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DISTRICT COURT IN BELGRADE

-War Crimes Chamber-

BELGRADE

Pursuant to my authority under articles 46 (2.3), 265 (1) and 266 of the *Criminal Procedure Code*, and article 4 (2) of the *Act on Organization and Competence of Government Authorities in War Crimes Proceedings*, I raise this

INDICTMENT

Against:

1. AA a/k/a ...

Personal details:

Son of ...

Place and date of birth: ... Citizen identity number: ...

Registered residence address: ...

2. BB a/k/a ...

Personal details:

Son of ...

Place and date of birth: ... Citizen identity number: ...

Registered residence address: ...

3. VV a/k/a ...

Personal details:

Son of ...

Place and date of birth: ... Citizen identity number: ...

Registered residence address: ...

4. GG a/k/a ...

Personal details:

Place and date of birth: ... Citizen identity number: ...

Registered residence address: ...

5. DD

Personal details:

Son of ...

Place and date of birth: ... Citizen identity number: ...

Registered residence address: ...

6. ĐĐ a/k/a ...

Personal details:

Son of ...

Place and date of birth: ...

Citizen identity number: ...

Registered residence address: ...

7. EE a/k/a ...

Personal details:

Son of ... and ... née ...

Place and date of birth: ...

Citizen identity number: ...

Educational background: ...

Registered residence address: ...

8. ŽŽ a/k/a ...

Personal details:

Son of ... and ... née ...

Place and date of birth: ...

Registered residence address: ...

9. ZZ a/k/a ...

Personal details:

Son of ...

Place and date of birth: ...

Citizen identity number: ...

Registered residence address: ...

10. II a/k/a ...

Personal details:

Son of ... and ... née ...

Place and date of birth: ...

Citizen identity number: ...

Registered residence address: ...

11. JJ a/k/a ...

Personal details:

Son of ... and ... née ...

Place and date of birth: ...

Citizen identity number: ...

Registered residence address: ...

12. KK a/k/a ...

Personal details:

Son of ...

Place and date of birth: ...

Citizen identity number: ...

Registered residence address: ...

13. LL

Personal details:

Son of ... and ... née ...

Place and date of birth: ...

Citizen identity number: ...

Registered residence address: ...

14. LJLJ

Personal details:

Son of ... and ... née ...

Place and date of birth: ...

Citizen identity number: ...

Registered residence address: ...

15. MM

Personal details:

Son of ... and ... née ...

Place and date of birth: ...

Citizen identity number: ...

Registered residence address: ...

16. NN a/k/a ...

Personal details:

Son of ... and ... née ...

Place and date of birth: ...

Citizen identity number: ...

Registered residence address: ...

17. NJNJ a/k/a ...

Personal details:

Son of ... and ... née ...

Place and date of birth: ...

Citizen identity number: ...

Educational background: ...

BACKGROUND AND GENERAL ALLEGATIONS:

The individuals charged by this indictment were members of the armed military formation known as the Kosovo Liberation Army (UCK). At all material times, an armed conflict existed in the territory of the Autonomous Province of Kosovo and Metohija (KM), involving the armed forces of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) on one side, and the NATO coalition and UCK on the other. The hostilities – which were concurrently of an international and noninternational (internal) character – broke out on 24 March 1999, and continued as an internal conflict well after 20 June 1999, following the suspension of the NATO bombing campaign against the FRY pursuant to the Military-Technical Agreement of 9 June 1999 and UN Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999. In compliance with the foregoing Agreement and Resolution, the FRY armed forces withdrew from the KM territory, whereas the UCK armed force failed to stop all offensive activities and enter a process of demilitarization, as bound by article 5 re art. 9 (b) of the Resolution. Disrespecting their obligation under the UN Resolution, the UCK troops carried on their attacks against civilian population and individuals until late December 1999, when the UCK was disbanded.

In early June 1999, a UCK unit was deployed in the territory of the so-called Karadak Operational Zone (which included the areas of Gnjilane, Vitina, Kosovska Kamenica and Novo Brdo). Specifically, the unit's command staff was based in the building of the JNA Home in Gnjilane, whereas its other members — around 100 soldiers altogether — were accommodated in the dormitory building of the local Boarding School.

In the period between early June and late December 1999, members of the aforementioned UCK unit consciously and wilfully ordered and committed multiple criminal acts against Serb and other non-Albanian civilians, as well as against some ethnic Albanians. The campaign of terror included unlawful arrests, inhumane treatment, torture, rapes, murders, infliction of bodily injuries and great suffering, pillage of civilian property, etc.

By engaging in the foregoing acts, which were aimed at the accomplishment of a common goal, namely the establishment of full civil and military control over the KM territory with concurrent expulsion of Serb and non-Albanian populations thereof, the individuals charged by this indictment committed grave breaches of international legal rules governing the conduct of war, specifically of the following:

- Articles 2 (1); 3 (1.a, 1.c); and 33 (2) of the *Geneva Convention on Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War* (*Geneva Convention IV*) of 12 August 1949; and
- Article 2 (2) re articles 5 and 6 re article 4 (1, 2.a, 2.e, 2.g) of the *Protocol Additional to the above Convention, relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts* (*Protocol II*).

CHARGES:

I The accused: AA, BB and VV

Being at the head of the UCK Operational Centre in charge of the Gnjilane area, which was based in the building of the JNA Home in Gnjilane, these accused were actual commanders of the relevant unit, which operated in the area known as the Karadak Operational Zone. In the period from early June through late December 1999, acting in compliance with a previously made agreement, **AA**, **BB** and **VV** issued immediate orders to their unit to deploy in groups over the area and engage in attacks against Serb and other non-Albanian civilians, as well as against those Albanians who were disloyal to the UCK. Thus, in the course of June 1999, pursuant to their mutual agreement, these accused engaged in a series of criminal acts, specifically:

- a) **BB** ordered all members of the relevant UCK unit which was based in the dormitory of the Gnjilane Boarding School to assemble in the dormitory building courtyard, and, as they stood in a semicircle around him, said: "Come and see how Serbs should be killed," whereupon the accused: **DD**, **ĐĐ**, **ZZ** and **KK**, acting in compliance with **BB**'s orders and instructions, brutally killed two Serb civilians, in the manner detailed under item II of this indictment.
- b) Shortly following the murders, AA, BB and VV having summoned the unit under their command to the courtyard of the dormitory building - told the soldiers that their obligation from that point onwards would be to act in line with a special "procedure," which involved the search and arrests of Serb civilians in Gnjilane and the surrounding areas, whereupon the captives were to be physically tortured, robbed of their possessions and eventually confined on the cellar premises underneath the dormitory. AA, BB and VV further instructed their subordinates to subject the detained civilians to inhumane treatment, torture them to death, cut the victims' bodies into pieces which they would randomly put in sacks and subsequently dump into Lake Livoč outside Gnjilane, into rubbish skips around the dormitory and elsewhere in order to conceal traces of their crimes. AA, BB and VV also instructed the soldiers under their command to expel any remaining Serbs from the area and loot their homes. The soldiers were additionally encouraged to carry out their superiors' orders as they heard their superiors say: "Do you see now how you are expected to treat the Serbs? You should kill as many of them as you can!" (BB); "You must kill any number of Serbs that you may get hold of, and expel and rob the rest. Do not let them get away easily, bring them here into the cellar!" (AA); and: "You see, guys, lots of our people have been tortured and killed. Now the time has come for us to take our revenge, to teach them a lesson!" (VV).

The entire unit acted upon the foregoing orders, which resulted in unlawful arrests and physical torture of at least **267** persons of various nationalities, including Serbs and other non-Albanians, as well as a number of Albanians. Specifically:

- At least 79 persons* were tortured to death and killed;
- At least 35 persons* are still missing, their destiny remaining unknown up to the present day;
- At least 153 persons* were unlawfully arrested, subjected to brutal treatment and then released.

II The accused: BB, DD, ĐĐ, ZZ and KK

On an undetermined day in June 1999, having summoned the whole unit to the courtyard of the dormitory building where the unit was based, **BB** ordered **DD**, **ĐĐ**, **KK** and **ZZ** to instruct the soldiers how to kill Serb civilians. In order to demonstrate the "procedure", DD, ĐĐ, KK and ZZ personally killed two unidentified civilians, whereupon - further to **BB**'s orders - **DD** drove a yellow Ascona car with Vranje number plates into the courtyard. Aboard the car were three Serb civilians - two men and an elderly woman. Acting upon BB's orders, DD, ĐĐ and KK removed the three from the car. **ĐĐ** and **KK** pulled the woman down on the concrete ground and tied one of her legs to the Ascona car operated by **DD**, and the other to a light yellow Zastava 128 with Vranje number plates and **ZZ** behind the wheel. That being done, **BB** ordered **DD** and **ZZ** to slowly pull off in opposite directions and added: "Take your time, do not take her life too soon!" As they pulled off, the cars started tearing the victim apart. While the victim was still alive and screaming, the vehicles drove back. Having released the victim's legs, **ĐĐ** and **KK** fastened her arms to the cars. **BB** commanded: "Tie her arms firmly and move off slowly, just take your time!" In compliance with **BB**'s instructions, **DD and ZZ** started their cars in two opposite directions and ultimately killed the victim as they tore her body apart. DD and ZZ went on to kill the older of the two men in the same manner, whereupon, further to BB's order, ĐĐ took an axe from the Ascona boot and - before everyone's eyes cut the two bodies into pieces. KK, DD, ĐĐ and ZZ then packed the body pieces into sacks and loaded them into the Ascona car. In subsequence, KK, DD, ĐĐ and **ZZ** drove off to Lake Livoč and dumped the sacks into the water. Meanwhile, the third victim - a young Serb civilian - was transferred to the cellar below the dormitory, where he was tortured and ultimately killed by unidentified UCK soldiers.

III <u>The accused:</u> AA, BB, VV, GG, DD, ĐĐ, EE, ŽŽ, ZZ, II, JJ, KK, LL, LJLJ, MM, NN, NJNJ and Witness Collaborator "..."

^{*} Personal details of the victims have been removed in line with the *Rules of Personal Data Anonymization in OWCP Indictments* (reference: A 82/19) of 20 March 2019 .

In the period between the former part of June 1999 and late December 1999, following the orders specified in item I of this indictment, aided and abetted by other unidentified UCK soldiers, these accused – acting as part of various operational groups – launched a number of attacks against civilian population and their property in and around the areas of Gnjilane, Kamnik, Vlaštica and Kamenica. The attacks included the burning of family homes, unlawful arrests and physical maltreatment of a large number of civilians - Serbs, other non-Albanians and some Albanians, of whom at least 56 were killed either in their homes or on the streets. However, the majority of those arrested were transferred to and locked up inside the cellar area below the dormitory, where these accused tortured and mutilated them to death. The offenders broke the victims' fingers and hit them on the head with square metal tubes, pulled out their nails and teeth with pincers, thrust knives into their tongues, hammered cigarette lighters into their skulls, stabbed them all over with knives, fired gunshots into their bodies, hit and kicked them, choked them by putting plastic bags over their heads, strangled them with lengths of wire, cut off their sexual organs with machetes, slashed their throats with knives, etc. Two of the victims that have been positively identified to date were AB and AV.

At all times and places relevant to this indictment, these accused individuals subjected any number of imprisoned female civilians – among whom were protected witnesses C1 and C2 – to humiliation and abuse, which included rapes, inhumane treatment and infliction of bodily injuries. On more than one occasions, acting in groups or individually, the accused subjected the female prisoners to forcible sexual intercourses by inserting their sexual organs into the victims' vaginas, rectums or mouths, forcing them to swallow their sperm. The accused used all manner of weapons to beat the victims, pushing their truncheons into the victims' vaginas, urinating and spitting on them. As a result of such treatment, many inmates sustained severe injuries to the vagina, rectum, arms, legs and other parts of the body, experiencing great suffering in the process.

1. <u>The accused:</u> <u>KK, ĐĐ a/k/a ..., ZZ a/k/a ..., EE, II, ŽŽ and Witness Collaborator "...", aided and abetted by unidentified UCK soldiers</u>

On 13 June 1999, these accused and their accomplices killed AB, AV and one unidentified Serb female in the cellar below the dormitory building in Gnjilane.

Aided and abetted by a number of unidentified UCK soldiers, **EE** and **ŽŽ** unlawfully arrested AB, AV and an unidentified female person in the vicinity of the Gnjilane bus station, whereupon the captives were transferred to the dormitory building in a white Lada car driven by the witness collaborator. On arrival, the captives were taken over by **ZZ** and **ĐĐ**. Aided and abetted by **II**, **EE**, **ŽŽ**, **KK** and several unidentified UCK soldiers, **ZZ** and **ĐĐ** locked the captives inside the cellar. The three, as well as another unidentified female who had been taken captive and brought to the cellar by a group of unidentified UCK soldiers, were subjected to a torturing "procedure" that ultimately resulted in the victims' deaths. In order to remove any traces of their crimes, the offenders cut the victims' bodies into pieces – **EE** with a handsaw and **ŽŽ**

with an axe – whereupon they packed the body pieces into sacks, which were then taken away and dumped into a rubbish skip near the dormitory by **EE**, **ŽŽ** and the witness collaborator.

2. The accused, EE and Witness Collaborator "..."

On an undetermined day in the latter part of June 1999, these two individuals seized an unidentified male civilian outside the open-air market in Gnjilane. **EE** pulled a wire loop – the so-called strangling wire – over the victim's head, and tightened it until the victim was dead.

3. The accused, EE and Witness Collaborator "..."

In Gnjilane, several days after the event described in item 2. above, these two individuals approached an unidentified elderly male civilian of Serb nationality as he passed along the street leading from the Army Home to the Post Office. **EE** hit the victim in the stomach. As the man reeled under the blow, the witness collaborator pulled a length of strangling wire over his head and tightened it until the victim was dead.

4. The accused: ĐĐ, EE, ŽŽ, ZZ, KK and Witness Collaborator "...", aided and abetted by a number of unidentified UCK soldiers

On an undetermined day between mid-June and late September 1999, these accused, acting in concert with the witness collaborator and an unidentified UCK soldier, unlawfully arrested three unidentified civilians, of whom two were Serbs and one Albanian. Having transferred the captives to the cellar below the dormitory building, they tied the younger of the Serbs and the Albanian to radiator tubes on the ceiling. Meanwhile, they pressed the older Serb against a table, where **ŽŽ** beat him with a square metal rod until he broke the victim's fingers; **ŽŽ** was soon joined by **EE**, the witness collaborator and others, who, equipped with square metal rods, continued beating the victim all over the body. At one point, KK entered the room and reproached those inside for their inefficiency. In order to demonstrate what proper beating should look like, he broke the victim's head with a single stroke of a metal square rod, and then hammered a cigarette lighter into the victim's skull. In a joint campaign that followed, all of the UCK soldiers who were present at the spot went on to mutilate and otherwise torture the remaining two victims until they were dead. Finally, the perpetrators cut the victims' bodies into pieces and put them in sacks, which were then loaded onto the Zastava 128 car. ZZ and ŽŽ drove the load to Lake Livoč and dumped it in the water.

5.

<u>The accused: EE, ĐĐ, ZZ, II and Witness Collaborator "...",</u> Aided and abetted by unidentified UCK soldiers

On an undetermined day between mid-June and late September 1999, these accused individuals killed three unidentified male civilians of Serb nationality on the cellar premises below the dormitory building in Gnjilane. Having unlawfully arrested them, EE, ĐĐ, ZZ and the witness collaborator transferred the captives to the cellar premises below the dormitory, where they tied their hands to radiator tubes on the ceiling. **EE**, **ĐĐ** and the witness collaborator were soon joined by **II** and ŽŽ, whereupon they jointly engaged in practicing kung fu movements on the victims. In the course of the ensuing "procedure", the perpetrators used metal tubes to beat the victims over the fingers and body. At one point, a UCK soldier nicknamed Drakula said: "Let's drink some Serbian blood!" In order to demonstrate the process, a/k/a Drakula stabbed the victims with a knife and poked his finger into their wounds so as to make them bleed more heavily, whereupon he filled a glass with blood and drank it up. As the group resumed their beating campaign, **EE**, wishing to test his new Walter handgun, lined up the victims one behind the other and killed them by discharging a whole clip of nine bullets into their stomachs, checking the penetrating power of the weapon in the process. Finally, these accused cut the victims' bodies into pieces and put them in sacks which were then loaded onto two cars, driven to Lake Livoč and dumped in the water.

6. The accused: II, aided and abetted by an unidentified UCK soldier

On an undetermined day between mid-June and late September 1999, **II**, aided and abetted by an unknown UCK soldier, took the lives of two unidentified senior civilians – a man and a woman of Serb nationality – by throwing them through an upper-floor window of a skyscraper in Gnjilane.

7. The accused: ŽŽ, EE, II, ĐĐ, KK, ZZ and Witness Collaborator "...", aided and abetted by unidentified UCK soldiers

Later on the same day, still in the same skyscraper in Gnjilane, these accused individuals killed six unidentified Serb civilians – four women and two men – and plundered their flat.

Having learnt that the occupants were Serbs, these accused broke the door open, forcibly entered the flat and ordered those inside to hand in their weapons. As one of the men opened a cooker drawer in order to pull out his automatic gun and hand it in, three UCK soldiers opened fire from their automatic guns on the residents. A woman and a man were killed on the spot, whereas another man and a woman were wounded in the process. Subsequently, **ŽŽ** produced his knife and stabbed the wounded woman in the chest several times, and then slashed her throat.

Concurrently, the witness collaborator and the FNU LNU UCK soldier a/k/a Udba dragged the wounded man into another room, meanwhile the rest of their group raped the two surviving women and ultimately killed them by slashing their throats. The wounded man was killed in the same manner shortly afterwards. Finally, the group plundered all valuables from the flat and left. At a later point in time, **II** removed the bodies from the site.

8. <u>The accused:</u> <u>BB, AA, VV, ĐĐ, ZZ, DD, EE, ŽŽ, II, KK and Witness Collaborator "...",</u> Aided and abetted by unidentified UCK soldiers

On an undetermined day between mid-June and late September 1999, in an incident that occurred in the Kamnik neighbourhood in Gnjilane, these accused killed two Serb civilians – an elderly woman and a young man – and plundered their home.

AA and **BB** ordered **ĐĐ** and other UCK soldiers to go to Kamnik, expell all Serbs from the neighbourhood and plunder their homes. In compliance with the received orders, ĐĐ, ZZ, DD, EE, ŽŽ, II, KK, the witness collaborator and several unidentified UCK soldiers went to the site in three cars - a Lada, a Zastava 128 and an Opel Ascona. They jumped over a wall and into a garden, where they found an elderly woman. As the witness collaborator seized her around the head and neck, ŽŽ approached and said: "Let's see how white is this old woman's ass," whereupon all of them raped the victim. A young man then came out of the house begging them to let him go and promising that his parents would give them money in return. Ignoring his pleas, **ĐĐ, KK** and **DD** grabbed the youth and tied him up. Menwhile, **ŽŽ** used a hammer found in the garden to hit the old woman on the head, which resulted in the victim's immediate death. The group then entered the house and plundered all valuables that they found inside. Having done so, they took the captured youth to their commanders BB, AA and VV. The three interrogated the youth and urged his family to pay a ransom for his release. Acting upon orders received from **BB**, **AA** and **VV**, unknown UCK soldiers killed the youth a few days later.

9. The accused: ĐĐ and KK

On an undetermined day between mid-June and late September 1999, **ĐĐ** and **KK** took the life of an unidentified Serb civilian in Gnjilane.

In the vicinity of the local accumulators factory, the perpetrators opened fire and shot several bullets into the victim, whereupon they forced him into their Lada passenger car and drove away in an unknown direction.

The accused: KK, DD and ĐĐ, aided and abetted by unidentified UCK soldiers

On an undetermined day between mid-June and late September 1999, these accused and their accomplices unlawfully arrested an unidentified male civilian of Serb nationality.

Having seized the victim in downtown Gnjilane, **KK**, **DD** and **ĐĐ** took him to the building of the Yugoslav Army Home, where they handed him over to other UCK soldiers. Several days later, the victim was transferred to the dormitory building, where he was tortured and ultimately killed.

11. The accused: EE, ŽŽ, KK, ĐĐ and Witness Collaborator "...", aided and abetted by unidentified UCK soldieras

On an undetermined day between mid-June and late September 1999, these accused and their accomplices took the life of an unidentified Albanian civilian in Gnjilane.

Ordered by **AA** to organize a group that would liquidate a local Albanian who was allegedly a "Serb spy", **EE** and **ŽŽ**, aided and abetted by **KK**, **ĐĐ**, the witness collaborator and several unidentified UCK soldiers, went to the indicated address in the vicinity of the Electrodistribution company, seized the victim in front of the building where he was living and killed him on the spot. Firing from an Italian 7.76-mm Berretta gun, **EE** discharged several shots in the victim's head, meanwhile **ŽŽ** and others joined in with their Kalashnikov rifles. The victim's body, with his head blown apart, was left on the street as a warning to other Albanians.

12. The accused, EE and Witness Collaborator "...", aided and abetted by unidentified UCK soldiers

On an undetermined day between mid-June and late September 1999, **EE** and his accomplices seized and unlawfully arrested three unidentified Serb civilians in the vicinity of the local mosque. They subsequently transferred the captives to the cellar underneath the dormitory building and subjected them to a torturing "procedure" which ultimately resulted in the victims' deaths.

13. The accused: GG, NJNJ, NN a/k/a Masus and Witness Collaborator "...", aided and abetted by several unidentified UCK soldiers

On an undetermined day between mid-June and late September 1999, these accused and their accomplices took the lives of two unidentified Serb civilians on the cellar premises below the dormitory building. Aided and abetted by several FNU LNU UCK soldiers, **GG**, **NJNJ** and **NN** arrested the victims and transferred them to the cellar below the dormitory, where they striped them naked and engaged in the earlier described torturing "procedure". At one point, the witness collaborator came in and ordered one of the captives to take hold of the other's sexual organ and give it a pull. The witness collaborator then produced his machete and cut off the victim's organ. When the latter collapsed on the ground with pain, **NN** poured him with water and said: "Why are you lying there, you bloody son of a bitch, get up on your feet, this is not a wedding party here!" The group continued their beating campaign until the victims were dead.

14. The accused: GG, ŽŽ, LJLJ, NJNJ and Witness Colaborator "...", aided and abetted by FNU LNU UCK soldiers

On an undetermined day between mid-June and late September 1999, these accused and their accomplices took the lives of three unidentified Serb civilians in Gnjilane.

Aided and abetted by several unidentified UCK soldiers, **GG** unlawfully arrested three Serb civilians and transferred them to the cellar below the dormitory. In a torturing "procedure" that ensued, **GG** used a square metal rod to hit the victims on the knees, whereas $\mathbf{\check{Z}\check{Z}}$ — who entered the cellar with **LJLJ** and the witness collaborator shortly afterwards — took a square metal tube and hit one of the victims three times on the head saying: "See what Rama has taught me!" As he said so, $\mathbf{\check{Z}\check{Z}}$ hammered a lighter into a hole that he had previously made in the victim's head. The torture persisted until the victims were dead.

15. The accused: AA, LJLJ, LL, ŽŽ, MM, EE and Witness Collaborator "...", aided and abetted by FNU LNU UCK soldiers

On repeated occasions between mid-June and late September 1999, these accused and their accomplices engaged in campaigns of terror against the local Roma population, which resulted in the deaths of 13 unidentified Roma civilians.

In the course of multiple attacks launched on the Gnjilane neighbourhood of Bela Zemlja – Ciganska Mahala, **EE**, **ŽŽ**, **LL** and the witness collaborator would throw bombs into Roma homes with residents inside, whereupon **AA**, **ŽŽ**, **LJLJ**, **LL**, **EE**, **MM** and other (unidentified) UCK soldiers would break inside, search the premises and plunder the households. Furthermore, the attackers would kill anyone whom they had seen wearing a uniform in photographs found during the search, rape female residents, burn down homes and massacre the bodies of the killed, burning down their remains both inside and outside the homes.

The accused: ŽŽ, EE and Witness Collaborator ""...", aided and abetted by FNU LNU UCK soldiers

On an unidentified day between mid-June and late September 1999, these accused and their accomplices took the lives of three unidentified civilians on the cellar premises below the dormitory building in Gnjilane.

Aided and abetted by unidentified UCK soldiers, ŽŽ and EE engaged in a torturing "procedure" which resulted in the deaths of three civilians. In a joint action with the witness collaborator and an unidentified UCK soldier, ŽŽ and EE cut the victims' bodies into pieces, which they put into sacks. Loaded into a white Lada passenger car, the sacks were transported to Lake Livoč and dumped in the water.

17. The accused: EE, ZZ, II and Witness Collaborator "...", aided and abetted by FNU LNU UCK soldiers

On an undetermined day between mid-June and late September 1999, these accused and their accomplices killed at least one unidentified Serb civilian in village Vlaštica.

After the group had reached the village in two cars, the witness collaborator remained outside the vehicles, whereas the rest of the group entered a Serb home and opened fire on the residents from their automatic rifles, killing at least one civilian in the process.

18. The accused, ŽŽ

On an undetermined day between mid-June and late September 1999, this accused individual killed two unidentified Serb civilians in town Kosovska Kamenica.

As he passed through the town in a white Lada car with the witness collaborator behind the wheel, **ŽŽ** discharged multiple bullets from his Kalashnikov rifle into two Serb civilians. Both victims died on the spot.

19. The accused, II, aided and abetted by an unidentified UCK soldier

On an undetermined day between mid-June and late September 1999, this accused took the life of an unidentified Serb civilian in town Gnjilane.

Having seized the victim outside the park in the vicinity of the local bus station, the accused robbed him of his identity card and, aided and abetted by an unidentified

UCK soldier, beat him to death, whereupon he dumped the victim's body in a nearby manhole.

20. <u>The accused:</u> <u>ĐĐ, KK, ŽŽ, NN, NJNJ, II, JJ, MM, LLand Witness Collaborator "...",</u> aided and abetted by FNU LNU UCK members

On an undetermined day between mid-June and late September 1999, these accused and their accomplices engaged in inhumane acts against two unidentified Serb civilians – a father and his daughter, thus causing great suffering to the victims.

In one of the rooms on the 1st floor of the dormitory building in Gnjilane, holding their knives at the victims' throats, the perpetrators forced the male victim to place his sexual organ into his daughter's mouth, whereupon — all the while holding their knives at the victims' throats — they coerced him into performing a sexual act on his daughter.

21. The accused: EE, ŽŽ, II, JJ, NJNJ, LL, LJLJ, NN and MM, aided and abetted by FNU LNU UCK soldiers

In the period between 17 and 23 June 1999, these accused and their accomplices unlawfully arrested protected witnesses C1 and C2, whom they subsequently subjected to torture, rapes and other acts of inhumane, humiliating and degrading treatment on the premises of the dormitory building in Gnjilane.

In the morning hours of 17 June 1999, while they were waiting in a queue for bread in front of a shop close to the Gnjilane bus station, C1 and C2 were approached by several FNU LNU UCK soldiers, who removed them from the queue and unlawfully arrested them. The perpetrators drove the victims in an Opel Ascona passenger car to the entrance door of the dormitory building, where the victims were taken over by another group of UCK soldiers including **ŽŽ**.

ŽŽ and the rest of the group took C1 and C2 to the first floor of the building, where the victims remained unlawfully confined for the next several days. Throughout their captivity, C1 and C2 were deprived of food and water, and subjected to daily torture by any number of individuals, who raped, beat and otherwise brutalised them. Specifically:

EE beat C1 and C2, and subjected them to forcible sexual intercourse;

- **II** beat C1, subjected her to forcible sexual intercourse and thrust his sexual organ into the victim's mouth, and also beat and raped C2;
- **JJ** used a baton to beat C1 over the legs and arms, and subjected her to forcible sexual intercourse; likewise, he beat C2 and put his sexual organ into the victim's mouth;

NJNJ beat C1, subjected her to forcible sexual intercourse, thrust his baton into the victim's sexual organ, as well as his sexual organ into the victim's mouth; he also beat and raped C2;

LL beat C1 and thrust his sexual organ into the victim's mouth, and also raped C2; **LJLJ** took C1 and C2 to the cellar, where he showed them cut-off heads of Serbs, then beat both and raped C2;

NN beat C1 and threatened to slaughter her, and also beat and raped C2; **MM** beat C2 and subjected her to forcible sex;

Several FNU LNU UCK soldiers beat and raped C1 and C2, and urinated over C2.

Several days later, C1 and C2 were transferred to another UCK-controlled facility in village Ugljare in the municipal area of Gnijlane, where they were severely beaten and ultimately released on condition that they immediately left the KM territory.

22. <u>The accused: ŽŽ, LL and NN,</u> aided and abetted by FNU LNU UCK soldiers

In the period between 8 a.m. and the afternoon hours of 27 June 1999, these accused and their accomplices brutalized AG and robbed him of his possessions.

At approximately 8 a.m., four uniformed and armed FNU LNU UCK soldiers unlawfully arrested AG in his home in Gnjilane and transferred him to the dormitory. The victim spent several hours confined in one of the rooms, where groups of 4 or 5 UCK soldiers including **ŽŽ** beat him with batons. In the afternoon of the same day, AG was released from the dormitory and warned not to leave his home or otherwise he would be killed. At around 11 a.m. of the following day, a group of 5 UCK soldiers including **LL** and **NN** came to AG's home and seized his Volkswagen Santana LH car with Podgorica registration plates, as well as the car documents.

23. <u>The accused: JJ and ĐĐ,</u> <u>aided and abetted by FNU LNU UCK soldiers</u>

On 19 June 1999, these accused and their accomplices unlawfully arrested and tortured AD, his wife AG and AĐ.

At around 11.30 a.m., **JJ** and an unidentified UCK soldier arrested those three civilians at the Gnjilane bus station and forced them into one of the station premises, where the perpetrators beat and interrogated the victims for approximately one hour. In subsequence, **JJ** and his accomplice took AD and AĐ to the building of the Elementary School Selami Haliqi in the Gavran neighbourhood, where the two were handed over to another group of unidentified UCK soldiers. AG was held on the railway station premise, where she was tortured by several unidentidfied UCK soldiers until 5 p.m., when she was eventually released. Meanwhile, around 10 UCK soldiers including **ĐĐ** beat AD and AĐ with baseball bats and rubber batons. At

around 3 p.m. of the same day, the victims were taken to the former fire station building and handed over to the KFOR authorities.

24. The accused, LL, aided and abetted by FNU LNU UCK soldiers

On an undetermined day in the latter part of June 1999 in Gnjilane, this accused and his accomplices unlawfully arrested protected witness A5, his father and his brother, whereupon they subjected A5 and his brother to acts of torture.

Having seized the three at the Gnjilane bus station, a group of approximately 20 FNU LNU UCK soldiers hauled A5 and his brother to a residential house in the Čener Česma neighbourhood and handed them over to another group of FNU LNU UCK soldiers, who subjected the victims to severe beating that persisted for several hours. Among the perpetrators was also **LL**, who beat A5 with a bat and a gun. A certain while later, the three were released.

By their joint engagement in the above-described conduct, these accused individuals committed the criminal offence recognized by article 142 (1) (war crime against civilian population) in re article 22 (co-perpetration) of the *Yugoslav Criminal Act*.

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