Milosevic's wife faces new international arrest warrant

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BELGRADE, Oct 13 (dpa) -- Mirjana Markovic, wife of the former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic, again has an international arrest warrant out against her, reported local media Thursday.

The Blic newspaper said Interpol is again seeking Markovic, who is believed to have fled to Russia in 2003 to avoid facing corruption charges in Serbia.

Last May the warrant for her arrest was suspended, after Markovic's lawyer promised his client would would attend a September trial

However, Markovic, accused of dishing state-owned apartments to her cronies during her husband's 14-year reign, did not appear in court.

Believed to have been a strong influence on her husband during his rule, she was also wanted for questioning in connection with the murder of former Serbian president Ivan Stambolic, Milosevic's mentor-turned political opponent.

Milosevic has been in custody at the International War Crimes Tribunal at The Hague since 2002 and faces more than 60 counts including charges of genocide and crimes against humanity.

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