

# HIGHER COURT IN BELGRADE War Crimes Department

BELGRADE

Pursuant to my authority under article 47 (1) of the *Act on International Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters*, I hereby **conform** the indictment in this case – originally raised by the Una-Sana Cantonal Prosecutor's Office in Bihać, BH (reference: T 01 0 KTRZ 0003567 98 of 22/09/2015) and confirmed before the BH court – to the laws of the Republic of Serbia. Further, pursuant to my authority under articles: 43 (2.5); 331 (1, 2); and 332 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**, born on ... in ..., Bosnia-Herzegovina; son of AB and AV; current residence: ...; holder of ID card no. ..., issued by ... Police Station; citizen identity no. ....

## Background and allegations:

In the period from 1992 to 1995, which includes the time relevant to this indictment, an armed conflict between forces of the Serb, Bosniak and Croat communities existed in the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina (BH).

As a member of the Republic of Srpska's Army (VRS), the accused, AA, committed grave breaches of international law, namely of the provisions envisaged under article 3 (1.a) of the *Fourth Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time* 

of War, adopted on 12 August 1949 and ratified by the then Federal Peoples' Republic of Yugoslavia (National Assembly Decision, FPRY Official Gazette no. 24/50).

### Specifically,

In the afternoon hours of an undetermined day in the latter part of July 1992, AA was present in Donja Sanica, a neighbourhood in hamlet Šljivari, municipality Ključ, BH. Aided and abetted by AG from ... and another unidentified VRS member, the accused went to the home of AD, a civilian of Bosniak nationality. Dressed in VRS uniforms and armed with automatic rifles, the attackers – forcibly and under arms threat – removed AD from his house and took him to the site known as Božo's Mill, located close to the river Sanica. Upon their arrival at the site, the three fired multiple shots at AD, who died on the spot. The perpetrators subseqently threw the victim's body in the river Sanica.

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

Milan Petrović Deputy War Crimes Prosecutor