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ICTY: Request for the referral of Ivica Rajic case

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The ICTY Prosecution filed a request on July 28 for the referral of the case of Ivica Rajic, also known as Viktor Andric, ICTY representative in BiH. Matias Hellman told a press conference in Sarajevo on Tuesday.

Ivica Rajic is indicted for crimes committed in Vares and Stupni Do on October 23 1993, including killings, inhumane treatment, illegal detention of civilians and massive destruction not justified by military necessity.

The indictment also states that not a single HVO member or officer was ever punished or disciplinary sanctioned for the crimes committed in Vares and Stupni Do.

The ICTY Prosecution has so far proposed the referral of cases against 14 persons indicted for war crimes committed in BiH. The Referral Chamber has already decided that the case of Dragomir Milosevic would stay in The Hague because of the gravity of the crimes and the level of responsibility of the accused.

The Referral Chamber has also decided that the cases against eight accused (Zeljko Mejakic, Momcilo Gruban, Dusan Fustar and Duko Knezevic; Savo Todovic and Mitar Rasevic; Radovan Stankovic; Gojko Jankovic) charged with crimes in Prijedor and Foca, would be referred to BiH, but these decisions have still not taken effect.

The referral of cases of three indictees that are still at large (Milan and Sredoje Lukic, Dragan Zelenovic) has also been proposed, while two requests have been filed just recently (Pasko Ljubcic and Ivica Rajic), Hellman said.