

GOJKO JANKOVIC TRANSFERRED TO BiH

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SARAJEVO, Dec 8 (FENA) - Gojko Jankovic, charged with crimes against humanity and violations of laws and customs of war by the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) committed in the area of the municipality of Foca, has been transferred to Bosnia and Herzegovina to be tried before the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This is the second case in which the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia refers processing of its indictees to the jurisdiction of one of the countries of the Former Yugoslavia, under Rule 11bis of the ICTY Rules of Procedure and Evidence.

On 22 July 2005, the Referral Bench of the ICTY rendered a decision on transfer of Gojko Jankovic to Bosnia and Herzegovina in order that he could be tried before the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Upon the appeal filed by the defense, the Appellate Chamber of the ICTY confirmed the Decision on Referral on 15 November 2005 and ordered that Jankovic be transferred to Bosnia and Herzegovina within 30 days.

Jankovic was taken over by the Court Police at the airport and transported to the Detention Unit of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and after that he was brought before the Preliminary Proceedings Judge. In accordance with the Law on Transfer of Cases from the ICTY, the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina will adapt the ICTY Indictment to the Criminal Procedure Code of Bosnia and Herzegovina and submit it to the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Upon that the Court of BiH will subsequently decide on the commencement of the trial, Public Information Office Prosecutor's Office of BiH said.

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