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IN THE BYTYQI BROTHERS CASE, THE WAR CRIMES CHAMBER'S DECISION TO ACQUIT POPOVIĆ AND STOJANOVIĆ PENDING APPEAL, THE PROSECUTOR SAYS

The Serbian War Crimes Prosecutor is not satisfied with the judgment rendered by the Belgrade District Court's War Crimes Chamber on the Bytyqi Brothers case, and is therefore going to lodge an appeal with the Serbian Supreme Court against the lower court's decision to release defendants Sreten POPOVIĆ and Miloš STOJANOVIĆ from charges of committing a war crime against prisoners of war - Illy, Agron and Mehmet Bytyqi - which took place in Petrovo Selo in 1999.

The Prosecutor remains firm in the allegations presented in his closing argument, that both the defendants and witnesses had concealed the truth from the court, whereas at the time of the event charged they had promptly and efficiently carried out atrocious tasks and orders, which they had also done upon receiving the order that the victims - Agron, Illy and Mehmet Bytyqi - be arrested, imprisoned, held confined and eventually killed.