COURT OF BIH

WEEKLY REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Sections I, II and III

(6-10 May 2024)

- On 3 May 2024 the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina issued a Decision in the case of Zdravko Šagolj et al. (S1 2 K 047596 24 Krn), granting the Prosecutor's Motion, and remanded the suspect Zdravko Šogolj in continued custody, previously ordered by the Court's Decision, to last for the next two (2) months, i.e. until 4 July 2024, or until the Court issues a new decision, on specific custody grounds set forth in Article 132(1), Subparagraphs a) and b), CPC BiH.
- In ruling on a motion filed by the BiH Prosecutor's Office, on 5 May 2024, the Court of BiH issued a decision in the case of Zdravko Čvorić and ordered the suspect Zdravko Čvorić into custody, which can last no longer than one month, running from the arrest day, that is, until 4 June 2024, or a new Court's decision, due to the existing particular custody grounds set forth in Article 132(1) a) and b) of the CPC BiH, that is, due to a risk of flight and a fear that, if released, the suspect will destroy, conceal, alter or forge evidence and clues of relevance to the criminal proceedings, and exert influence on witnesses, accomplices or concealers.

The suspect Zdravko Čvorić has been charged with commission of the criminal offense of War Crimes against Civilian Population in violation of Article 142(1) of the Criminal Code of the Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia.

MONDAY, 6 May 2024

 Having held a guilty plea agreement consideration hearing and sentencing hearing in the case of Damir Kadrić (S1 3 K 047438 24 K), on 6 May 2024 the Court of BiH delivered a Judgment finding the accused Damir Kadrić guilty of the criminal offense of Smuggling of People under Article 189(2) of the Criminal Code of Bosnia and Herzegovina, so the Court sentenced him to six (6) months of imprisonment.

CASE	JUDGE/PANEL	HEARING
Section II Nijaz Halilović et al. S1 2 K 041113 24 K	Mirza Đozo	Three witnesses for the Prosecution
Section II Simbad Bajrektarević S1 2 K 047870 24 Krn	Šaban Maksumić	Consideration of continued custody motion
Section III Damir Kadrić S1 3 K 047438 24 K	Biljana Ćuković	Consideration of a statement on the admission of guilt
Section III Damir Kadrić S1 3 K 047438 24 K	Biljana Ćuković	Judgment pronouncement

TUESDAY, 7 May 2024

- On 7 May 2024 the Court issued a Decision in the case of Simbad Bajrektarević (S1 2 K 047870 24 Krn), remanding the accused Simbad Bajraktarević in continued custody, previously ordered by the Court's Decision, so that, according to the Decision, it may last for two (2) months, i.e. until 6 July 2024 or until the Court issues a new decision, on specific custody grounds set forth in Article 132(1), Subparagraphs a) and b), CPC BiH.
- Having held a hearing to deliberate on a guilty plea agreement and a sentencing hearing, on 7 May 2024, in the case of Srđan Cvek, the Court delivered a judgment finding the accused Srđan Cvek guilty of the criminal offense of Tax Evasion or Fraud in violation of Article 210(1) and (2) of the Criminal Code of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as read with Article 54 of the same Code.

The Court imposed on the accused a prison sentence for a term of **six (6) months,** and, in addition, fined the accused with **2,000.00 BAM.** The time the accused spent in custody, running from 12 April 2024 onwards, was credited towards the imposed prison sentence.

Pursuant to the relevant legal provisions, the proceeds of crime were confiscated from the accused in the amount of 125,390.00 BAM, which has

been already paid to the Indirect Taxation Authority within administrative proceedings by the legal entity "VEDI MANI" d.o.o. Prnjavor, whose director and responsible person is the accused Srđan Cvek.

The accused was charged that, as director and responsible person of the legal entity "VEDI MANI" d.o.o. Prnjavor, in 2015, with an intent to unjustifiably obtain funds return based on indirect taxes and to avoid paying duties provided for in the BiH tax legislation, knowing that the prerequisites prescribed in the Law on Value Added Tax were not satisfied, he provided false data on the acquired taxable income of the said legal entity, in as much as he filed with the UINO BiH a VAT report for July 2015, with false substance and falsely indicated amount of indirect tax return. Thereby, he requested from the BiH Indirect Taxation Authority a return of the input VAT in a total amount of 134,032.00 BAM. The referenced amount contained an unjustified request for the input VAT return in the amount of 121,470.00 BAM. In addition, he filed with the UINO BiH, a VAT report for August 2015 with false substance, having omitted to calculate and report the VAT tax duty in the amount of 3,920.00 BAM, all of which in total amounts to 125,390.00 BAM of the VAT duty.

In the same case, following the announcement of the judgment, the Court issued a decision **terminating custody of the accused Srđan Cvek** ordered under the Court's previous decision.

CASE	JUDGE/PANEL	HEARING
Section I Borislav Paravac et al. S1 1 K 020503 16 Kri	Davorin Jukić Darko Samardžić Minka Kreho	Closing argument by the Prosecution
Section II Elvira Bajramović et al. S1 2 K 046288 24 K	Goran Radević	Status conference
Section II Srđan Cvek S1 2 K 033292 24 Ko	Dragan Vukajlović	Guilty plea agreement consideration
Section I Pero Radić et al. S1 1 K 034308 20 Kri	Minka Kreho Željka Marenić Tatjana Kosović	One witness for the Prosecution
Section I Dževad Mlaćo et al. S1 1 K 047075 24 K	Tanja Curović Željka Marenić Minka Kreho	Two witnesses for the Prosecution

WEDNESDAY, 8 May 2024

CASE	JUDGE/PANEL	HEARING
Section I Zijad Kadrić et al. S1 1 K 044290 23 Kri	Braco Stupar Davorin Jukić Lejla Konjić Dragović	Two witnesses for the Prosecution
Section II Selim Delić et al. S1 2 K 046675 23 Krn	Tatjana Kosović	Consideration of Prosecutor's Motion to impose restrictive measures
Section I Ejup Ganić et al. S1 1 K 042762 22 Kri	Darko Samardžić Tanja Curović Jasmina Ćosić Dedović	One witness for the Prosecution
Section II Samir Nukić S1 2 K 047564 24 K	Biljana Ćuković	Four witnesses for the Prosecution
Section III Sifi Mariem S1 3 K 039040 20 K	Biljana Ćuković	Opening of trial
Section I Dževad Avdičević et al. S1 1 K 032800 22 Kri	Miroslav Popović Dragan Vukajlović Enida Hadžiomerović	Two witnesses for the Prosecution
Section I Savo Tepić et al. S1 1 K 014788 24 Krž	Redžib Begić Staniša Gluhajić Amela Huskić	Session of Appellate Division Panel
Section I Dragan Babić et al. S1 1 K 046543 23 Kri	Enida Hadžiomerović Miroslav Popović Dragan Vukajlović	Video conference examination of a witness for the Prosecution
Section I Veljko Brajić et al. S1 1 K 047174 24 Kri	Braco Stupar Lejla Konjić Dragović Davorin Jukić	Status conference

THURSDAY, 9 May 2024

 In the case of Jacek Andrej Zawitowski (S1 3 K 047351 24 Eks 3), the procedure of extradition of the requested person Jacek Andrej Zawitowski under an extradition request filed by the Polish Ministry of Justice, for the purpose of completing the remainder of the prison sentence he received by a Polish court, ruling on the Motion filed by the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina to remand the requested person in extradition custody, having held a hearing, on 9 May 2024 the Court issued a Decision terminating the requested person's provisional custody and remanding the requested person in extradition custody, so that according to the Decision it may last until the extradition decision is carried out or until the Court issues a new decision, but not longer than six months running from the day of arrest, i.e. from 1 April 2024 to 1 October 2024.

CASE	JUDGE/PANEL	HEARING
Section I Jovo Jandrić et al. S1 1 K 044249 23 Mpom	Dragan Vukajlović	Video conference examination of a witness for the needs of a proceeding conducted at another court
Section III Andrzey Jacek Zawitowski S1 3 K 047351 24 Eks	Jasmina Ćosić Dedović	Extradition procedure
Section III Celestino Froner S1 3 K 047429 24 K	Biljana Ćuković	Opening of trial

FRIDAY, 10 May 2024

CASE	JUDGE/PANEL	HEARING
Section II Boban Janjić S1 2 K 046530 24 Ko	Maksumić Šaban	Arraignment
Section II Dragan Babić et al. S1 1 K 046543 23 Kri	Hadžiomerović Enida Popović Miroslav Vukajlović Dragan	One witness for the Prosecution
Section III Huso Golać S1 3 K 044406 24 K	Mirza Đozo	Opening of trial, opening statements
Section III Suvada Halilović et al. S1 3 K 044736 23 K	Hasija Mašović	One witness for the Defense

Section III Ivica Matković S1 3 K 043867 22 Eks	Biljana Ćuković	Extradition procedure
Section III Kalamanda Tovilović Stefan Mariano et al. S1 3 K 047923 24 Kpp	Miroslav Popović	Consideration of continued custody motion

Next week schedule:

Monday, 13 May 2024:

- Stojadin Marković et al. (S1 2 K 047119 24 K) Opening of trial, 11:30 a.m., Courtroom 9.
- Orhan Babić et al. (S1 3 K 047559 24 Kps) Guilty plea agreement consideration, 10 a.m., Courtroom 8;

Tuesday, 14 May 2024

- Vinko Radović et al. (S1 1 K 047153 23 Kro) Arraignment, 11:30 a.m., Courtroom 7;
- Hamit Yildirim (S1 2 K 047768 24 Ko) Guilty plea agreement consideration, 10 a.m., Courtroom 6.

Thursday, 16 May 2024:

- Mladen Nikačević (S1 2 K 048002 24 Ko) Guilty plea agreement consideration, 11:30 a.m., Courtroom 10;
- Slobodan Samardžić (S1 2 K 045826 24 K) Guilty plea agreement consideration, 12:00 hours, Courtroom 3.
- Boško Unčanin et al. (S1 1K 042984 22 Kri) Closing arguments by defense teams, 1 p.m., Courtroom 7.

STATISTICS

WITNESS SUPPORT SECTION		
Section	Number of cases	Number of witnesses
War Crimes	8	15
Organized Crime	0	0
General Crime	0	0

Number of hearings held in courtrooms 1-9	29
Number of requests for issuance of AV	4
materials (PIOS)	+

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