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YEAR 2018 – 15 YEARS OF OPERATION AND EXISTENCE OF PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BiH



**OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW BUILDING
OF PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BiH ON 4 DECEMBER 2017**

After 15 years of its operation, the Prosecutor's Office of BiH is finally in a new building. The building provides adequate accommodation for its employees and capacities for their work.



At the BiH HJPC session held on 23 January 2019, Gordana Tadić was elected Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. She will take office on 1 February 2019. This Bulletin presents activities carried out while she was discharging the duties of Acting Chief Prosecutor.



Dear readers,

We are presenting you with a new issue of the Bulletin of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in which you will be able to see an overview of some of the most important activities in the past period, which were essential for the operation of this institution, as well as for our cooperation with partner institutions and agencies.

Over the past period, a new building financed by the EU and Bosnia and Herzegovina was constructed and a number of activities were carried out, which were important for the rule of law process, cooperation among judicial, law enforcement and security institutions, international cooperation and our participation in joint activities with EU countries. Some other important activities that marked the operation of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in the past two years were also carried out.

Over the two past years, the Prosecutor's Office of BiH achieved significant results in all of its departments, in which some of the most comprehensive indictments in the history of the institution were filed, and these results significantly contributed to the process of bringing our country closer to European integrations.

In the forthcoming period, we will endeavour to increase efficiency and improve the quality of work with a view to strengthening the rule of law and citizens' trust.

On this path, we have significant support from citizens of BiH, as well as good cooperation with local and international institutions with which we work with the same goal, namely to preserve and strengthen the rule of law on the road to European integration and to create a safe environment for the lives of all the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Sincerely,

*Gordana Tadić
Acting Chief Prosecutor
of the Prosecutor's Office
of Bosnia and Herzegovina*



OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS, MORE THAN 5450 PERSONS WERE INDICTED FOR CRIMINAL OFFENCES FALLING WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BiH

SIGNIFICANT RESULTS OF BiH PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN 2017

Indictments were issued in 187 cases against 366 persons, namely for war crimes, organised crime, financial crime, terrorism, corruptive criminal offences, illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and other criminal offences falling within the jurisdiction of the BiH Prosecutor's Office

In war crimes cases, indictments were issued against 89 persons and in the Special Department for Organised Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption and Department III indictments were issued against 277 persons.

In 2017, the Prosecutor's Office of BiH achieved significant results in an effort to establish the rule of law and prosecute criminal offences falling within its jurisdiction. In all three prosecutorial departments, indictments were issued in a total of 187 cases against 366 persons.

Last year the Special Department for War Crimes issued indictments in 38 cases against 89 persons and thus the total number of those indicted for war crimes and serious violations of international humanitarian law has risen to the total of 781 accused persons.

The Special Department for War Crimes issued indictments in, *inter alia*, very complex cases relating to a large number of victims and a larger number of indictments were also issued for war crimes of rape and sexual abuse committed in all parts of BiH.

It should also be noted that in the past year our employees took part in around 150 activities related to the processes of exhumation and identification of missing persons and that the exhumations were carried out in all weather conditions and often in very hard-to-access locations.

Within its operation in the course of 2017, the Special Department for Organised Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption issued indictments in 96 cases against 210 persons. The number of indictees was increased by 14% compared to the previous year.

Last year, some of the most complex indictments in the history of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH were filed for financial crime cases, which included amounts exceeding BAM 100 million. Indictments were also issued in a number of cases related to terrorism and departures of BiH citizens to foreign battlefields.

In 2017, Department III filed indictments in 53 cases against 67 persons. In the operation of this Department there were several cases relating to corruption and corruptive criminal offences committed by officials of the institutions of BiH.

It is important to note that the Prosecutor's Office of BiH continuously achieves ever better results, as the quota achieved in 2017 was 136.42% and the quality of work, expressed in percentage, was 93.58%.



New Building of BiH Prosecutor's Office

ACTING CHIEF PROSECUTOR GORDANA TADIĆ PRESENTED IN HJPC BiH REPORT ON OPERATION OF PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BiH FOR 2017



Presentation of the Report on 9 July 2018



*Gordana Tadić, Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH,
and Milan Tegeltija, President of the HJPC BiH, addressing the press*

NEW BUILDING OF PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BiH – JOINT EU AND BiH FUNDS AND SUPPORT FROM HJCP BiH RESULTED IN NEW CAPACITIES FOR PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BiH

The new building of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, the construction of which was funded by EU and BiH institutions with the support of the HJCP BiH, was officially opened by Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, and Gordana Tadić, Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.

The official opening was attended by members of the diplomatic corps to BiH, numerous national and international officials, as well as by officials from judicial, law enforcement and security institutions, representatives of international organisations, numerous members of the press and guests.



HE Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, and HE Lars-Gunnar Wigemark, EU Special Representative to BiH, arriving to the official opening



Welcoming invitees at the official opening on 4 December 2017



Invitees gathering at the official opening of the new building of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH on 4 December 2017



Cutting the ceremonial ribbon at the opening of the new building of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH



HE Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, and Gordana Tadić, Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, taking a tour of the new building



Gordana Tadić, Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, and HE Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, at the opening of the new building



Numerous press and media representatives covered the official opening of the new building of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH



HE Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy and Gordana Tadić, Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, addressing the press

SOLEMN RECEPTION TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF NEW BUILDING OF PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BIH, 4 DECEMBER 2017



*Judges of the Constitutional Court of BiH,
Mirsad Ćeman and Mato Tadić*



Vice-president of the HJPC BiH, Ružica Jukić



President of the Court of BiH Ranko Debevec



*President of FBiH Supreme Court, Milorad
Novković, HJPC BiH member – Selim Karamehić
and Deputy Chief Disciplinary Prosecutor,
Mirza H. Omerović*



*President of the RS Supreme Court, Vesna Antičić,
and HJPC BiH member, Violanda Šubarić*



*Secretary of the Ministry of Justice of BiH, Željko
Bogut, and officials of the Judicial Police of BiH*

PROSECUTORS AND EMPLOYEES OF PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BiH ATTENDING SOLEMN OPENING



15 YEARS OF OPERATION AND EXISTENCE







In the summer of 2018, the Acting Chief Prosecutor and members of the Office of the Chief Prosecutor, as well as prosecutors and staff of the Special Department for Organised Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption and Department III, moved into the new building of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH which provides conditions for better and more efficient work.



Mr Serge Brammertz, Chief Prosecutor of the IRMCT, paid a visit to the Prosecutor's Office of BiH

ACTIVITIES OF THE ACTING CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE GORDANA TADIĆ AND HER ASSOCIATES IN THE PROCESS OF PRESENTING THE OPERATION OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BiH AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE RULE OF LAW AND CITIZENS' TRUST IN THE WORK OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BiH

ACTING CHIEF PROSECUTOR GORDANA TADIĆ AT UN CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Gordana Tadić, delivered a presentation at the UNDP Annual Conference entitled 'Strengthening the Rule of Law for Sustainable Peace and Development' held in New York.



New York, June 2017

The main part of the presentation related to the activities and efforts of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina to ensure that no war crimes remain unsanctioned and that the work on war crimes cases be improved through regional cooperation with Prosecutors' Offices from the neighbouring countries.

The Acting Chief Prosecutor talked about the rule of law after 22 years of peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the merits and legacy of the ICTY, as well as about the judicial efforts in Bosnia and Herzegovina to ensure the rule of law, peace and security for all citizens.

ACTIVITIES ON PROSECUTION OF WAR CRIMES CASES

At meetings with representatives of war crime victims' associations from the entire Bosnia and Herzegovina, there was discussion on the process of searching for missing persons in our country, as well as about activities in the processes of exhumations and identification of mortal remains found.

Together with the institutions and organisations taking part in these processes, the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina will carry on with intensive work on finding missing persons.



Meeting of the officials of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH with Mr Serge Brammertz, Chief Prosecutor of the ICTY, and representatives of war crime victims' associations in BiH, Sarajevo

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BiH WORKS ON CASES OF SEARCHING FOR MISSING PERSONS IN BiH



Exhumation at the site of Korićanske stijene /Korićani Rocks/, Vlašić Mt in Central Bosnia



Exhumation at a site in Zavidovići, 27 October 2017

REGIONAL COOPERATION IN PROSECUTION OF WAR CRIMES CASES



Meeting of officials of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH with counterparts from the Office of the War Crimes Prosecutor of Serbia, Belgrade, October 2017



Top-ranking officials of the Prosecutor's Offices in the region (BiH, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro) at a conference in Istanbul in September 2018, organised by the UNDP



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On 7 July 2017, Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH Gordana Tadić met with UNDP program officials headed by Mrs Sezin Sinanoglu, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Project Resident Representative to BiH

ACTING CHIEF PROSECUTOR GORDANA TADIĆ AND OFFICIALS OF PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BiH MET WITH DELEGATION OF PROSECUTORS FROM MONTENEGRO

During the visit, the colleagues from Montenegro were presented the history, internal organisation and results of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, as well as its activities in the area of media and public relations and cooperation with local community.



Visit of colleagues from Montenegro on 6 July 2017

ACTING CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BiH MET WITH EUROJUST DATA PROTECTION OFFICER



On 14 January 2019 the Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, Gordana Tadić and Prosecutors tasked with data protection and co-operation with EUROJUST, Mersudin Pružan and Milanko Kajganić, met with the Data Pro-

tection Officer and Head of the Data Protection Service at EUROJUST, Diana Alonso Blas, as well as with Malči Gabrijelčić, an expert of the IPA 2017 "Countering Serious Crime in the Western Balkans".

INTER-INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION IN WORK ON WAR CRIMES CASES

In the past period, meetings on more efficient work on war crime cases were held between officials from the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, its Special Department for War Crimes, and officials from the Court of BiH and respective Entity and Brčko District judicial institutions.



Meetings were also held with judges of the BiH Court Standing Trial Panel for War Crimes Cases.



The first working meeting between the Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, Gordana Tadić, and the newly appointed President of the Court of BiH, Ranko Debevec, was held in February

In the meeting, it was concluded that the prosecution of cases in accordance with the highest legal standards, within the jurisdiction of each of the respective institutions stipulated by law, as well as professionalism, collegiality and independence, would be the basic principles of cooperation in the forthcoming period.



Meeting Tadić-Debevec on 2 February 2017

DELEGATION OF PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF BiH VISITED CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF BiH

Officials of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina headed by the Acting Chief Prosecutor Gordana Tadić visited the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina and met with the President and other officials of the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina.



Visit to the Constitutional Court on 13 April 2017

COLLEGIUMS OF PROSECUTORIAL DEPARTMENTS

After taking office, Acting Chief Prosecutor Gordana Tadić held several collegiums with prosecutors from all three prosecutorial departments of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. The subject matters discussed included the results of work, priorities,

planned activities and all other relevant segments falling within the scope of work of the prosecutorial departments, as well as the application of the amended Criminal Procedure Code of BiH in the work of prosecutors of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH.



Collegium of the Special Department for War Crimes, September 2018



Collegium of Department III of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, 19 October 2018



Collegium of the Special Department for Organised Crime Economic, Crime and Corruption, September 2018

Good results of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH were accomplished through team work and collegial cooperation of the Acting Chief Prosecutor, Heads of Departments, Heads of Sections, Prosecutors, Administration and professional staff, to-

gether with all employees of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, who will keep on working in the future to improve the efficiency and quality of work for the purpose of strengthening the rule of law and citizens' trust.

COOPERATION WITH PARTNER INSTITUTIONS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



Meeting between Acting Chief Prosecutor, Gordana Tadić, and Director of State Investigation and Protection Agency-SIPA, Perica Stanić



Meeting between Acting Chief Prosecutor, Gordana Tadić, and Director of the Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies, Mirsad Vilić, 29 November 2017



Meeting between Acting Chief Prosecutor, Gordana Tadić, and Director of Agency for Prevention of Corruption and Coordination of Fight against Corruption (APIK), Hasim Šabotić



Meeting between Acting Chief Prosecutor, Gordana Tadić, and Director of Agency for Protection of Personal Data (AZOP BiH), Petar Kovačević



Meeting of officials of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, Public Procurement Agency of BiH and SIPA regarding joint activities in prosecuting criminal offences relating to irregularities in public procurement processes, November 2018



Meeting with officials from the Agency for Forensic and Expert Examinations (AFIV), 8 May 2018

Prosecutor's Office of BiH hosts 7TH meeting of Strategic forum



Photos from the meeting held in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH on 30 May 2017

A regular meeting of the Strategic Forum of top officials of Prosecutor's Offices and police authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina was held in the premises of the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The host of the meeting was Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, Gordana Tadić.

The meeting was held as a continuation of successful cooperation between these institutions through the operation of the Strategic Forum, which was entirely devoted to the discussion on capacities of the Prosecutor's Offices and police authorities to investigate and prosecute war crime cases.

Protocol on Establishing Operational Forum for Cooperation between Prosecutor's Office of BiH and SIPA Signed

A Protocol on Establishing the Operational Forum for Cooperation between the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and SIPA was signed on 13 July 2018, within the project "Strengthening Prosecutorial Capacities in the Criminal Justice System" implemented by the HJPC BiH, with the support of the Swiss and Norwegian governments.



Meeting of Task Force for Fight against Terrorism



A photo from the meeting in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, 19.02.2018

Meeting of Task Force for Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings and Organised Illegal Immigration



A photo from the meeting in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, 21.05.2018

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH will continue to strengthen coordination and cooperation among judicial, police and security agencies, as well as work

in teams, in the future, as these are key elements for achieving good results, especially in complex cases involving multiple agencies.

Cooperation with OSCE Mission to BiH, NGOs and Educational Institutions



A three-day conference organised by the OSCE Mission to BiH on prosecution of war crimes cases was held in Sarajevo between 23 and 25 April 2018 and was attended by Prosecutors and staff working on war crimes cases



Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, Gordana Tadić, and officials of the Special Department for War Crimes attended the presentation of results of the analyses of mortal remains carried out on an instruction of the Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, which was delivered by the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP)

Delegation of Judges from FR Germany Visited Prosecutor's Office of BiH and Met with Acting Chief Prosecutor Gordana Tadić



In the meeting, the colleagues from Germany were acquainted with the competencies, internal organisation, operation and results of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH achieved over a period of 15 years of its existence, as well as with the activities which the Prosecutor's Office of BiH is undertaking to strengthen the rule of law and to bring Bosnia and Herzegovina closer to European integration.

Meeting with Colleagues from French Judicial Institutions, 17 April 2018



Visit by Serge Brammertz, IRMCT Chief Prosecutor, 22 May 2018



Meeting with Colleagues from Montenegro within UNDP Project of Strengthening Regional Cooperation of Prosecutor's Offices



Meeting of 2017 IPA Project Management Board – Countering Serious Crime in the Western Balkans



A conference on countering cross-border crime was held in Brdo kod Kranja, Slovenia, on 16.03.2018

Meeting within 2017 IPA Project Activities



A photo from the meeting, IPA 2017 project – Countering Serious Crime in the Western Balkans implemented by GIZ, CILC and Italian MoI, 28 March 2018

Meeting and Conference of EUROJUST in Podgorica, Montenegro, 11 June 2018



Delegation of Prosecutor's Office of BiH Had Bilateral Meeting with Klaus Meyer-Cabri, Vice-President of EUROJUST



On 29 June 2018, the Acting Chief Prosecutor attended a conference of organised crime prosecutors, which was held in Skopje, FRY Macedonia. At this 4th international conference the Acting Chief Prosecutor presented the operation and re-

sults of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in the field of countering terrorism.

The issues discussed at the conference included the prosecution of organised crime cases and cases of other forms of organised crime.



A photo from the conference, Skopje, June/July 2018



Representatives of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH at a reception on the occasion of the retirement of Charles W. Bennett, ICITAP Project Manager, 25 January 2018



Meeting, Winpro 3 – Witness Protection project, 20 February 2018



Joint international operations in countering cross-border and international crime were implemented through cooperation of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH with partner prosecutorial, judicial and

law enforcement agencies from a number of countries, within which joint investigative teams were established.

Currently, about 30 international operations are underway, involving prosecutors of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH in cooperation with institutions from EU countries and around the world.

DIPLOMATIC CORNER



Meeting between Gordana Tadić, Acting Chief Prosecutor, with HE Valentin Inzko, High Representative of International Community to BiH, 21 September 2017



Meeting between Gordana Tadić, Acting Chief Prosecutor with HE Luigi Pezzuto, Apostolic Nuncio to BiH, December 2017



On 11 November 2016, the Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH with her associates met with officials of the EU Delegation to BiH in charge of the judicial and rule of law process



Meeting between Gordana Tadić, Acting Chief Prosecutor, and Bruce G. Berton, Head of OSCE Mission to BiH, 11 September 2017



On 23 August 2017 a meeting between Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH Gordana Tadić and Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ambassador Jonathan Moore was held at the premises of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH. Ambassador Moore paid a farewell visit to the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as part of the completion of his engagement within the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina.



Gordana Tadić, Acting Chief Prosecutor, met and had talks with HE Reinout Caspar Vos, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to BiH, 14 August 2018



Meeting between Gordana Tadić, Acting Chief Prosecutor and HE Edward Ferguson, UK Ambassador to BiH, 27 July 2018



On 8 November 2016, the Acting Chief Prosecutor of BiH, Gordana Tadić, met with Swiss Confederation Ambassador to BiH, HE Andrea Rauber Saxer



Gordana Tadić, Acting Chief Prosecutor, met with HE Nicolo Minasi, Ambassador of the Republic of Italy to BiH, 17 October 2017

The Prosecutor's Office of BiH would like to thank law enforcement and security agencies in BiH, all judicial institutions in BiH, HJPC BiH, NGOs, Associations of War Crimes Victims, representatives of Embassies and International Community to BiH, citizens and media for successful cooperation so far.

In memoriam Milorad Barašin (1961-2018)



On 26 July 2018 employees of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH received sad news that after struggling with a serious illness, the Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, Milorad Barašin, died in a hospital in Mostar.

Prosecutor Barašin spent 11 years working in the Prosecutor's Office of BiH as a Prosecutor, Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Head of Special Department for War Crimes, Acting Chief Prosecutor and Chief Prosecutor and will remain in the memories of his colleagues primarily as a good man and great professional.

In addition to the members of the Barašin family, the commemoration and burial were attended by several hundreds of people, citizens, friends, colleagues, representatives from cultural, sports and public spheres of life, as well as by top officials from BiH and Entity-level judicial and other institutions.

The staff of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH will remember Milorad Barašin with pride and respect.



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