



**Republic of Serbia**  
**OFFICE OF THE WAR CRIMES**  
**PROSECUTOR**

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**HIGHER COURT IN BELGRADE**  
**War Crimes Department**

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

**INDICTMENT**

Against AA,

Personal details:

Son of ... and ... née ...  
Citizen identity number: ...  
Date/place of birth: ...  
Current residence: ...  
Country of citizenship: ...  
Educational background: ...  
Occupation: ...

**Background facts:**

In the period from early April 1992 to late 1995, an internal (non-international) armed conflict existed in the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Parties to the conflict were the Republic of Srpska's and BH Armies.

In the latter part of September 1992, the accused, AA – who had voluntarily joined the Republic of Srpska's Army and was serving in the 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon of the Rajinovac Company – participated in the killing of 23 civilians, whereby he

committed serious breaches of international law, recognized by the following acts and provisions:

- Article 3 (1.a) of the Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (Geneva Convention IV), adopted on 12 August 1949; in re
- Article 4 (2.a) of the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions on the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II).

### **Charges:**

At the time relevant to this indictment, i.e. 23 September 1992, AA and other members of the Republic of Srpska's military and police structures were present in the area of Bihać, specifically in villages Duljci, Čukovi-Duliba and Orašac.

In the morning of 23 September 1992, AA, accompanied by BB, VV, GG and DD – all armed with automatic rifles and dressed in military and police uniforms – arrived in hamlet Mešići – part of village Orašac. In search of EE, they reached the home of ĐĐ, aware that – following the previous night's operation in Orašac, which had involved the killing of civilians and burning of their homes – EE had taken shelter in ĐĐ's home. As someone from AA's group called EE out of the house, EE and his sister ŽŽ appeared at the front door. Determined to kill the two, AA, BB, VV, GG and DD opened fire on them. Fatally wounded in the process, ŽŽ toppled to the hallway floor and died on the spot. EE managed to escape through a window and towards hamlet Lončić. As they saw EE escaping, AA and his accomplices ran in chase of him. As they did so, they reached the orchard, where they found ĐĐ, the house owner, standing near the stable. With the intention to take his life, they fired multiple shots at ĐĐ, who sustained severe injuries and died on the spot. The group then returned to the house to check if somebody was still inside. BB, GG and DD entered the house, whereas AA and VV remained outside, keeping their rifles pointed at the house all the while. Meanwhile, on two couches in one of the rooms, DD noticed two bodies moving under coverings. He shouted, "I've got you, dirty bastards!" With the intention to kill the two, DD fired multiple bursts, thereby taking the lives of ZZ and II. Finally, the attackers set the house on fire, along with the two women's bodies remaining inside.

A while later that morning, AA, BB and other members of the Republic of Srpska's police force proceeded from ĐĐ's house in hamlet Mešići to the Đule neighbourhood in Orašac, municipality Bihać. Passing along the local road, AA reached JJ's house and spotted JJ standing by the side of an ancillary structure in his courtyard. Intent on taking his life with no reason whatever, AA fired several bullets from his automatic rifle and killed JJ on the spot.

Later on the same day, AA and his group arrived in village Duljci, municipality Bihać. At some time between 4 and 5 P.M., AA, BB, KK a.k.a. ..., VV, GG, LL, LJJ and MM arrived in two passenger cars at the site where civilians from the Ripač and Orašac neighbourhoods were picking plums as part of a work obligation imposed on them by the *Serbian Municipality Bihać War Presidency*. Armed with automatic weapons, dressed in military and police uniforms and with caps and stockings pulled over their heads, they approached the civilians, most of whom were sitting in front of NN's house while others were working in the surrounding orchards. Determined to take their lives, AA and his accomplices discharged multiple shots from their automatic rifles. Having seen that some of the civilians were hiding in a stable close to the asphalt road, the attackers threw a bomb at the haycock inside the stable and also stabbed some of the victims with knives. A number of civilians were killed in the process, namely: NJNJ née ...; OO née ...; PP née ...; RR née ...; SS née ...; TT née ...; ČČ née ...; UU née ...; FF née ...; HH née ...; CC née ...; ĆĆ née ...; DŽDŽ née ...; ŠŠ née ...; AB née ...; AV née ...; AG née ...; and AD née .... On several occasions throughout their campaign of terror, the perpetrators piled up the bodies of the dead and set them afire. Closely afterwards, still at the same site, the attackers spotted AĐ in the immediate vicinity of NN's house and opened fire with the intention to take her life. Despite severe bodily injuries – namely multiple fractures of both lower arm bones and of the left thighbone – which left serious long-term consequences on her health, AĐ managed to evade death by fleeing into the house.

**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 (co-perpetration) of the FRY Criminal Act.**

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**Deputy War Crimes Prosecutor**