

Serbia to close murder cases against Milosevic

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A special Serbian court said it would formally close the murder case against Slobodan Milosevic, who was accused of masterminding the slaying of his top political foe and botched attempts to kill another, a court official said Monday.

Milosevic died March 11 in the detention facility of the UN war crimes court in The Hague, Netherlands. "The cases will be closed when we receive Milosevic's death certificate," court spokeswoman Maja Kovacevic said.

The Belgrade-based Special Court will end proceedings against Milosevic for his role in the killing of former Serbia's President Ivan Stambolic six years ago and for 1999 and 2000 assassination attempts against Vuk Draskovic, a former opposition leader and now Serbia-Montenegro's foreign minister, Kovacevic said.

The court handles war crimes and other prominent cases related to Milosevic's decade-long rule.

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