



Republic of Serbia
OFFICE OF THE WAR CRIMES
PROSECUTOR
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***HIGHER COURT IN BELGRADE
-War Crimes Department-***

BELGRADE

Pursuant to my authority under article 331 (1, 2) in re article 43 (2.5) of the *Criminal Procedure Code*; and articles 3 and 4 of the *Act on the Organization and Competence of State Authorities in War Crimes Proceedings*, I raise this

INDICTMENT

Against:

AA a.k.a. ...

Personal details:

Son of ... and ... née ...; place and date of birth: ...; current residence: ...; citizenship: ...; occupation: ...; educational backgrounds: ...

Background and allegations:

At the time relevant to this indictment, amidst an armed conflict that existed in the then Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina between Serb, Croat and Muslim armed forces, the accused, AAć committed grave breaches of international law, as envisaged by the following:

- Article 3 (1.a) of the *Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War*, adopted on 12 August 1949 and ratified by the FPRY National Assembly (*FPRY Official Gazette*, no. 24/50); and
- Articles 4 (1, 2.a) and 13 of the *Protocol Additional to the Convention (Protocol II)*.

On 16 July 1995, AA, at the time serving in the 10th Sabotage Detachment of the Bosnian Serb Army, engaged in a massacre that took place at the Branjevo farm

outside village Pilica, municipality Zvornik, along with other members of his unit, namely: BB, VV, GG, DD, ĐĐ ..., EE ... and ŽŽ

The massacre involved the killing of several hundred Bosniak male civilians, who – among thousands of others – were taken captive on 12 and 13 July 1995, following the fall of Srebrenica. In an operation launched by the Republic of Srpska's Army (VRS), some of the civilians were captured in village Potočari, whereas others were removed from a convoy marching towards Tuzla. The captives were subsequently taken to various locations in the Zvornik area, including the following: hangar in village Bratunac; local football stadium at Nova Kasaba; warehouse in village Kravica; buildings of the Elementary School and of High School *Veljko Lukić – Kurjak* in village Grbavci; Elementary School and Cultural Centre buildings in village Pilica; numerous fields and meadows along the Bratunac – Milići road; and several others.

On the said day, having arrived at the Brnjevo farm together with other members of his unit and with an unidentified lieutenant colonel from the Zvornik Brigade – part of the VRS Drina Corps, the accused, AA, informed other members of his detachment about the unidentified lieutenant colonel's order that all of the captured civilians who would be arriving on buses from the Pilica school at the farm should be executed.

Over the period between 10.00 and 16.00 hrs., buses with captured civilians – some of them blindfolded and with their hands tied – kept arriving at the farm. The accused, AA and other members of the 10th Sabotage Detachment were taking the civilians off the buses and escorting them in groups of ten to a meadow outside the hangar, where the captives got lined up in a row with their backs to the soldiers. The execution started right away. Most soldiers opened fire from their automatic rifles, save for GG, who used a handgun and ĐĐ, who used an M-84 machine gun. The shooting campaign resulted in the deaths of several hundred captured men – Muslim civilians from the Srebrenica enclave, aged between 17 and 60.

By engaging in the foregoing acts, the accused, AA, committed the criminal offence under article 142 (1) (war crime against civilian population) in re article 22 of the *FRY Criminal Act*.

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