it through different eyes. You can see yourself that we do some work in the northern part of Bosnia and then the eastern part of Bosnia, the west, the area around Mostar, and then around Sarajevo. This means exactly what you have said, we use what we have the evidence we collect that are sufficient for the indictment to go and that's it. Ergo, there is no theoretical chance that we have a policy to prosecute one group of people or the other - we just work with what we have and that's it. I put it to you that we are only interested in crimes and criminals and they are all exactly the same to us and before the law.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Regarding the story of the war criminals, let's say I'll take your word for it, and in the end your results speak for themselves. Your interests however are not only war crimes, there are other matters that were prosecuted such as trafficking in persons, drugs, economic crime and so on?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Yes. This Prosecutor's Office has a huge jurisdiction in the sense that it handles war crimes, organized crime, terrorism, economic crime, corruption and the general crimes. If we look at the region they have Special Prosecutor's Offices for Organized Crime and for War Crimes both in Serbia and Croatia, but here it is all concentrated in one Prosecutor's Office and it is all in fact very demanding, difficult job. But I think that we are beginning to respond positively in this segment because we have built capacities. It is true that we put the emphasis on what is interesting at the moment, it means that one of the priorities is the fight against terrorism. By passing the law, we are the first in Europe to begin processing or arresting ,on two occasions, these people who went to fight at foreign battlefields. I think that by the end of the year Bosnić will be indicted and it will be the first indictment in Bosnia and Herzegovina for such terrorism which

means that we are committed to it. This case resulted with us assisting, in some way, to Austrian or German cases. You have seen that we had recently carried out these operations. We cooperate extremely well in the region and with Europol and Eurojust in terms of prosecutorial cooperation and I can tell you that as the criminals team up we team up as well, although perhaps not as fast, but believe me there is some very good cooperation going on. We also put the focus on trafficking in persons. We had a major case of which we are extremely proud which involved some 500-600 persons - injured parties in this case. It is the "Azerbaijan" case, where there was labor exploitation in the sense that the people were turned into slaves. They were stripped of their passports, everything was taken away from them and they were all originating from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Macedonia and Montenegro. The case was successfully completed, there is I think 39 accused persons there. Hence we have shown results in this segment as well and we expect a better placement in terms of United States trafficking report.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Yeah, so you see an indictment for terrorism against Bošnić by the end of the year?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well I think it should happen.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Is there any influence of the Embassy of the United States?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Let me tell you immediately, no one influences us in terms of indictments or anything.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Are there any Prosecutors in the Prosecutor's Office who are under the patronage of politics?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well pursuant to the Law on the HJPC and by what the code prescribes no such Prosecutors and Judges should exist. Political orientation that is within you and in accordance to which you vote is your right and nobody has the right to have it prevented. I believe that there is no direct political influence or direct influence where someone would work for particular politics. I think there is none of that and I can assure you that there isn't because it is not reflected in the respective relations in Bosnia.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Time for the first block of commercials, we will back after the commercials and it will be quite interesting.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Goran Salihović, Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina is our guest. Mr. Salihović, what you have talked about so far is more a story that leans towards internationals because we just did not really have many cases, other than those two extreme cases, concerning terrorism or the matter you have mentioned. What is important at the moment, though, when we do not want to talk about the past is economic crime. I remember recent arrests of I do not know some hundred persons, border police officers, indirect taxation employees, What has the state gained through your major operation?

about 2.5 million in the Federation and perhaps a million and a half in Republika Srpska. One day a man from the treasury told me that the revenue was 30 million. We have not found anything new, we did not find oil, there was nothing new other than the way people started thinking...

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: So discipline was simply imposed?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well to some extent we have, in this way, certainly introduced discipline and we will work on it. It is our direct jurisdiction and we will try to do the maximum concerning taxes, although it is very difficult.



GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, the other day you have seen that an information was presented that Bosnia and Herzegovina has collected a record six billion revenue. And we saw that there were floods, Croatia entered the European Union, business environment for Bosnia and Herzegovina is quite bad, this was pretty much a bad year for Bosnia and Herzegovina and unlikely as it was the revenues increased. The Prosecutor's Office of BiH has indirectly influenced revenue increases by approximately a billion by just taking actions concerning indirect taxes - by the mere announcement that we will control and prosecute certain companies. If you remember we had some top ten companies there, and the Kekerović case has actually started it all. We had a significant increase in revenue from these things, you yourself said that we had some arrests, we issued indictments

against customs officers, indirect taxation employees, and it was the same with Kemal Čaušević case - those are all segments that contributed. For example, the daily revenue of the Federation and Republika Srpska was somewhere

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Mr. Salihović, you've just said something that is very deadly to everything that was done before. If things were the way you say, how much money has the state then lost from this Kemal Čaušević case?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Probably a huge amount of money was lost, this can best be presented by director Džakula but we see that the budget was increased according to their data. So our thoughts, mine and his, are that what we have done has indirectly influenced the matter for sure.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: ...It has influenced it a lot, I think, out of fear they are probably starting to do their business properly, right?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: They are starting to pay.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: They are starting to pay ... Tell me, tell me what is your relationship with the Court of BiH like? I sometimes have the feeling that you have not completed the Faculty of Law at the same place; some did it in Vitez, some in Sarajevo, some in Belgrade,

some in Travnik?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: You see, that relationship is excellent.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: How can it be a great relationship when you detain people and they let them go?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well the detention itself does not have to mean that someone is guilty or not guilty. To put it in plain language it is a measure that is intended to ensure that we get to indictment more easily. We propose custody, the court sometimes accepts it, sometimes it extends it and then sometimes it does not accept but it is not at all a terrible thing. However, the media has created and the people believe this view that whoever gets released will never be prosecuted or imprisoned. It is not true, I have no problem there. I was a judge my whole life i.e. the court president and in my head I still have that chip of a judge so that represents no problem. It is simply just following the letter of the law on both sides. I think we highly appreciate each other and I think this is the judicial part standing on one side.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Mr. Salihović, but I find it illogical, if judge Izo Tankić sentences Turković to 42 years to see that verdict dismissed. When he passed the verdict the state had its final say on the rule of law !?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: You see, I can now speak for two sides. I can speak as a citizen and that I have done.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Speak anyway you will please. The next thing I know you will tell me that you do not have anything to do with it?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well let me tell you, the Court has quashed the first instance verdict for some procedural reasons, hence the Prosecutor's Office practically had nothing to do with that. The second instance court will probably pass the same or maybe a more severe/lenient sentence and I think that is it. I respect that decision, but as I have said I was unhappy as a citizen and I think I have the right to say that. Essentially, however, we respect the Court's decision.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: I respect the Court's decision, but it seems then that it was directed against Izo Tankić, was it not?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, you see, I cannot say that it is directed against Izo Tankić.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: You do not have to say anything, I said it.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Maybe it is against or maybe there's one other thing, I think that at the time the Court and the Prosecutor's Office were formed it was a great thing and that was the maximum that we could have. Now I think the time has come, and we have the analysis of the Venice Commission, the European Commission, the judicial community and even some politicians, which indicate that we should seriously consider making a second instance court be it Supreme Court or Appellate Court but I think the time has come for us to respect what the European Commission has found. I think we would have greater legal certainty if we get that Court.

are working on this case and we will get to indictment in this case. We are working peacefully with several related countries such as Austria, Germany, Slovenia, it perhaps concerns money laundering in the United States, so it's a fine story in which many people are helping us a lot through this case. I cannot talk specifically about the case. It is said that this is the case that will hit many but we will just go ahead with what we have and we will see....we expect that this will be concluded with an indictment.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: You are convinced that the indictment will follow and that it will be confirmed as all other indictments so far?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: I don't think there will be any...

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: But Mr. Salihović, when people are taken in by SIPA with handcuffs on their hands and then released during the night or in the morning, then the ordinary citizen gets the impression that they are not guilty, that you were wrong to detain. And you told me just now that you are doing your job?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, of course. I am telling you that the decision on remand in custody is up to the Court. We have the right to appeal the decision - sometimes the Court accepts it sometimes it does not. Sometimes the remand in custody is accepted immediately but in any case it is one of the measures that we use to collect evidence to get to indictment. So it's common. Maybe in this situation, as you have said it, where we have media involved maybe that is why it was made a big deal - to use plain language, but in essence things like this always exist. If there is an arrest in any case that we are working on there is bound to get attention.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Okay, but tell me Mr. Salihović, is it necessary for SIPA to barge into people's places with long barrels. Out of courtesy I will not name the Governor of Una-Sana Canton because you were not doing it, but here in Gibraltar they were taken in with handcuffs and escorted home with long barrels, is it necessary?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well you see the one thing...

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Isn't your summons enough for them to come, I think it is, I do not know.



MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Now you are talking to me like Dodik?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, he once said it and I think he is right - we cannot have two courts in one court and that we should consider a second instance court.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Now, let's go to concrete matters, and you can probably imagine what we from the media are most interested about - the "Gibraltar" case. Pompous detention, SIPA taking people in and then they get released during the night, what is going on with the "Gibraltar" case?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well nothing, in the "Gibraltar" case we have, as I told you earlier, proposed a measure that the court did not accept to allow us to get to indictment more easily. Perhaps the Prosecutor's Office was in some way slowed down up to the indictment stage, but maybe it's just as well. Now a team was formed, several Prosecutors

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: I just told you, for the preservation of evidence, in order to get to indictment easier. The assessment and proposal for the order is submitted by a Prosecutor and the Court decides on it - meaning it is not just ours. What I'm saying is that it is estimated whether they should be in custody because of influence on witnesses, due to the fact that certain evidence could be lost, due to the risk of flight, hence it is our estimate and that of the Court that it should be so.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Very well, and who made the decision that the President of the Federation should be taken in with handcuffs and detained?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well the same, a motion was submitted by the Prosecutor's Office and the Court confirmed it should go like that.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Very well, Mr. Salihović, do you think that the detention of Živko Budimir was a coup d'état?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: What coup d'état?!

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: What was it then?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, nothing.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: I do not know, you see there are stories in the media about a gun with a registration that expired the day before, and he won that case, I think, at the court.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: We have charged him with certain things, we issued an indictment. We proposed remand in custody and the Court ordered it. The Court ordered custody. We can also suggest that you jump from the tenth floor, if you understand me. So it was our proposal but the Court confirms remand in custody. The remand in custody was not extended i.e. he was released. We have issued an indictment, the Court declined jurisdiction and transferred the case to a lower level court. What happens there is no longer a part of our job. We had a case recently where we have caught a corrupted PM for taking BAM 20.000 for a job and we issued an indictment.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: In Tuzla, yes.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Yes. The Court declined jurisdiction and transferred it to a lower level court. It is the assessment of the Court, and that's it. We believe that.....

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: And when it is transferred to a lower level, the Cantonal Prosecutor's Office you have not-

hing to do with it anything more?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: We have nothing to do with it, unfortunately.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: You do not have any influence on the Cantonal Prosecutors?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well we do not, how can we?.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: None at all?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: We would have to change the law to have the situation as it is with Bajić in Croatia.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: It's a little strange - it should be like that.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well it should, let's all lobby for it.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Well come on, I think it's a little strange that you cannot do anything with the Cantonal Prosecutor.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well the case is in the indictment stage and the indictment will be issued soon...

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Tell me Mr. Salihović I was always interested, as are - I believe our viewers, who gives those ... those names to operations "Gibraltar" "Meat"?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well the Police, and maybe my Boris and Prosecutors and so on.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Who ever thinks of it eh?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well they agree when they proceed with the operation.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Good. What is your cooperation with SIPA like?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: The cooperation with SIPA is good, no ...



GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, that is the law.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: OK, I want to believe you. Why did you detain Lijanović before the election?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: We went ahead with a motion for remand in custody because, at that moment, we had certain evidence - it has nothing to do with elections. The expert examination was supposed to be finished somewhere in the sixth month but it was prolonged and then there were vacations, hence it was completed in September and we went with it.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: What is it with this "Meat" case how it is ...?

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: How can it be good when you and Goran Zubac are suing each other?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, Goran and I are irrelevant, what matters are the institutions. We have had no problem with SIPA in terms of acting on orders issued by the Prosecutor's Office.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Did you have a problem in "Mehmedović" case?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: We never had a problem there. We acted according to the law, they have proposed detention, we felt that it was not needed and that was it. The actions taken were in accordance with the law. We have very good relations with all police agencies not only with SIPA. I can only commend

the work of all police agencies, since they have worked a lot out in the field. Many police agencies were engaged Ministry of Interior of Republika Srpska, Federation Ministry of the Interior, Brčko District, the Border Police, the Directorate, I can only say that they were working as one body.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Tell me will you have any major operations soon that will be similar to those in the past year, which will again shake the country and make the headlines?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well to tell you the truth, I first have to finish this year's work, there is a lot more to be done before the new year, things to go over. I think that next year we shall have even better results with regards to war crimes and we shall also work on cases concerning economy, corruption, terrorism. My colleagues and I shall make a comprehensive plan and follow it through.



MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Mr. Salihović you carry a great burden. First of all the citizens expect a lot from you, you are a civil servant, you are obliged to work for the benefit of the state and the citizens expect a lot from you, because if the citizens trust the Prosecutor's Office, the Court and SIPA we then have proof of rule of law. To what extent have you, in your own opinion, responded to this demand, this desire, and this concern of citizens?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, I told you that it was first necessary to strengthen the institution, which means there is plenty of ...

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: You have complained about it when you came.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Yes and a lot of time was lost. A lot of time.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: You had the people....and people had consideration, hence you have strengthened the Prosecutor's Office.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Yes and I will take this opportunity to thank the Council of Ministers, the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance, all those who had the understanding, and that includes all Ministers in the Council of Ministers, who had strengthened the institution. There are also IPA funds which have given us ...

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: If I were the Chief Prosecutor the Council of Ministers would have built me a golden building.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: As you have said, they all expected us to work, so we had to work hard and to show results. I cannot of course be fully satisfied, but if

Dodik, the "Racketeering".

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well no one ...

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Was the "Racketeering" finally brought to an end?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well I think the "Racketeering" was transferred to the Canton as well.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Well it seems that whatever you touch just gets transferred to Canton.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: I came and all ... I have not found anything... I told you this last time, I did not ...

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Everything was transferred to the Canton?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Everything was there. I said that in fact we started building cases. No one will be arrested if there is no evidence.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: What are your relations with the media like, I know you are in midst of law suits with some fellow journalists?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, I think that they are correct, I have always been open, and I have nothing to hide. Of course I shall sue in case of a lie and falsehood. I started winning the cases and cashing in on judgments that have to be published as well ... certain judgments were published and I plan to do the same in the future - sue for lies and slander and remain open for fairness.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: What does lie and slander mean, you sued Slobodna Bosna right?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well I sued Slobodna Bosna and all those who came forward with lies and untruths.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: What was the lie and slander?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: I do not know, there were a lot of cases in all media. For example, this ... well I cannot even remember now.... there was a lot of that, but there were some untruths ...

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: As I recall, it was your travels, the fact that you took people who are not employees of the Prosecutor's Office with you and so on.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: I did not take anyone, it was not the travels. It's probably because I labeled travels as confidential. I had done it for safety reasons. You have seen what's going on. Is it necessary for them to know where the Prosecutor is going, since his head is in the bag? For example, when I go to Ser-

bia, and I go, I first go to Orašje then to Serbia. I do not go directly, because I am wiretapped and threatened and many other things. You've seen lately that I am in...

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Wait, who is wiretapping you, who is wiretapping the Prosecutor?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, perhaps some foreign forces ...

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Ours cannot, because they cannot do so without your consent.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well they should not...they do not have that consent, of course, of course.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: No, no, without your consent there can be no interception.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Of course. So there should be some caution involved.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Good. Let me ask you something, now that you are talking about it, who guarantees safety to your Prosecutors? I see that Mrs. Diana Kajmaković and Oleg Čavka are often mentioned, if not most often, I even think that there was something wrong with the vehicle of Mrs. Kajmaković, right? Who guarantees safety for them?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: It is not just the two of them, the other day I listed some ten Prosecutors. There is Dubravko and the fact that an apartment of a colleague was broken into the other day, many vehicles were stolen, I was threatened with murder then Dubravko Čampara and then ... So, to put it simply, we are all in danger in some way. My assessment is that we need to change the laws when it comes to security that we have to strengthen the penalties; that we will need to look into how the system works in the United States - where the Marshals protect Prosecutors and Judges; that we simply need to work on this. This job is extremely dangerous.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Especially in the Balkans.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Oh it is dangerous everywhere, it is extremely dangerous and I think that Judges and Prosecutors do not have adequate protection. Those targeted first are Prosecutors and Judges of course. I need not highlight anyone in particular as we are all completely vulnerable. Now I am tel-

ling you, and I have never mentioned before that I was in danger or Dubravko, but in principle I think that these issues are becoming more frequent lately and we will ask the state for protection and amendments to legal authorizations.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Time for the second block of commercials.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Mr. Salihović what is the length of your mandate?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: The mandate is six years.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Why is it six years, is there a political influence on you? They have a four year duration but to be honest they have lasted for 22 years.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well no, it is a concept in the Law on the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council, the mandate of the President of the Court and Prosecutor at higher levels is six years, and for those at lower levels four years.



MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Let's concentrate on the future. This road that you have mapped, laid out, what would you wish for by the end of that six-year mandate, we will not talk about the new mandate - it's early, you have not halved this mandate did you?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: It will be two years in February.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Well, you have not even halved it. What do you wish to achieve for the next four years?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, to strengthen the institution in the sense that we can respond adequately to these war crimes that are an enormous burden, to try to handle as many exhumation cases as possible. We were able to find the highest number of missing persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina; we had 32 000 missing persons, some 23 000 were found and there is still some ten thousand people missing which is a very high number. Hence I would like

to see things come to an end in this segment, also

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: But you have introduced some sort of order there too, you asked for the review of those...

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, yes, mortuaries, and we made some progress because the situation in the morgues is now filtered, as there were bodies there dating from the WW1, WW2 and this latest war, and we now simply get a better picture. I wish this cooperation - regional cooperation that we will have set up in Sarajevo under the auspices of the UN, to provide results and thus filter out cases that will be adequate for Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. We in Bosnia and Herzegovina are greatly interested in such a body because we have the most crimes and criminals and with the understanding of the UN, the international community and especially Serbia and Croatia, it should become functional.

As for the corruption and economic crime I plan to strengthen this part too. I will ask the new government and the international community, to form another team of 7 to 10 Prosecutors for corruption, as the existing number cannot respond sufficiently. We will also seek to create a Counter Corruption Task Force similar to the Counter Terrorism Task Force and Task Force combating Human Trafficking to link all police authorities which should yield results.

We are simply committed and ready to fight against all forms of crime and there are no obstacles, other than the need for assistance. So, I'm looking for understanding of the politics, the media, and the international community and we are willing to work hard.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: I remember saying, oh I do not know some 10 years ago in this show, that this country needs an Eliot Ness. Are you ready to engage the core of the problem as Eliot Ness?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, you see, I would not compare myself to anyone, but I'm ready. The moment I left the position of President of the Court, in which the situation was extremely good, to accept this position I was aware that this is one of the most difficult positions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, especially in our surroundings where everything is looked at three times. Maybe what my colleagues from Serbia and Croatia often say: "It is the hardest for you in Bosnia as you have to look at it from

three angles." is really true.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Well, what has then motivated you to apply for the Chief Prosecutor position from that beauty you have made?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well the fact that I want to help this country and its citizens and myself , to help get us into the European Union as soon as possible, to try to meet those standards that are required in all segments and to try to make a step forward, and then another person will come and then another after us, and we will go forward. Well that was the desire and I think I have enough courage, knowledge and the will to go on. Now, if it fails, someone else will come. So ...

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Tell me Mr. Salihović how important in your work is cooperation with citizens, how much do citizens help you?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well I can tell you that a lot of people help, and we get the most useful information from the media. For instance we get the information on corruption, war crimes and any other segment from the media and we even form cases based on information from the media. Of course we have the police force - police agencies that collect evidence on the ground and who are doing high-quality work, and also the citizens. However, our awareness is still not at the level where corruption or anything else is well reported. Our people are willing to pay for corruption, but are not willing to report, to cooperate. I would like to use this opportunity to invite all citizens and the media to report corruption and we will try to respond to the needs in this segment, because we cannot go forward without this cooperation.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: And is the Prosecutor's Office obliged, if it reads a particular story on corruption in the media (it does not matter where - I do not want to call for it anywhere) react?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, you see, we often react. If we believe that we could get some segments out of it, we will form the case. I often say to Boris there was a show on the other day record it so that we can analyze it and see what we can find, or some media articles, but it would be even better if it would be reported properly as it was the case with a lady that was practically "racketeered" by an MP, where she reported it and we carried out an operation that was completed in two days, be-

cause we have practically recorded the entire event. So to put it simply, without the help, I have to say that ...

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: And how Mr. Salihović, of course that citizens should always be called to report

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: The help of citizens, the media and politics is essential...

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: And who will protect those citizens?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well the State will protect them, we will protect them.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: How?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well, as we have protected the aforementioned lady or others who were in fact granted all the protection from us.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: You mention good relations with the media, other than those you have sued...

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well I do not think I am in a bad relationship with them either. I sue the journalist who is not a professional, and I respect the media. The journalist must be a professional. It is essential that we have a balance of information in the media i.e. that both sides be heard.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: And how do you distinguish what is the truth and what a lie, what was ordered and what not when for example, there are articles in the media on specific people whose character is under attack, or a specific politician?

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Well look, there was a TV report on one of the broadcasters yesterday where they asked us to respond with regards to non-implementation of constitutional decisions and we did. We stated that there are 80 cases that are in their specific stages and that our top priority is the decision "Sejdić-Finci". This broadcaster reported that we have launched an investigation into the non-compliance with the decision on our salaries, which is utterly ridiculous, and did not even report on the matter that is a priority. So it is malicious if you understand. Things like that should not happen if we wish to be correct.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Several times in the show you have mentioned Boris, you did not add a surname, namely that refers to a colleague Boris Grubešić who is a spokesman for the Prosecutor's Office and when he was leaving the state television to go to your Office he said

that he would often be on television.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Yes.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: And since you came, he can indeed be seen more often on TV than when he was on the central news.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: He is a real star. I think Boris does his job very well; that although he is not a lawyer he has become a very good lawyer. He keeps a lot of information in his head and I think that he is correct and fair to the press. I believe he provides them with what they ask for, hence any institution would be happy to have Boris.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: No, I did not want to talk about him.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Yes.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: It is fair to mention The full name of a colleague since you have mentioned him, but what I wanted to say is that you work on so many cases that the spokesman is always the center of attention for information. I would like to see you continue with this work, because again I return to the citizens - the citizens must trust the Court, the Prosecutor's Office and SIPA.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Not only SIPA, but all the Police.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Politics....

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Police, Police, all the Police.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Of course the police, when I say SIPA ... I do mean the Police.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Yes, yes.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Because first of all they need to be trusted, if they are trusted the time will come that the politicians would be trusted too. Mr. Salihović thank you for taking the time for an interview with OBN television - I know you do not give interviews. I hope that you were comfortable here. I wish you a very Happy New Year and good luck in the coming years.

GORAN SALIHOVIĆ: Thank you Mato. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to you and your viewers. I hope it will be a better year.

MATO ĐAKOVIĆ: Dear viewers this was the last Telering in this year, Happy New Year and see you in 2015. Stay with OBN TV. Thank you.



Trilateralni sastanak glavnih tužilaca iz BiH, Srbije i Hrvatske - Gorana Salihovića, Vladimira Vukčevića i Dinka Cvitana, na kojem je razgovarano o jačanju saradnje na osnovu Protokola o saradnji u predmetima ratnih zločina, održan je u zgradi Misije UN-a u Sarajevu, u januaru 2015. godine.



Trilateral meeting of Chief Prosecutors from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Croatia: Goran Salihović, Vladimir Vukčević and Dinko Cvitan was held in the building of the UN Mission in Sarajevo in January 2015. The parties discussed strengthening of the cooperation on the basis of the Protocol on cooperation in war crimes cases.

