



HUMAN RIGHTS YOUTH INITIATIVE SEEKS INFORMATION ON WAR CRIMES
PROSECUTOR'S WORK

In view of the fact that, pursuant to the Law on Organization and Competence of State Authorities in Proceeding War Crimes Perpetrators, the War Crimes Detection Unit is to act upon the War Crimes Prosecutor's requests, NGO Human Rights Youth Initiative addressed the War Crimes Prosecutor's Office on 14 April 2006, seeking information on the number of the War Crimes Prosecutor's requests made to the War Crimes Detection Unit.

On the basis of the letter received from the Human Rights Youth Initiative and further to the Law on Undisturbed Access to Information of Public Importance, the War Crimes Prosecutor's Office issued the following information:

In the period between its foundation on 1 July 2003 and 14 April 2006, the War Crimes Prosecutor's Office made several dozen requests to the War Crimes Detection Unit.

Pursuant to the Law on Undisturbed Access to Information of Public Importance, the Prosecutor shall not permit access to any information of public importance that might:

- threaten a person's life, health, safety or any other asset;
- threaten, derange or complicate prevention or identification of a crime, accusation of a crime, conduct of a pretrial proceeding, conduct of a trial, enforcement or execution of a judgment or any other legal procedure, equitable treatment or a fair trial;
- seriously threaten the state's defense, national or public safety, or international relations;
- provide access to such information or document which, pursuant to legal regulations or a legally based official act, is to be regarded as a state or official secret, i.e. available to a limited circle of persons, the revealing of which might result in grave legal or other consequences for the legally protected interests prevailing those related to the information access.

This particular case refers to such data which might threaten and complicate prevention or identification of crimes lying within the competence of this Prosecutor's Office.