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## PROSECUTOR BRINGS CHARGES AGAINST DUŠKO KESAR FOR A PRIJEDOR WAR CRIME

The Serbian War Crimes Prosecutor has raised an indictment against Duško Kesar (46), on suspicion of involvement in a war crime against civilian population that took place in 1994. At the time member of the reserve force of the Republic of Serbia's Ministry of the Interior (MUP), Kesar is charged with acting as an initiator and copetrator of the murder of three Muslim civilians in Prijedor, BH.

The Prosecutor alleges that, in the night between 30 and 31 March 1994, Kesar, acting in accordance with a plan that he had previously elaborated with Drago Radaković, Draško Krndija and Radoslav Knežević - all of whom were members of the same armed formation - "set out to kill the Muslims". Specifically, Kesar threw a bomb and an explosive device on the house of Faruk Rizvić, whereupon he and the rest of his group subjected Faruk Rizvić, Refija Rizvić And Fadila Mahmuljin to a severe beating campaign until the victims were dead.

Originally convicted in 2005, in a proceeding conducted before the District Court in Banja Luka, Radaković, Krndija and Knežević were finally sentenced to a total of 50 years' imprisonment in 2006, pursuant to a decision rendered by the BH Supreme Court. Kesar, who has in the meantime taken up residence in Novi Sad and received Serbian citizenship, was inaccessible to the Republic of Serbia's judicial authorities.

The indictment against Kesar is essentially based on the evidence used in the enacting terms and statement of reasons of the above-mentioned final judgment, with additional evidence against this suspect being obtained through cooperation with the Republic of Serbia's War Crimes Prosecutor's Office.