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HET UIT ELKAAR VALLEN VAN DE  
ZAAK TEGEN MILOSEVIC  
WEERSPIEGELD IN DE NEDERLANDSE  
PERS EN HONEND  
BECOMMENTARIEERD DOOR MR.  
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# Kosovo-aantijging hield geen stand Aanvallen op gezondheid Milosevic

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Van redactie buitenland

Meer dan een jaar is er verstreken sinds de ontvoering en de uitlevering van president Slobodan Milosevic naar de NAVO-gevangenis. Hiermee schond de marionettenregering in Belgrado op flagrante wijze de grondwet en de wetten van de Federale Republiek Joegoslavië en van de Republiek Servië, evenals internationale juridische regels. Ook was het een poging van hetzelfde regime om de vrijheid en de democratie in Joegoslavië te onderdrukken en zodoende de deur te openen voor het uit-eenvallen van het land en voor de bezetting en de uitverkoop ervan.



Er was geen militaire of politieke coördinatie.

Voor alle vrijdenkende mensen in de wereld die bedreigd worden door onderwerping en kolonisatie is President Slobodan Milosevic een toonbeeld van een vechter voor de universele waarden van vrijheid en gelijkwaardigheid. De zogenaamde Kosovo-aantijging hield geen stand tegen de waarheid die op een waardige manier aan het licht gebracht werd door president Slobodan Milosevic.

**Aanval op gezondheid Milosevic**  
In grote moedijkheden gebarend door dat het proces zich niet naar verwachting ontwikkelde, doen de moordenaars van Den Haag er alles aan om president Slobodan Milosevic de betekenis en geestelijk uit te puffen. Hun verklaringen

gen waarin ze hun zogenaamde bezorgdheid uiten met betrekking tot zijn gezondheid zijn weerszinwendend en immoreel. In de gevangenis is hij verstoken van elementaire menselijke voorzieningen; hij wordt bedolven onder een groot aantal zogenaamde getuigen en met karrenvrachten schriftelijke verklaringen, documenten en papieren. Tenslotte hebben ze hem bereft van een adequate medische behandeling omzorgd op een huichelachtige wijze het recht over hartige gronden zijne gezondheidszorg te laten. Waarvan ze allezo maar stijgen doen met het bevel.

In plaats van een ommekeer die zo reikhalzend tegemoet gezien werd door de aanklagers, resulteerde het proces van Den Haag in een compleet fiasco na de afronding van het voorleggen van het zogenaamde bewijs door de aanklagers in de zogenaamde Kosovo-aanklacht. Het is duidelijk geworden dat er geen bewijs is voor de beschuldigingen.

# Geen sluitend bewijs tegen

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## Slobodan Milosovic

De aanklagers in de zaak-  
Milosevic zijn klaar. Twee jaar  
hebben ze de tijd gehad om  
genocide te bewijzen. Of dat is  
gelukt, blijkt pas veel later.  
Maar strafrechtdeskundigen  
zijn niet onder de indruk.

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**Rob Vreeken**  
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# Zaak tegen Milošević

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## 'valt uit elkaar'

Het proces-Milošević rammelt. Aanklagers maken onderling ruzie. Bij het tribunaal gelooft bijna niemand meer dat Milošević wordt veroordeeld wegens genocide. *NRC*

Door onze redacteurs  
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PETRA DE KONING

DEN HAAG, 28 FEBR. Carla del Ponte, hoofdaanklager van het Joegoslavië-tribunaal, deed twee jaar geleden geen moeite om haar triomfantelijke gevoel te onderdrukken. Het was op de eerste dag van het proces tegen ex-president Slobodan Milošević. Die zat in de beklagdenbank tegenover haar, maar hij keek haar niet aan. Carla del Ponte glimlachte vaak, ze zag er tevreden uit. „Met dit proces”, zei ze in haar openingstoespraak, „wordt geschiedenis geschreven.”

Het eerste deel van het proces, waarin de aanklagers hun bewijsmateriaal presenteerden, is deze week afgesloten. Van het triomfantelijke gevoel is weinig overgebleven. De rechtszaak tegen Milošević, zeggen medewerkers van Del Ponte, „valt langzaam uit elkaar”. Ze hebben het dan niet over de slechte gezondheid van Milošević, waardoor het proces vaak moest worden onderbroken, en ook niet over de ziekte van rechter Richard May – hij moet worden vervangen.

BIJLAGE II BIJ PERSBERICHT

Mr. Milosevic over de ineenstorting van de aanklacht tegen hem, als fundament onder alle beschuldigingen, dat hij bij alles handelde vanuit de misdadige intentie naar een Groot-Servië

(letterlijk ontleend aan het transcript van de zitting van 29 november 2005)

(Milosevic stelt dit punt aan de kaak in het kader van zijn verzet tegen de op dat moment door de aanklagers gewenste ontkoppeling van de verschillende aanklachten, die de aanklagers eerst zo graag gekoppeld wilden zien, wat aan het begin van het proces op hun verzoek ook gebeurde was)

"I would particularly like to highlight the issue of a Greater Serbia in that context. This was represented by the other side four years ago when they asked for a joinder of trials, that that was the red thread bringing all parts of the case together, and the Trial Chamber agreed to that. So then you cannot talk about severing the case without dealing with the destiny of that particular issue.

On the 25th of August this year, Mr. Nice, after three and a half year of trial, said that he was not prosecuting me on account of a Greater Serbia, and he ascribed that idea to me from the very outset, from his introductory remarks and then through the testimony of almost half or even more than half of his witnesses who -- his witnessses, who spoke of a Greater Serbia as my objective and answered questions put by him to them in that context.

So how can you talk about severance, then, before giving answers to certain questions ? What is the fate of these proceedings that have been going on for over three years where you and I, and probably the other side, thought that I was being tried for a Greater Serbia, which was the objective of some kind of alleged joint criminal enterprise. So that was what we tried to deal with when putting questions to the witnesses and in dealing with all the evidence, because that is what Mr. Nice was alleging through his witnesses.

So, then, what is the legal validity of that part of the proceedings, when we are all being deluded into believing that this was the main objective of the Prosecution ? So what's the point of all these witnesses who talked about a Greater Serbia as my primary goal here ? Are you going to take that out of the evidence, or are you going tot let me examine them further?

Also what about this joint criminal enterprise ? And what would its objective be after this change ? And what is this phantom of a joint criminal enterprise that is being discussed here ?

And what is it that is exactly being alleged ? People who are sitting here, including me, including you, on the one hand, simply cannot know all the things that are referred to in all these documents that Mr. Nice served - a million pages, no less - and no one knows what the Prosecutor is prosecuting, including the Prosecutor herself. She doesn't know it either. I think even Franz Kafka would feel that he did not have great imagination compared to this."

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\* HOW THE EXPOSURE OF DEL PONTE AND HER SO CALLED YUGOSLAVIA TRIBUNAL IS ON ITS WAY ALSO IN WESTERN MEDIA

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### Milosevic

De aanklager van het Joegoslavië Tribunaal heeft in de zaak-Milosevic, die nu ruim anderhalf jaar bezig is, ruim 250 getuigen opgeroepen. Desondanks menen critici dat hoofdaanklager Carla del Ponte nog altijd geen zaak heeft. De maker van de tweedelige documentaire (deel 1 werd een week geleden uitgezonden) komt tot de conclusie dat de aanklager getuigen manipuleert en vermeende misdadigers levenslange immuniteit en zelfs een nieuwe identiteit geeft in ruil voor belastende verklaringen tegen Milosevic. Alles lijkt erop gericht en veel lijkt geoorloofd om Milosevic te veroordelen te krijgen. *De zaak Milosevic, deel 2, Nederland 3, 20.55 uur.*



Slobodan Milosevic.

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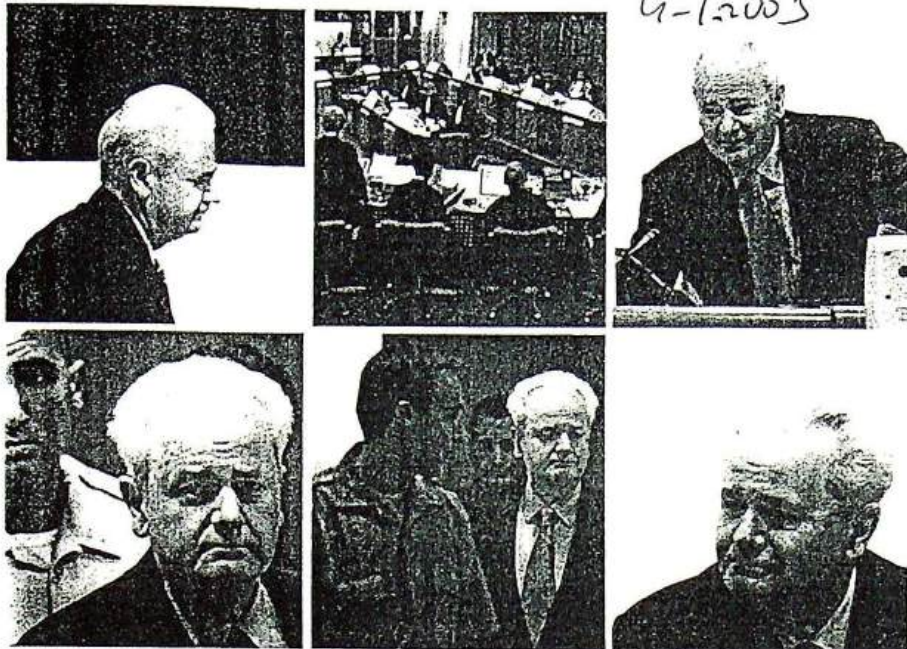
### MILOSEVIC

The prosecutor of the Yugoslavia Tribunal has called in the Milosevic case, now already ongoing for more than one and a half year, up till now more than 250 witnesses. Despite that critical comments hold that main prosecutor Carla del Ponte still has not yet a sound case. The producer of the two part documentary (part 1 was brought on tv last week) comes to the conclusion that the prosecutor is manipulating witnesses and is providing suspected criminals with immunity or even with a new identity in exchange for incriminating testimonies against Milosevic. Everything seems to be aimed at and much seems to be allowed to get Milosevic convicted. The Milosevic case - part 2, Nederland 3, 20.55 h.

JOEGOSLAVIË-TRIBUNAAL

# Recht als handjeklap

Getuigen met bloed aan hun handen moeten de zaak tegen Milosevic redden. De verliezer is het internationaal strafrecht



Aanklagers willen bewijzen dat Milosevic het hoofd was van een Servische 'criminele organisatie'

**A**ls Hitler in 1945 was gearresteerd, en het Neurenberg-tribunaal had destijds naar de rechtspraak van het huidige Joegoslavië-tribunaal gehandeld, waren Hans Frank, Hermann Göring, Ernst Kaltenbrunner en andere nazi-kopstukken dan ook opgehangen? Of was er met hen een 'deal' gesloten: getuigenis afleggen tegen hun baas, in ruil voor vrijheid of strafvermindering? Zouden zulke deals toentertijd zijn geaccepteerd als aanvaardbare rechtspleging?

Zulke historische vergelijkingen gaan bijna altijd mank. Slobodan Milosevic is Adolf Hitler niet. Maar het 'proces van de eeuw' tegen de voormalige Joegoslavische president, dat de komende decennia de standaard moet zijn van het nog broze internationaal strafrecht, hangt aan elkaar van afspraken en handjeklap met getuigen die tegelijkertijd verdachten zijn, of hadden kunnen zijn. Dat gebeurt zelfs niet meer verhuuld, zoals gebruikelijk in het Amerikaanse rechtssysteem, waar akkoordjes met criminele 'kroongetuigen' minder omstreken zijn dan in het continentale Europese stelsel.

Carla del Ponte, hoofdaanklager van het Joegoslavië-Tribunaal, heeft in december openlijk laten weten dat een eventuele getuigenis van de voormalige Bosnisch-Servische president Biljana Plavsic tegen Milosevic voor haar tot een lagere straf zou leiden. De 72-jarige Plavsic staat in Den Haag zelf terecht, be-

kende schuld aan misdaden tegen de menselijkheid en hoorde 15 tot 25 jaar eisen. In haar geval zou dat neerkomen op levenslang. De boodschap van Carla del Ponte: zeg iets belastends over Milosevic, en er gaat vijf of tien jaar vanaf.

Nu zijn zulke toezeggingen in het normale strafrecht al dubieus. Niet alleen vanuit moreel oogpunt – misdadigers ontlopen hun straf als ze 'meewerken' –, maar ook omdat de betrouwbaarheid van de informatie die op deze wijze boven water wordt getakeld per definitie ter discussie komt te staan. De criminele getuige heeft immers een overduidelijk eigenbelang om te verklaren wat de aanklager graag wil horen, maar anderszins niet kan 'bewijzen'.

In het internationaal strafrecht, en zeker waar het gaat om het toewijzen van schuld in kwesties van oorlog en vrede die in hoge mate gepolitiseerd zijn, is een dergelijke strategie van de aanklager al helemaal een zwaktebod. Del Ponte had tot dusver weinig succes in haar zaak tegen Milosevic. Zo weinig, dat zij zich vorig jaar gedwongen zag een reeks 'getuigen' op te voeren die zelf aantoonbaar bloed aan hun handen hebben. Van

Rade Markovic, de voormalige chef van de geheime dienst en organisator van paramilitaire bendes in Kosovo, werd veel verwacht, maar tot ieders verrassing legde hij in juli een voor Milosevic deels ontlastende verklaring af. Eerder al verstrekte Markovic' voorganger, Jovica Stanisic, die de inzet van Arkans militie in Kroatië en Bosnië regelde, informatie aan het Tribunaal, zij het onderhands. Begin december liet Del Ponte de voormalige politieke chef van de Serviërs in Kroatië, Milan Babic, getuigen. Onder zijn verantwoordelijkheid werden tienduizenden Kroaten met terreur uit de Krajina verdreven.

Voor Milosevic en diens medestanders is het niet moeilijk, geconfronteerd met zulke dubieuze getuigen, staande te houden dat de zaak tegen hem in essentie een politieke is. Elie Wiesel, spreekbuis van de holocaustslachtoffers, mocht voor de rechters – en de camera's – weer eens het Joegoslavië van Milosevic vergelijken met nazi-Duitsland. Madeleine Albright, ex-minister van Buitenlandse Zaken van Amerika en de 'moeder van het Tribunaal' genoemd, werd van stal gehaald om te getuigen. Haar vriendelijke woorden voor Plavsic, die zelf schuld bekende aan de vreselijkste misdaden, spraken boekdelen. De grote weeffout van het proces tegen Milosevic is de politieke stelling die de aanklager wil bewijzen, namelijk dat hij aan het hoofd stond van een Servische 'criminele organisatie', die volgens een vooropgezet plan de veelvolkerenstaat Joegoslavië sloopte. Serieuze historici als de Belgische Balkan-kenner Raymond Detrez wijzen die interpretatie resoluut van de hand.

Was Del Ponte uitgegaan van een visie op de Joegoslavische oorlogen waarin meer dan één partij uit louter opportunistische motieven rampzalige en misdadige besluiten nam, dan was de de rol van van Kroaten, moslims en ook het Westen niet alleen in de marge naar voren gekomen. Maar een dergelijke genuanceerde aanpak past niet in het eenzijdige beeld dat de broodheren van het tribunaal, Amerika voorop, het publiek jarenlang hebben voorgeschoteld en waarin om redenen van politieke tactiek Milosevic de enige boeman moest zijn.

De verliezer is het internationaal strafrecht, dat zichzelf met het showproces van het Joegoslavië-tribunaal in Den Haag discrediteert. Voor dat recht zou het geen ramp zijn als de belangrijkste gevangene in Scheveningen, lijdend aan een hartkwaal en een te hoge bloeddruk, op een goede dag zijn cel niet meer zou uitlopen.

Abbe de Vries

TV VOORAF ZONDAG

# Kanttekeningen bij het proces-Milosevic

VPRO Tegenlicht: De zaak Milosevic. Deel één: zondag, Nederland 3, 20.55-21.50u. Deel twee: zondag 28 sept.

Door CEES BANNING

Ruim 250 getuigen heeft hoofd-aanklager Carla Del Ponte van het Joegoslavië-tribunaal opgeroepen in het proces tegen Slobodan Milosevic. Eind van dit jaar moeten de VN-aanklagers hun zaak hebben afgerond en dan komt de verdachte aan het woord. In zaak IT-02-54 wordt, volgens programmamaker Jos de Putter, duidelijk dat Milosevic zich behalve tegen de formele aanklachten ook tegen de negatieve beeldvorming moet verdedigen. In deel één van het Tegenlicht-tweeluik 'De zaak Milosevic' probeert De Putter het ontstane beeld te reconstrueren en signaleert hij dat er vaak sprake is van manipulatie.

Aan het begin van het Balkan-conflict, begin jaren negentig, wordt communicatie-expert Jim Harff door de tegenstanders van de Serviërs (Kroaten en Bosniërs) ingehuurd om de Amerikaanse publieke opinie beïnvloeden. „We hadden een educatieve rol om uit te leggen waar de repressie plaatsvond”, aldus Harff. Het beeld was in die periode dat van uitgemergel-



Slobodan Milosevic

de lijven achter een hek van prikkeldraad in een kamp in Bosnië. De wereld werd door deze beelden, die associaties oproepen met de concentratiekampen in Nazi-Duitsland, „wakker geschud”, constateert Harff.

Deze beelden en het begrip 'etnische zuivering' droegen in belangrijke mate bij aan de oprichting van het VN-hof in 1993. Maar het beeld van het concentratiekamp was gemanipuleerd, zo blijkt uit

deel één van het tweeluik. Het betrof geen concentratiekamp, maar een vluchtelingenkamp in Bosnië. Het terrein was vrij toegankelijk en was slechts voor een klein gedeelte begrensd door een hek met prikkeldraad. Maar de wereld was 'wakker geschud'.

In deel twee van het zeer goed gedocumenteerde tweeluik wordt duidelijk dat de aanklagers van het VN-tribunaal over vergaande bevoegdheden beschikken als het gaat om het afnemen van getuigenverklaringen. Zo kan de anonieme getuige K2 rekenen op levenslange bescherming van het VN-hof, terwijl hij verdacht wordt van betrokkenheid bij de moord op de beruchte Servische militie-leider Arkan. Niet iedere getuige is gevoelig voor het aanbod van immuniteit. Kapitein Dragan Vasiljkovic vertelt hoe hij door het tribunaal is benaderd om een getuigenverklaring af te leggen. Vasiljkovic, beter bekend als 'kapitein Dragan', leidde het Servische verzet in Kroatië tegen het bewind van de Kroatische leider Tudjman. Hij maakt geen gebruik van de beschermende maatregelen die door het VN-hof worden aangeboden. Wie geeft hun het recht, zo vraagt hij zich af, om oorlogsmisdadigers te beschermen?

translation from the Dutch newspaper NRC Handelsblad

## COMMENT ON THE MILOSEVIC TRIAL

More than 250 witnesses have been called up by main prosecutor Carla del Ponte from the Yugoslavia tribunal in the trial against Slobodan Milosevic. At the end of this year the UN-prosecutors must have finalized their case and then the defendant will get the floor. According to the producer of the programme Jos de Putter, in case IT-02-54 it's more and more clear that Milosevic has to defend himself, besides against formal counts, also against negative image building.

In part 1 De Putter tries to reconstruct the existing images and points out that frequently there are fabrications at issue.

At the beginning of the Balkan-conflict, in the early nineties, spin-expert Jim Harff was hired by the advers-

aries of the Serbs (Croatians and Bosnian Moslms) in order to influence the American public opinion. "We had a an educative task in explaining where the repression was taking place", Harff states. The overwhelming image of that period was that of emaciated corpses behind barbed wire in a camp in Bosnia. The world was "shaked awake" by these images, which had been associated with the concentration camps in Nazi-Germany, Harff states. These images and the phrase 'ethnic cleansing' have triggered to a large extent the creation of the UN-court in 1993. But the image of concentration camp was fabricated, so must be concluded from part one of the two-folded documentary. It was not a concentration camp, but a camp for refugees in Bosnia. The terrain was freely accessible and only for a small part fenced with barbed wire. However, the world had been "shaked awake". Part two of the very carefully documented production makes clear that the prosecutors of the UN-tribunal claim far reaching competences in the field of dealing with witnesses. So the anonymous witness K2 could rely on a lifelong protection by the UN-court, though he is under suspicion for murder on the infamous Serb militia leader Arkan. Not every witness is sensitive for the tender of immunity. Captain Dragan Vasiljkovic, better known as 'captain Dragan' was in charge of the Serbian resistance in Croatia against the regime of the Croatian leader Tudjman. He was not accepting the protective measures, offered by the UN-court. He is asking himself: who gives them the right to protect war criminals?

- Two evenings long it has been seen in all living rooms of the Dutch people, by means of this documentary, how this scandalous 'tribunal' operates.
- Two nights long the Dutch people has been able to watch how the Prosecutor is introducing an endless flow of liars, criminals and other thugs as witnesses against Mr. Milosevic.
- Two nights long the whole country has been able to look into the kitchen of this outrageous 'tribunal' and to watch how every criminal, who is prepared to testify against Mr. Milosevic, will be amply rewarded by this 'tribunal' with immunity for his crimes during the rest of his life.
- Two nights long the Dutch people got the opportunity to watch the absolute bewildering daily routine of this so called 'tribunal' that every adversary of Mr. Milosevic, and even every madman, could testify as a secret and/or protected witness. As long as he or she is prepared to testify in favour of the prosecutor and against mr. Milosevic.

- Two nights long we have seen how the so called 'judge' May, time and again when Mr. Milosevic is once more about to expose another witness of the prosecutor as a liar or as somebody bribed or otherwise moulded for the sake of the prosecutor, automatically interferes and is seeking to shield that 'witness'. This as a mockery of justice, and as if committing perjury, as well as allowing it, wouldn't be a serious crime in every thinkable legal system !
  
- In the second part of the documentary, on September 28, 2003, we saw how this fellow, May, has already made up his mind.  
During the crossexamination of Mr. Lilic, former President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on June 17, 2003, by Mr. Milosevic, May simply forbade Mr. Lilic to talk about the point who were to hold responsible for the exodus of the Kosovar Albanians during NATO's war of aggression: NATO's bombardments or a deliberate planning by the Yugoslav government. And then he let slip the following remark adressed to Mr. Lilic: "The witness does not know that; he cannot know that. Only the court knows that. And the court will deal with this issue when the time has come."

So at the end of this travesty of justice May will finally pronounce that it was all done by the Serbs, spearheaded by mr. Milosevic.

\* HOW TO DETERMINE WITH CERTAINTY THAT THE ICTY IS NOTHING BUT A POLITICAL TOOL OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION

The ICTY is nothing but an extension of American foreign policy and del Ponte is nothing more than a branch manager of this American foreign policy.

There is undisputable evidence for this posing.

And this evidence is both as overwhelming as also prima facie.

Just remember the, still ongoing, rabid American campaign against the International Criminal Court.

The Americans are already beforehand simply outraged by only the idea that ever an American citizen would run the risk to be brough before an international tribunal. They even threaten the Netherlands with military invasion if ever an American national would be imprisoned in the Hague, the so called The Hague Invasion Act.

So the Americans are scared to death for the ICC, a truely independent international court. Because they do not control this court.

But obviously they have even not remotely any fear that the ICTY would ever prosecute an American national, serving in Bosnia, Serbia (Kosovo) or wherever in the former Yugoslavia. Though formally the ICTY pretends to have the competence to prosecute Americans as well in cases related to the former Yugoslavia.

So definitely Americans in the former Yugoslavia have nothing to fear from the ICTY. As they too have nothing to be afraid of, with respect to the ICTY, in relation to NATO's war of aggression and the war crimes committed against Yugoslavia in 1999.

And they know that for sure.

Otherwise they doubtless would combat the ICTY with the same ferocity as they are now fighting against the ICC. Instead of financing the ICTY with millions of dollars a year.

So this shows that the Americans are in perfect control of the ICTY.

They have screened Carla del Ponte thoroughly. And they know that, as long as she will be in charge, she will do what they want. Namely to incriminate mainly Serbs. To indict some of them even for genocide. And to indict a certain number of non-Serbs as well as token suspects, in order to keep up a certain appearance of objectivity.

This in order to reach the threefolded goal that the Americans have with this so called tribunal: a) to rewrite the history of the Yugoslav tragedy in terms of Serbs being the main culprits of it, b) to distract attention from the western aggression committed against the former Yugoslavia and c) to give a clear warning to all nations of the world and their leadership which would consider to oppose American hegemony, namely that this will not stay unpunished.

Today del Ponte is here in Nieuwspoor. In order to boast about what she has already achieved for her masters in the Capitol and the Pentagon.

\* HOW THE YUGOSLAVIA TRIBUNAL CREATES LIFE THREATENING CONDITIONS FOR MR. MILOSEVIC.

In the meantime the life of Mr. Milosevic is seriously endangered. 'Court judge' May has demonstrates even the monstrous brutality to pronounce the fear that Mr. Milosevic would not make it till the end of the trial, at the same time categorically refusing to take seriously into account mr. Milosevic' medical condition.

\* HOW THE SO CALLED TRIBUNAL EARLIER MADE ITSELF GUILTY TO THE DEATH OF DR. MILAN KOVACEVIC

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Dear Mr Steijaen,

I have been the lead counsel for a client before the International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia, Dr Milan Kovacevic who died at Scheveningen prison on august 1, 1998.

Now I represent his son the next of kin for the wrongful death of his father. Dr Kovacevic has died as direct result of negligence of Dutch prison physicians who failed to entertain a diagnosis that patient's condition was possible rupture of the abdominal aneurysm a condition, which was diagnosed in February of 1998. As a matter of medical prudence and safe practice a patient with known abdominal aneurysm who develops pain in the abdomen must be first ruled out that the aneurysm is not rupturing. This may only done by a specialist and the patient must have been referred to the hospital immediately. Unconscionably the prison doctor "blew every aspect of examination" and just gave the patient a painkiller and left him in the prison cell without establishing a diagnosis.

I would like you to explore possibilities to sue the physician and the Dutch government as provider of services. Those physicians who provide services are not directly employed to be protected with the UN immunity that is almost absolute. The physicians were providing the services mostly to Dutch prisoners and if this is a type of practice that the other physicians provide to prisoners than Dutch people should be really concerned. Dr Kovacevic suffered negligent homicide and no men should be extrajudicially executed in Holland just because he is Serb prisoner form Bosnia. Dr Kovacevic who was anesthesiologist trained in Dusseldorf Germany used to say to me: "I am not afraid of the judges since I know that I am not responsible for what went on in Bosnia but this ignorant prison's GPs will kill me" He was really afraid since he perceived the depth of their ineptness.

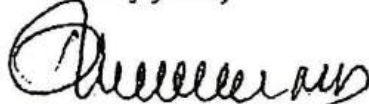
I was hoping that he would not foretell his destiny, however when I spoke with Dr Eckoff who was on duty that night only minutes after Dr Eckoff came back to pronounce patient dead, I in a collegial conversation witnessed the ignorance or carelessness which I even today can not reconcile as possible in Western Europe. The "hoky poky" explanations that doctor gave me are not becoming of a nursing student let alone medical student on his first year clinical experience. I can not help but be suspicious that this may have been even more sinister. There are many elements of cover up all the way to the President of the Tribunal who is of course Clinton's appointee.

I wrote a letter to the Tribunal warning of his condition and demanded that my client be seen by a specialist but my medical suggestions were plainly ignored

I am also a physician and have been practicing anesthesiology since 1974 in the United States where I attained the rank of Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology at Rush Medical School in Chicago before I turned to practice law in late eighties. I am graduate of Belgrade Medical School. Late Dr Kovacevic was my medical school classmate. Dr Kovacevic's common law wife is also my highschool classmate. (He married a girl from my Serbian hometown, which was about 250 mile from his Bosnian town of Prijedor.) When he was arrested and did not trust local Serbian attorneys his wife remembered me. I am sorry that he died, but even more that that happened before the trial was over since after the first three weeks of trial held in July he as so ecstatic since we were pulling apart the prosecutors case through his first few witnesses. It was pitiful how the case was politically stacked with anti Serbian agenda al the way from 1848. However we were ready and were running the circus around 'politically correct' American military prosecutors

This case would be a great publicity bullhorn for the other case you are pursuing on behalf of Serbian citizens.

Sincerely yours,



Dusan Vucicevic

Dutch ICDSM counsel Mr. N.M.P. Steijnen wrote back, inter alia:

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USA

28 January 2002

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ref.: your letter in the case of Dr. Milan Kovacevic v. the State of the Netherlands & ICTY, dated 4 January 1999

Dear Mr. Vucicevic,

The immediate cause to come back on this question is the testimony by the three Bosnian Croats, Zoran, Vlatko and Mirjan Kupreskic, who were set free by the ICTY in the second half of december, as registrated in a prominent Dutch newspaper, the NRC, in the 29 December 2001 edition. They were very impressed by the death of Dr. Kovacevic and declared with respect to this:

"The other prisoners had heard him crying of pain at eleven o'clock in the evening', tells Mirjan. They tried to attract the attention of the guards, but only in the nocturnal hours a physician arrived. He thought that Kovacevic suffered pain in his kidneys and gave him medicines. Mirjan: 'No one of us has slept that night'. The next morning he died, Mirjan and Zoran were present at this. Later on it became clear that Kovacevic had died on an internal haemorrhage of his ventral aorta. Already at his arrival in the Hague is was diagnosed that he suffered an aortal swelling, but nevertheless according to the tribunal he was fit enough to stand in trail."

No one here in the Netherlands is upset when a Serb died by negligent homicide in the cells of the Scheveningen prison. So this will not give any commotion.

However, this cannot stay without further consequences. So I am prepared now to undertake legal action against the ICTY itself, the State of the Netherlands and the physician Dr. Eckoff, who was the responsible physician, on duty that night.

By claiming damages along the lines of civil legal action against the mentioned parties before the relevant Dutch District Court in the Hague.

I foresee many legal difficulties, but we can at least try to seek justice.

This, of course, when his family still, after such a long time of silence and mourning, wants to re-open this case..

Awaiting your response,

Sincerely yours,

Nico Steijnen

And Mr. Vucicevic answered, on his turn:

**Nico Steijnen**

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From: <DVucicevic@aol.com>  
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Sent: zondag 3 februari 2002 21:09  
Subject: Congratulation on staying alive

Dear Colleague,

Dr. Kovacevic's wrongful death claim I pursued against UN via demand for arbitration, since their immunity precluded litigation in any of the National Jurisdictions. As you noted a claim on behalf of a Bosnian man accused of genocide extraterritorially in Holland would not have had any sympathy of the jurists to extend the jurisdictional or to declare National Treaty's invalid.

Second at that time I could not find any lawyers in Holland who would accept the case, however I consulted with a few about the merits of the case. Just as you indicated the legal case was tenuous at best.

Therefore I quickly learned UN arbitration rules and noticed that they use the substantive laws of the Nation where the tort occurred. Thus I studied the law on damages in similar situation and found that they are not as lucrative as those in USA. Basically future economic and pain and suffering were compensable. The UN convention fixes \$100,000 for death of an officer of the UN at the seat of UN sop since the doctor was not an officer of the UN family decided to accept 50% on this point. Economic damages were paid in full as if the doctor were a private practitioner in Bosnia at the top pay from the day of his arrest to the age of 65.

Incidentally his widow called me two days ago to thank me again for making it possible for her and their son to survive in Bosnia.

Doctor's family was very pleased since I maximized the damages without undergoing through discovery or advancing any cost or fees for the arbitrators or witnesses. I conducted aggressive negotiation by asserting that I will prove a homicide and not a medical negligence. I have learned from a few inmates what had happened the second day after his death when I arrived to The Hague. The lawyers of the both inmates with cells adjoining Dr. Kovacevic have gave me a detailed accounts.

Sincerely yours,

Dusan Vucicevic MD JD  
tel 630 325 8455  
or 630 258 2073

So this is a serious warning for the scenario the so called tribunal may have in mind to get rid of the problem Milosevic !  
The man who is too strong for them.

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Vijf jaar Milosevic voor het  
ICTY,  
vijf jaar waarschuwingen  
en noodkreten tegen pogingen  
om hem uit de weg geruimd  
te krijgen

Five years Milosevic before the ICTY,  
five years warnings en appeals for help  
against assasination attempts

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**Subject:** WORSENING OF MILOSEVIC'S HEALTH PRODUCES RECESS OF THE "TRIAL"

**WORSENING OF MILOSEVIC'S HEALTH PRODUCES RECESS OF THE "TRIAL"**

**From** FREEDOM Association:

Consilium of medical experts appointed by "ICTY", in presence of the long time personal doctor of President Milosevic, colonel Zdravko Mijailovic, made on Tuesday afternoon a routine check-up of the President's health.

They measured blood pressure of 120/200 mmHg!

Despite their findings, the "trial" resumed today.

After another strong appeal from the Yugoslav Committee (see below), only today Afternoon, the "court" accepted doctors' advises and decided that, due to the need to change the (practically unexisting) therapy and to make additional check-ups and laboratory analyses, the "accused" shall not appear in the "court" for at least next two days, until further notice.

About two weeks ago, after the second break in the "trial", due to "flu" (diagnosis of the prison doctor) which lasted this time two weeks, the "trial chamber" issued an order to the "registry" to organize a consilium check-up and to report the results. This decision was made after many appeals from Yugoslavia and from abroad. After that, additional efforts and appeals have been made to include in the consilium at least one of Yugoslav doctors. "Tribunal" finally agreed that consilium check-ups can be made in the presence of President's long time personal doctor, colonel Zdravko Mijailovic, head of the Cardio-vascular Clinic of the Military Medical Academy in Belgrade.

We still follow the developments, with lot of worry.

It is obvious that the prison conditions, lack of medical care and inhuman conditions and length of the "trial", produced worsening of the health of President Milosevic and increased risks.

Let us further act against this show-trial and its dangerous consequences!

**FREEDOM FOR SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC!**  
**FREEDOM FOR YUGOSLAVIA!**

Our today's message to the "Tribunal":

**"FREEDOM" ASSOCIATION, BELGRADE, FR YUGOSLAVIA**

**- Mr. Claude Jorda,**

**President, ICTY**

July 17, 2002

**- Mr. Richard May,**

**President, Trial Chamber**

Our March 30 appeal:

**FREEDOM ASSOCIATION**

**/YUGOSLAV COMMITTEE TO LIBERATE PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC/**

**WARNS:**

**HEALTH AND LIFE OF PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC**

**UNDER THREAT!**

**Level of health protection in former Nazi prison in the Hague is the same like in Nazi concentration camps**

**(two prisoners already dyed due to lack of medical care)!**

**60-year old president Milosevic with malignant hypertension and specific form of angina pectoris in an endless "trial" every day whole day is treated by aspirins, when he got a flu (according to prison doctor - general practitioner) with more then 10 days of high temperature!**

**He is under total life risk in such circumstances,**

**say medical experts of Belgrade University!**

**He needs urgent check-up by medical specialists, which NATO "tribunal" prohibits up to now!**

**ACTION MUST BE TAKEN!**

After the "tribunal's" negative answer to first such initiative, Freedom Association sends the following letter (with medical documentation enclosed) to "judges", "prosecution" and "amici curiae" of the now-days Gestapo

(in accordance with their "rules"),

warning them about the criminal responsibility:

**UNITED NATIONS**  
**International Criminal Tribunal**  
**for the Former Yugoslavia**  
**To the III Trial Chamber**

**Your Excellencies,**

**Bearing in mind the intensive dynamic of the so-called trial, to which President Slobodan Milosevic is exposed from day to day, we must warn you that you carry the responsibility for his health and life.**

**Since you are evidently not enough informed with the general, but with the current as well, state of health of President Milosevic, and since, no matter of his illness, you do not show interest enough for the improvement of his health, that is the reason why we are compelled, as National Committee for liberation of Slobodan Milosevic, to warn you about that. We especially bear in mind your responsibility for the state of health of President Milosevic that derives from your Statute and Rulebook on Procedure and Evidence and a number of other international documents. The treatment of President Milosevic as a whole finds itself in full collision with the Convention on torture and other brutal, humiliating sanctions and proceedings, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1984, came into force on June 26, 1987 and is in collision with the equivalent Convention, adopted by the Council of Europe.**

If however, for the sake of accomplishing an unprecedented "project" of a trial, you will further on allow, as it has been the case so far, the deterioration of President Milosevic's health, you will carry full responsibility for that.

Therefore, we demand to enable a number of medical experts (first of all specialists for cardio-vascular diseases) from Yugoslavia, to make an urgent examination of President Milosevic and give a proposal for adequate treatment, in order to stop the further deterioration of his health. The team of experts would be comprised out of Prof. Dr. Med. Sc Bozina Radevic (cardio-vascular surgeon), Prof. Dr. Med. Sc Zdravko Mijailovic (cardiologist), Doc. Dr. Med. Sc Dragana Bojic (cardiologist), and Prof. Dr. Med. Sc Vojislav Suvakovic (infectologist).

Starting from Rule 74bis of the Rulebook on Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal, according to which you are *proprio motu* able to issue such an order, we demand from you to immediately enable a consilium medical examination of President Milosevic.

Attached you will find the reports of Prof. Dr. Med. Sc. Zdravko Mijailovic of the Military Medical Academy of Belgrade, dating from May 31, 2001 and June 4, 2001 (both in English), together with the copies of the originals in Serbian, as well as the medical report dated from March 25, 2002 related to the state of health of President Milosevic.

Belgrade, March 26, 2002

For "SLOBODA" ("Freedom") Association

The National Committee for the

Liberation of Slobodan Milosevic

Bogoljub Bjelica, President

## MEDICAL REPORT

RE: SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC

Inspection of medical documentation and his previously, well known health problems insigate and underline further facts:

The majority of people know what is hypertension. It is not secret that hypertension has an important role of cardiovascular mortality and morbidity. Effective treatment significantly reduces relative risk of stroke up to 40%, and of myocardial infraction by 20%. Slobodan Milosevic does not have simply elevated blood pressure, he has hypertensive crisis or malignant hypertension. His diastolic blood pressure often, with abrupt onset exceeds 130 mmHg, systolic 200 mmHg. What does it mean?

Accelerated (malignant) hypertension occurs most commonly in patients with essential hypertension. The risk of complication is more closely linked with the rate of rise in blood pressure than the absolute blood pressure level, because patients auto regulate to compensate for chronic hypertension. When blood pressure rises rapidly as Milosevics' case, cerebral, retinal and renal damage may ensue and the patient may develop acute cardinale failure. It carries a high mortality risk: untreated, 1-year survival in approximately 25%; with treatment, 1-year survival is around 90%. Rapid control of escalating blood pressure is essential, but it has to be achieved by slow, sustained reduction. There is no prison hospital which can obtain this treatment. They can provide only aggressive treatment. Aggressive reduction can cause tissue and cerebral ischaemia and infraction, because in most cases the tissues have auto regulated to require a grater than normal perfusion pressure.

His another health problem is Prinzmetal's variant angina pectoris. There is no person who does not understand what means "angina pectoris". In the last few months Milosevic has been having chest pain due to coronary arterial spasm which can not be relieved by sublingual nitroglycerin. It occurs at rest with abrupt onset or rapid deterioration of previously stable condition. Reason for deterioration his condition is inappropriate coronary vasoconstriction which has been shown to occur during exposure to mental stress.

In the other hand, anxiety is a normal reaction to cardiac illness and many patient will have

symptoms as a result. The tendency to categorize patient's symptoms as "genuine" and "non-cardiac" is unhelpful. Relaxation and stress management are fundamental problems particularly useful in managing angina where (after exertion) stress is the second most likely precipitant of symptoms.

Slobodan Milosevic is in the prison where there is no possibility for appropriate medical treatment. He probably can get pills or doctors' supervision. But underlying conditions ask for high educated consultants, intensive care unit and above all relaxation. Only in this condition his cardiac properties will not function related his chance to present evidence of his innocent.

**Prolonger trial and stress continuity increase risk of major cardiovascular events. Slobodan Milosevic is undergoing extreme psychical effort. Everyday rapid deterioration of his health can cause sudden death. That is why he must be reviewed and under care of medical experts from Yugoslavia who know his medical history. They need to see him and after serious examination decide about further treatment.**

**We are not talking about quality of life we are fighting for life!**

**Professors of Belgrade University:**

**Dragana Bojic, Ph.D., MD, cardiologist**

**Vojislav Suvakovic, Ph.D., MD, infectologist**

**Milos Janicijevic, Ph.D., MD, neuro-surgeon**

**Done in Belgrade, March 25, 2002**

**FOLLOW-UP CARDIOLOGY EXAMINATION**

**PATIENT: SLOBODAN MILOŠEVIĆ**

The patient is 61 years old.

Risk factors for coronary arterial disease: smoker, hyper lipidaemia, heredity, high stress, arterial hypertension (in earlier check-ups over many years arterial tension ranged most frequently around 135-140/ 85-90 mmHg, with occasional therapy. Maximum blood pressure readings ranged around 150/95mmHg and rarely 150/100 mmHg).

He is also aware of small cysts in kidneys.

Echo examination of abdomen a year and a half ago, changes in gall bladder observed, like a polyp or calculus but no further investigation made because of the patients' rejection.

Occasionally administered medicines: Presolol 100mg ¼ ili ½, Upsarin effervettes 1 in the morning. Between 11.04.2001 and 13.04.2001 he was hospitalized in the Military Medical Academy Hospital, where:

During echo cardiography: significant hypertrophy of myocardium was proven in the left ventricles, global EF around 45%, but with akinesy of the distal third of the septum, top of heart and distal third of frontal and lateral wall of the left ventricle (Docent dr. A. Neskovic-KBC Dedinje).

The selective coronography revealed coronary bridge ) suffocation of the left coronary artery). Naked microcirculation and on other segments epicardial coronary arteries only negligible changes. Left ventricle of normal size, of hyperopic walls, in systole like hypertrophy cardiomiopathy.

Under the decision of the medical consultation team the patient was dismissed with medical therapy (dismissal letter attached).

In the meantime a check-up was undertaken (223.04.2001) when it was concluded that the arterial hypertension has not been cured, with the existence of probable angina pectoris, more intensive medicinal therapy and additional examinations (ophthalmology examination, neurological examination, analysis of the adrenal glands, abdominal echo and kidney and adrenal glands echo, 24 hour halter monitoring of blood pressure and halter ECG...follow up of ECG and additional assessment of microcirculation (scintigraphy of the heart or PET scan..).

In the meantime he occasionally complained of chest sharp pain propagating to the jaws and numbness in the jaws...he did not take nitroglicerine... those disorders appear when in the state of rest, but more often while walking when he occasionally sweats. Then he must sit down and rest, when the troubles pass away gradually.

Occasionally he feels lack of air and speedy or irregular hear beat.

Sometimes mild headaches felt.

Regularly controlled blood pressure and pulse by the attending doctor. Maximum measured blood pressure readings 220/13p mmHg on 30.05.2001, pulse 120/mm.

The lowest TA value in the period under review was 140/100mmHg and pulse 88/min, once on 21.04.2001.

The most frequent TA readings were 190/115 mmHg and pulse around 100/mm.

Regularly were monitored electro cardiograms, where sinus tachicardy was observed of around 10/min, with symmetrically negative T waves in D1, AVL and V2 to V6.

ECG dated 11.05.2001 shows sinus tachicardy around 11/min with deeply negative T waves in D1, AVL, V2 to V6 even up to around 1.5 cm with lowering of ST clip 2-3 cm.

Planned and appointed examinations suggested earlier were not carried out in the meantime because the patient was not motivated.

According to the patient, the medication proposed earlier has been regularly administered.

#### OBJECTIVE FINDING

Cordially compensated. Presently a febrile.

Obese according to general type. Veins in the neck not tense.

Over the neck arteries no suboclussion murmur is heard.

On the lungs vesicular breathing with rare low tone whistling.

Heart action is rhythmical, speeded to about 120/min, tones somewhat quiet, without pathological noise. TA:200/120mmHg (after regular therapy taken this morning).

Liver and spleen not palpable. No sensitivity of gall bladder to palpation.

No signs of free liquid in the abdomen.

Kidney lobes insensitive to succusion.

No visible cardiac edema on lower legs, or deformities.

CG : sinus tachicardy around 120/min, PQ=0.16, negative T in D1, AVL, V2 to V6 with lowering of ST ip in the left pericardial drains up to 2mm

3: Hypertensio arterialis (unregulated)

Hypertrophy of myocardium of the left ventricle

Angina pectoris (cor,bridge...microvasc.??)

TH: Dilatrend 12.5mg, 1 in the morning with the control of TA and pulse. If TA remains unregulated, the dose may be corrected with additional 1 in the evening. Enalapril 20mg 1+1+0 with the check up of TA

Lometazid 1-2 a week.

Nitroglycerin as needed.

Demetrine tab. 2x1

OPINION:

Present hypertension and unregulated with the existing therapy (max. 220/130 mmHg and most often 190/115 mmHg with a pulse of some 100/min).

The above readings of hypertension increase the risk exponentially for fatal events (relative risks of stroke is above 4, and for an acute coronary event between 3.5-4).

According to the patient, he was taking the therapy regularly, but as evident from the above analyses arterial hypertension is unregulated.

Apart from it the patient feels troubled chest of angina type with clear changes in ECG, which are maintained.

Based on the above and starting from scientific, professional and moral standards it is necessary to:

Ensure regular intake of adequate therapy.

Complete the examinations recommended earlier (Ophthalmology, neurology, analysis of hormones of adrenaline gland, analysis of kidney function, abdominal echo, ultra sound adrenaline gland check, 24 hour Halter monitoring of blood pressure, supplemental examination of hypertrophy of myocardium, scinthigraphy of the heart, PET scan and others..)

If the patient shall have repeated problems behind the sternum of anginoide character, dizziness or the similar, ECG should be repeated, cardio specific enzyme and promptly proceed along the principles of care of such patients.

If the disorders will persist, the blood pressure reading cannot be corrected and the proposed examinations cannot be carried out in view of the above mentioned risks of fatal events in such patients, it shall be necessary to ensure via competent means an adequate correction of blood pressure, additional examinations of hypertrophy of myocardium, microcirculation of the heart as well as other examinations in hospital (VMA..) conditions.

ICDSM STATEMENT  
Amsterdam, July 26, 2002

The Hague 'tribunal' held a pre-trial conference yesterday to deal with the 'indictment' of Slobodan Milosevic on Bosnia and Croatia. The proceedings demonstrated that this 'court' is, as Milosevic said, "a weapon of retaliation against resistance to the 'New World order.' 'Judge' May said:

RICHARD MAY:

"We have received a doctors' report which in its conclusion states that the accused is a man exposed to a serious cardiovascular risk which requires careful health monitoring in the future. The authors of the report advise a reduction in the workload of this trial and advise further treatment by a cardiologist."

The ICDSM published expert findings on Slobodan Milosevic's health a year ago, confirming he had heart disease. Since his abduction to The Hague we continually demanded a medical exam. This was refused.

What is the possible justification for taking one year to allow this kidnapped Head of State to be seen by heart specialists?

The threat to Milosevic's health is the endless stream of petty "witnesses" spouting fictions the 'prosecutors' cook up. President Milosevic must cross-examine each, or their lies would stand. He has done so with courage, intelligence and honesty - despite being denied visitors, a work area or research facilities, other than a pay phone. That is why TV transmission of the hearings has been stopped.

NATO, whose spokesperson, Jamie Shea, admitted it runs the 'tribunal,' fears Slobodan Milosevic's affect, especially on citizens of the former socialist states. These nations have been impoverished and degraded by the New World Order. NATO fears that Milosevic's words, televised to millions, would spark rebellion.

His health is endangered by living in a tiny cell, working under great pressure day in and day out.

'Prosecutor' Jeffrey Nice proposed two solutions. First that Slobodan Milosevic only cross-examine some of the 'witnesses.' The others could submit written lies, never having to appear and Milosevic could get ill watching anti-Serb slanders go unanswered.

Second, Nice proposed that Milosevic appoint council to represent him. Why? Because by refusing to appoint council, that is, by refusing to compromise with this show trial, even if compromise would help him personally, President Milosevic has shown it is possible for a Head of State to put the people above himself. Mr. Nice tried to lure Milosevic into abandoning this stand, to "save yourself," as Nice put it. And Nice implied that the court might impose a lawyer, irrelevant of Milosevic's wishes.

The hypocrisy of the court's 'concern' was manifest in the following:

SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC:

I have received from you almost 90 thousand pages on Bosnia and Croatia and about 500 videotapes. To read 90 thousand pages one needs at least 180 thousand minutes. So if I read 500 minutes per day, I'd need 360 days...

(...)What is going on is completely clear, since this whole process is a farce and a retaliation and it is unbelievable how someone... *(Microphone cut)*

RICHARD MAY:

You cannot misuse this trial in this way...we are not going to listen while you abuse these proceedings.

PRESIDENT SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC:

It seems that in this place inversion is a rule. I think that I am the one being abused here, not the abuser. Particularly when we consider that you are staging this "trial" 10 years after the events in Croatia. For 10 years you haven't had this... *(microphone cut again)*

And so: 90,000 pages to read (he will have four weeks to do it); and he can relax with the 500 videotapes. And when he tries to speak, his microphone is cut off. After all, he has a heart condition, so we must use special care...

Slobodan Milosevic told the Court yesterday: I ask you for nothing.

We who care about his well-being demand: if this farce of a trial is to continue, eliminate 90% of the 'witnesses'; have the proceedings only every other day

And we demand: Free President Slobodan Milosevic - The Prisoner of the New World Order!

van holst en steijnen

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**Verzonden:** zaterdag 5 oktober 2002 14:02  
**Onderwerp:** ATTACK ON LIFE OF PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC

# SAVE HIS LIFE!



**WHOLE-DAY-LONG 'COURT' PROCEEDINGS  
HAVE STARTED AGAIN!**

**IT IS AN INTENTIONAL ATTACK ON LIFE OF  
PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC BY NATO TRIBUNAL!**

**RESPONSIBLE SHOULD BE PROSECUTED!**

After more than three months the "trial" of President Milosevic was going on only in morning sessions, last Thursday the "trial chamber" returned to earlier practice of whole-day-long hearings. This was after the same "trial chamber" weeks ago

publicly admitted existence of serious health and life risks for President Milosevic and declared that tempo of the "trial" will be slowed down and President Milosevic will have more days for rest.

President Milosevic, with malignant hypertension and heart damages, still has no specialists' medical care.

Death of six prisoners (all of them were Serbs) was caused by the "tribunal" - in three cases it was due to lack of medical assistance or due to improper medical care.

**We call all supporters of freedom and all National Committees to mobilize medical doctors and lawyers to react to this criminal practice at The Hague.**

**UN is still giving auspices to the criminal NATO martial court.**

**Address your government, which is UN member!**

**Address UN Security Council and Secretary General!**

**They are being involved in a crime!**

**Save the life of President Milosevic!**

**Send copies of your letters of protest and demands to protect humanity to the "tribunal" as well. Here is their address:**

**ICTY**

**Churchillplein 1, 2517 JW The Hague**

**P.O. Box 13888 EW The Hague**

**The Netherlands**

**Fax No. +31 70 512 8637**

**People of Serbia and Yugoslavia require your urgent reaction!**

## **SLOBODA/FREEDOM Association**

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**Why they are threatening the life of President Milosevic?**

**Because they can not defeat TRUTH he is expressing!**

**And the truth is powerful. Because of that truth people of Serbia support President Milosevic!**

**Everything started exactly two years ago. In the US/NATO sponsored coup on October 5, 2000, the Government of People's Unity of President Milosevic was overthrown.**

**Nation went into DARKNESS!**

**Let us recall the warning to the nation by President Milosevic:**

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# **Miloshevich's Speech to the Nation**

## **Delivered Monday, October 2, 2000**

**Translated by Emperor's Clothes**

"Honored citizens,

In the expectation of a second round of election, I'd like to take the opportunity to explain my views on the political situation in our country, especially in Serbia. As you know, efforts have been

van holst en steijnen

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Van: "Vladimir Krsljanin" <vlada@sps.org.yu>  
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Verzonden: zondag 13 oktober 2002 12:46  
Onderwerp: RETURN MILOSEVIC!  
Belgrade, October 13, 2002

Mr. Claude JORDA, President

ICTY

The Hague

The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Jorda,

Please find here enclosed the statement of Mr. Bogoljub Bjelica, the Chairman of the Freedom Association.

After our several letters to ICTY and many appeals of organizations and individuals from Yugoslavia and other countries, aiming to secure the proper life and health conditions for President Slobodan Milosevic, we came to the conclusion that the whole construction of the process against President Milosevic has as one of its intentions to break the health and threaten the life of President Milosevic. In spite of the oral promises of Mr. Richard May and the Trial Chamber that recommendations of the ICTY appointed physicians that President Milosevic should get a cardiologic check-up, appropriate health monitoring and therapy, as well as that intensity of the process should be slowed down, the only thing that happened is that the Trial Chamber has returned the whole-day-long proceedings.

That is why we demand release of President Milosevic and his return to Yugoslavia for recovery and appropriate specialists' medical treatment.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman of the Assembly

of the Freedom Association

Igor Raicevic

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**Belgrade, October 13, 2002**

**PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY**

**RETURNED TO YUGOSLAVIA!**

**The Hague tribunal intentionally continues to threaten the Slobodan Milosevic.**

**Despite the numerous appeals and warnings from our country abroad, this unacceptable criminal activity continues. The**

**proceedings at The Hague are back to practice. In addition to the time spent in the court room, President Milosevic is forced to spend more hours in the tribunal building without food, rest and fresh air. The process is still indefinitely prolonged with series of false witnesses, whose order has been changed last minute, but who are followed by tens of thousand pages of printed material.**

**With all the mentioned conditions, there is lack of not only proper therapy, but even of any medical monitoring over the health of President Milosevic. There was no cardiologic check-up, in spite of the recommendation of the Dutch physicians appointed by the tribunal, who made the one and only check-up of President Milosevic.**

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**Domestic and international public is aware that the permanent over-human efforts and inhuman conditions President Milosevic faces in the tribunal and in the prison, combined with health damages and malignant hypertension, are the permanent threat to his life.**

**The public is also aware that already several tribunal prisoners lost their lives after the dramatic worsening of their health in detention.**

**For all these reasons we demand that President Milosevic should be immediately returned to Yugoslavia for recovery and necessary medical treatment by an appropriate medical institution. It is the only way to remove the threat to his life!**

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-TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

-TO THE "INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA"

Mr. Claude Jorda, president

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### **D E M A N D**

**to protect rights for health and life of Slobodan Milosevic**

We draw attention of all people of good will, and of our colleagues - medical doctors in particular, the same way as to you - high officials of the Organization of United Nations and of the Tribunal at The Hague, that the different means of modern torture have been applied against Mr. Slobodan Milosevic, since the first day of his stay in the UN Detention Unit at The Hague. Mr. Milosevic faces different kinds of physical and psychological exhaustion aimed to worsen his already damaged health condition.

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Remaining faithful to the Hippocrates oath to which we all as medicine doctors swore;

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We, the undersigned medical doctors, consider that defense from freedom would be the most appropriate way to protect health and life of Mr. Slobodan Milosevic. In that sense, our demands 1) - 4) constitute only a minimum of preconditions to avoid further serious deterioration of his health and to avoid endangering of his life.

Done in Belgrade, October 2002

Signed by:

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## **PRESS RELEASE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DEFEND SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC**

Yesterday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, the International Committee to Defend Slobodan Milosevic (ICDSM), the official support group for Slobodan Milosevic, faxed a motion to the ICTY. Today ICDSM Vice-Chairman Nico Varkevisser hand-delivered the motion to the ICTY. The main text of the motion is printed below. We have submitted this motion because the ICTY's egregious mistreatment of Mr. Milosevic has led to a health crisis that threatens his life.

The motion can be read in full and downloaded at <http://emperor.vwh.net/icdsm/motion.htm>

We will fax a full copy to any reporter who requests it.

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Excerpts from:

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The Chamber has already afforded amicus curiae status to outside counsel to assist it, stating that it has done so as a result of President Milosevic's written decision not to retain defence counsel, and with the objective of ensuring a fair trial as well as a proper determination of the case;

The two remaining amici appointed by the Chamber have not adequately pursued the crucial issue of the accused's serious medical condition, nor have they secured the basic conditions and facilities required for the preparation of his defence;

Slobodan Milosevic has received over 100 000 pages of documents and 600 video cassettes from the Prosecutor as disclosure of evidence pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Rules. Given the massive disclosure of evidence received by Mr Milosevic, he is now under more strain than he was when the medical recommendations were made.

For instance, on several trial days, Mr. Milosevic has had to choose between walking outside for fresh air or eating a meal. Whatever option Slobodan Milosevic chooses will be detrimental: he will attempt to prepare his trial without having eaten, or he will prepare it without a minimum of fresh air. Either way his rights are violated. This astonishing state of affairs presents a serious threat to his health, and increases his level of stress, which is a trigger of his heart condition.

Mr Milosevic has yet to receive specialized cardio-vascular care, which he requires. The Freedom Association has previously filed a medical report from Mr. Milosevic's personal physician, Colonel Zdravko M. Mijailovic, MD, PhD, who was allowed to observe the examinations of the ICTY-appointed medical practitioners. Dr Mijailovic stated that Mr. Milosevic's condition of arterial hypertension exponentially increased the "risk of fatal incidents (brain stroke, acute myocardial infarct (sic) , hear (sic) arrest, ...)". Dr Mijailovic further recommended a number a number of specialized interventions and examinations to attempt a stabilization of Mr. Milosevic's condition.

If Slobodan Milosevic's trial and prison conditions remain unchanged, there is a real likelihood of fatality. Denial of medical care is a violation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and may constitute torture. Hearings have been suspended since November 1st 2002, so that parties may provide recommendations to the Chamber with respect to the continuation of the proceedings.

The ICDSM asks to:

**GRANT it amicus curiae status; GRANT an immediate adjournment of the trial for medical examinations and specialized treatment under the care and supervision of President Milosevic's personal physician, Colonel Zdravko M. Mijailovic, MD, PhD in Belgrade and any other specialist chosen by the defendant or his practitioner; AFFORD Slobodan Milosevic with the specialized medical care he requires; GRANT an additonal adjournment for the complete recovery of the defendant under medical supervision and care; APPLY, with immediate effect, all medical recommendations with respect to the trial schedule; GRANT provisional release to the defendant, Slobodan Milosevic, following his convalescence, subject to such conditions or guarantees as may be deemed appropriate; OR VARY the conditions of detention of the accused, Slobodan Milosevic, following his convalescence, to a non-custodial setting in The Hague, with such security, conditions or guarantees as deemed appropriate.**

Amsterdam, November 6 2002

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**\* Nov. 18th Report of the Cardiologist, Dr.  
P.R.M. van Dijkman, after Examining Slobodan  
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The Hague, 18 November 2002

Mr. P. T. L. A. Falke  
Medical Officer, UN Detention UnitRe: Mr. S. MILOŠEVIĆ  
Born: 20 August 1941

Dear Colleague,

On 15 November 2002 I examined Mr. S. MILOŠEVIĆ at the cardiology clinic. I have already reported to you on his condition in my letters of 3 September 2001 and 19 August 2002.

Cardiac case history:

- essential hypertension with secondary organ damage: hypertrophy of the left ventricle. Ultrasonic cardiogram reveals a concentric hypertrophy of the left ventricle with a good systolic function.
- April 2001 - cardiac catheterisation (Belgrade): RCA normal, no sclerosis; LCA normal, no sclerosis. LV hyperdynamic contractions of hypertrophic ventricle. The examination also included visualisation of both renal arteries: no stenosis visible.
- Medication: Vascease Plus (combination Cilazapril 5 mg and Hydrochlorothiazide 12.5 mg) half a tablet once a day, Trandate (Labetalol) 50 mg once a day.
- July 2002 - considerable rise in blood pressure during trial. Advice: to incorporate sufficient rest periods (a period of four consecutive free days every two weeks of trial) while monitoring the blood pressure.
- With sufficient rest and a slightly higher dose of Vascease, the blood pressure was around 130/80 mmHg.

Patient history: In recent weeks during trial again steep increase in blood pressure up to around 220/120 to 130 mmHg. The patient had no other complaints related to this. I am now asked to make a prognosis regarding Mr. MILOŠEVIĆ's blood pressure and determine whether the patient is still fit to stand trial.

Additional examination: Blood pressure (on 15 November 2002) 130/80 mmHg.

ECG: Sinus rhythm 76/min; PQ 0.16; QRS 0.08; Hartas intermediar; strong voltage in V4 - V6 with asymmetrically negative T in I, AVL and V2 - V6: LVH + "strain" pattern. Picture essentially unchanged in comparison with 2001.

Echo-Doppler examination on 15 November 2002: Undilated concentrically hypertrophic left ventricle with good wall movements. No disturbances of local wall movements. Slightly dilated left atrium. Normal valve pictures. LA 43, LV 51/33, LVPW 13, IVS 16. Peak gradient of aorta valve 13 mmHg. No insufficiencies. E/A: 1. Pulmonary vein flow S>D. First degree mitral valve insufficiency, no SAM. Light TI image in colour.

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Conclusion: concentric LVH. Good systolic function. Slight relaxation disorder consistent with LVH.  
Picture essentially unchanged in comparison with August 2001.

Consultation with optician E. Bouma on 15 November 2002: Funduscopy ODS: narrow arterioles, no other abnormalities. Eye pressure (with dilated pupil) ODS 20 mmHg.

Discussion: During the trial again strong increase in blood pressure. Most likely a combination of an existing tendency to hypertension and the mental pressure of the trial. The trial was interrupted and medication increased: Vascase Plus was increased to normal maintenance dose of one tablet a day, and Trandate (1 cardioselective postsynaptic alpha 1 and a noncardioselective beta blocker with limited ISA) was increased to 200 mg twice a day.

With this regime of rest and adjusted medication, the blood pressure dropped to 130/80 mmHg. The prognosis for a well-regulated hypertension is on the whole rather good. During the tiring process of the trial, Mr. MILOŠEVIĆ experiences a condition that looks like hypertensive urgency. If the values of blood pressure remain as high as those measured during the trial, there is a possibility that accelerated hypertension may occur. Thus far no accelerated hypertension has occurred. Accelerated hypertension is characterised by a diastolic blood pressure of over 140 mmHg with haemorrhage and/or fresh exudates in the fundus. Mr. MILOŠEVIĆ presents no picture of hypertensive encephalopathy either. Encephalopathy is characterised by an abrupt increase in blood pressure, severe headache and/or consciousness disturbances.

Reducing (seriously) increased blood pressure also reduces the possibility of coronary disease, cerebrovascular accident, heart attack and death

The treatment of increased blood pressure with medication generally reduces the possibility of death by 11 percent, of coronary heart disease by 14 percent, of CVA by 33 percent and of vascular diseases (coronary heart disease or CVA) by 22 percent. (Source: Revised Guidelines for Increased Blood Pressure, CBO Quality Institute for Health Care).

The first step in treating diagnosed increased blood pressure consists of life style advice and treatment without medication. This is usually followed by medication, preferably diuretics, beta blockers, ACE inhibitors and calcium antagonists.

It can be concluded that with a combination of sufficient rest and medication, the level of Mr. MILOŠEVIĆ's blood pressure will be an acceptable one. This has been emphasised several times over the last months.

However, it has become apparent time and again during the trial that there are moments which cause Mr. MILOŠEVIĆ's blood pressure to "get out of hand."

My advice on the matter as formulated in the letter of 19 August 2002 remains unchanged: sufficient rest periods in combination with antihypertensive medication to keep the blood pressure at an acceptable level.

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I agree with my colleague Falke that the pressure of the trial may lead to extreme exhaustion on the part of Mr. MILOŠEVIĆ.

From the cardiac point of view, Mr. MILOŠEVIĆ is strongly advised to continue with the current dosages of prescribed medication. He is now taking Vascase Plus in the optimum dose of one tablet a day. When indicated, Trandate can be increased to 800 mg twice a day. In the event of serious hypertension the dose can be adjusted further to a maximum 2.400 mg per day, preferably in three doses.

If this does not sufficiently regulate the blood pressure or if unacceptable side effects appear, a calcium antagonist can be prescribed such as Norvasc (amlodipine), five to 10 mg per day.

I leave it to the Tribunal to decide in what way sufficient rest periods can be incorporated into the trial.

Yours sincerely,  
Dr. P. R. M. van Dijkman  
/signed/

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The Hague, 27 November 2002

Dear Mr Raicevic,

I received your correspondence dated 13 October 2002 in which you share your concerns about Mr Milosevic's medical condition and request his provisional release so that he may receive appropriate medical treatment in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

I wish firstly to inform you that your request does not fall within the province of the President of the International Tribunal. Pursuant to Rules 65 and 74 *bis* of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, it is for the Trial Chamber seized of the case to order the medical examination of an accused and to rule on requests for provisional release. I am taking the liberty of pointing out to you that Trial Chamber III ruled on the matter on 6 March 2002.

Moreover, the question of organising the hearings is the responsibility of the Trial Chamber which ensures the proper conduct of the proceedings with respect for the rights and health of the accused. In this respect, Trial Chamber III is taking due consideration of Mr Milosevic's medical condition when scheduling the hearings. Furthermore, like all the detainees, Mr Milosevic is receiving close medical attention of a high quality from the medical staff of the United Nations Detention Centre. As Registrar of the Tribunal, Mr Holthuis is following the situation closely and will, if necessary, keep you informed of changes in Mr Milosevic's medical condition.

Yours sincerely,

/signed/

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Claude Jorda

Monsieur Igor Raicevic

President

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Moscow, November 29, 2002

The draft Declaration entitled "On anti-human treatment of political prisoner Slobodan Milosevic by the International Tribunal on former Yugoslavia" has been put on the agenda of the session of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, scheduled for December 11.

The decision has been made last night by the Council of the State Duma, upon initiative of the Commission for cooperation and assistance to Yugoslavia and of the Foreign Policy Committee.

Russian public and political circles in continuity demonstrate support to President Milosevic and critical attitude towards the Tribunal. In the last couple of weeks there were many expressions of the most serious concern about the life and health of President Milosevic. Powerful statements have been made by Gennadi Zyuganov, Nikolai Ryzhkov, Alexander Zinov'ev and by a number of parties and organizations. All the statements demand for President Milosevic immediate medical treatment in Yugoslavia and defense from freedom.

Putting of the draft Declaration, in urgent procedure, on the agenda of the first following session of the Duma (during the next week Duma has one of the ordinary recesses in its works), is an expression of the consensus of all the leading political forces in Russia.

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**DEFEND THE LIFE OF SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC**  
**Political Hostage of the New World Order**

**Public Meeting**

Tuesday 17th December 2002

7.30 pm

Conway Hall (Club Room), Red Lion Square, London W1

**Speakers:** Christopher Black (Canadian attorney, Milosevic legal advisor)  
Stan Gasparovski (Serbian activist)  
Brian Denny (Campaign against Euro-federalism)  
Paul Davidson (Committee to Defend Slobodan Milosevic)

Former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is not only fighting for justice and international law at the NATO tribunal in The Hague, he is fighting for his life. His condition, "Essential hypertension with secondary organ damage: hypertrophy of the left ventricle" is urgent and life-threatening.

Yet the court refuses the request for his provisional release, refuses adequate medical attention and refuses to accept a cardiaccardiologist's report that he be given adequate rest. This estimated two-year case plows on regardless of all health considerations.

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**NATO criminals are trying to drown all your appeals!**

**NATO + Hague Tribunal = Farewell to human rights!**

**Attempted murder continues! One has to be happy because their therapy "reduces the possibility of death by 11 percent"!**

The so-called Trial Chamber III of the Hague Tribunal made up to now no formal decision on the life of President Milosevic. Instead, they will discuss "administrative issues" on December 18, 2002. For accountants of death, life is nothing else but an administrative issue.

**Demonstrate your disagreement with murder before that date!**

**Obviously somebody already signed a silent death verdict. Here is the proof - a letter from the President of the Tribunal:**

United Nations

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

H. E. Judge Claude Jorda

President

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**DANGER OF JUDICIAL MURDER STILL ACUTE**

*Press statement issued by the German Section of the International Committee to Defend Slobodan Milosevic, 18/12/2002*

On 18.12.2002, the last day of the "trial" of Slobodan Milosevic this year, it was announced that "administrative questions" would be dealt with. In plain language, the issue was Slobodan Milosevic's state of health and the possibility of him surviving the trial. The treatment of this matter by the "court" was fully in line with what one would expect from the cold-blooded bureaucratic reduction of a matter of life and death to an "administrative issue". "Judge" May dealt with the matter in less than three minutes.

Firstly he stated that that the Chamber had received medical reports and petitions from "the sides". May, certainly not for reasons of time, withheld the information that these included submissions from the International and National Committees for the Defence of Slobodan Milosevic, appeals from US intellectuals and German doctors and a unanimous resolution from the Russian Duma [parliament].

He permitted no discussion of the issues but pronounced three points as a final decision: maintenance of the previously established schedule "with monitoring" of the health of the "accused", no imposition of a defence lawyer - which Carla del Ponte had asked for - since this would be incompatible with the rules of the "Court", and, thirdly, no temporary release of Slobodan Milosevic to allow him specialist treatment by his long-standing doctors.

Thus, despite repeated warnings, notably from medical specialists, we see the acceptance of severe damage to the health and a threat to the life of Slobodan Milosevic. All those who have assumed that, given the disaster of the trial so far from the legal point of view, the forces behind the "Tribunal" view the termination of the trial through death as an option which is at least worthy of consideration, now feel confirmed in that supposition.

The state of Slobodan Milosevic's health - he suffers from exceptionally high blood pressure, weak heart muscles, hypertrophy of the left ventricle and angina pectoris carrying the risk of sudden death through heart failure - has swiftly deteriorated in recent months because of the intolerable conditions of detention and trial. The first examination by a Dutch cardiologist on 15.11.02 predicted an 11% reduction in the risk of death given appropriate medication. On 23.11.02 newspapers and press agencies reported that Milosevic had over a long period not only not been receiving effective or ineffective drugs, but had in fact been given contra-indicated drugs which actually increased his blood pressure.

A group of practising doctors and therapists from Germany, including members of "International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War" in their two petitions to the "Tribunal" have pointed out *inter alia* that:

"This attitude, which can only be described as irresponsible, towards a person whose health and life are in your care with all the consequences flowing from that, raises serious questions as regards motives. At the very least it is totally at odds with various UN documents and resolutions concerning the treatment of prisoners which responsible persons claiming to be representatives of a UN institution ought of all people fully to uphold.

The necessary outcome of this situation, for which the ICTY carries full responsibility, is that Slobodan Milosevic be immediately released from this health- and life-threatening situation and set free so that he can receive in Belgrade the long overdue treatment from the doctors who have treated him for many years."

By his decision today, Judge May has done more than just ignore such expert advice. The "Tribunal" is also thereby blatantly flouting UN General Assembly resolutions and documents relating to the health of persons in custody, in particular:

\* the provisions of UN General Assembly Resolution no. 37/194 of December 1982, which stipulates that "health personnel, particularly physicians, charged with the medical care of prisoners and detainees, have a duty to provide them with protection of their physical and mental health and treatment of disease of the same quality and standard as is afforded to those who are not imprisoned or detained".

\* Article 6 of the Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials adopted by the UN General Assembly on 17 December 1979 which obliges all courts to "ensure the full protection of the health of persons in their custody".

Moreover, the "Tribunal" is violating its own rules, specifically article 21 point 4b, which stipulates that every defendant shall have "adequate time and facilities for the preparation of his defence".

In the view of the International Committee for the Defence of Slobodan Milosevic, all the above indicates that the trial is nothing more than an organised attempt to kill Slobodan Milosevic.

Immediately after this "potential death sentence", representatives of the International Committee announced that they were considering legal steps against "Judge" May. In the next few days, they want the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva to intervene so that UN decisions are at last applied in "Del Ponte's Circus".

#### **Klaus Hartmann**

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Mr. Theodor Meron

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Mr. Branislav Tapuskovic

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18.09.2003

Dear Sirs!

Since the submissions we made to you last November and December the proceedings against Mr. Slobodan Milosevic had to be repeatedly interrupted for health reasons; since the summer recess alone this has happened numerous times. Early this week for the first time a proceeding already in session had to be interrupted due to an acute attack of heart and vascular disease.

What is relevant regarding this had been communicated already by the cardiologist Dr. P. R. M. van Dijkman, appointed by your side, when in his report dated November 18, 2002, he confirmed "essential hypertension with secondary organ damage", "during trial there recurred a steep increase in blood pressure up to around 220/130 mmHg", "a condition that looks like a hypertension emergency" and when he mentioned "the possibility of coronary disease, cerebrovascular accident, heart attack and death".

25-10-03

Recent events compel us to seriously raise the issue of your duty to exercise proper care and supervision. It's true that for some time there were no reports about any drugs being contraindicated or having unacceptable side effects. On the other hand there is still no regular cardiologic supervision taking place, which to us seems irresponsible in view of the known health condition.

Although with an irresponsibly delay, finally after one year there was a reduction of the number of trial sessions per week and session hours per day. On the other hand, the volume of material produced by the prosecution is said to have been increased this year on top of the already existing 500,000 pages DIN A4 by another 400,000 pages, not to mention the video and audio tapes. Such a volume would be impossible for any person to deal with during the allotted time; in this case the lack of time amounts to a serious stress factor directly threatening his health.

When Mrs. Del Ponte in her interview with Neue Zürcher Zeitung dated July 18, 2003, stated with regard to the health condition of Mr. Milosevic: "He is in very, very good health. Many people at the age of 60 or more are suffering from high blood pressure. We won't comfort him. I hope that you don't get the impression we would", this diametrically contradicts the medical findings and procedural proposals repeatedly dealt with by the Third Chamber. It also contradicts the relevant UN-Resolutions concerning the treatment of prisoners. We very much hope that the cynicism expressed by Mrs. Del Ponte is an exceptional phenomenon and is not in any way representative of the attitude taken by your institution as a whole.

We appeal to you, considering Mr. Milosevic's hypertension and increased infarct risk, not to practice any kind of such "non-comforting" treatment. It is technically impossible during the allotted time to deal with the amount of material presented by the prosecution, which causes serious but avoidable stress. Even for a young healthy person this would be an extraordinary task. In the present case for the preparation of the defence after the prosecution has finished their case it is indispensable to interrupt the proceedings for a longer period. Mr. Milosevic has demanded an interruption and his release for a period of two years. It is a question for the discretion of the trial chamber, to examine this demand from the point of view of "equality of arms", since the prosecution has had more than two years to prepare its case, not to mention the staff at its disposal.

At least with respect to the health condition the time granted now for the preparation of the defence of only three months is totally insufficient, as it will irresponsibly increase the risk and stress factors. Mr. Milosevic should be provisionally released for an adequate, longer period of time, so that during the preparation of his defence he can have medical treatment and control by his long time doctors in Belgrade.

Respectfully

in order

signed

Dr. med. Uta Mader, Köln

Spokesperson for the Initiative, Medical Doctor, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW – Nobel Peace Prize 1985), Association of Democratic Doctors (VDÄÄ in the German initials)

signed

Matthias Jochheim, Frankfurt/Main, Medical Doctor and Psychotherapist, IPPNW

signed.

Prof. Dr. med. habil. Ilse Eisen-Hagemann, Berlin, Medical Doctor

signed

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signed

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**Onderwerp:** Sloboda Assembly Resolution

The SLOBODA/Freedom Association has held its Assembly Meeting in Belgrade on September 27, 2003. The Assembly has 180 members. At the September 27th meeting important personalities from the political and intellectual life of Serbia, Montenegro, the Republic of Srpska and the Republic of Serb Krajina took part, including Mirko Marjanovic, long time Serbian Prime Minister, Momir Bulatovic, former Federal Prime Minister and President of the Republic of Montenegro, members of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts Professor Mihajlo Markovic, Professor Milos Macura, Professor Cedomir Popov, Professor Kosta Mihailovic, Professor Ivan Maksimovic and many others. The Founder and Co-Chairman of the ICDSM, Professor Velko Valkanov, and the Chairman of the Russian Committee, Alexander Zinoviev, have sent their written messages. Greetings were received from the leader of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, Gennadi Zyuganov, the former Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Rizhkov, and ICDSM Co-Chairman Ramsey Clark. Bishop Filaret of the Serbian Orthodox Church has sent his blessing. Professor Mirko Zurovac, a well known Belgrade philosopher, has been elected Assembly Chairman for the next two-year term. All previous members of the Board have been re-elected and the Board was expanded to 30 members. The Assembly unanimously adopted the following:

**RESOLUTION:**

**For The Immediate Release Of President Slobodan Milosevic**

1. President Slobodan Milosevic, fighting on the front lines in the struggle for truth, freedom, national sovereignty and dignity, raises the hopes and self-confidence of the people and inspires all progressive men and women in the world with his merit, strength and self-sacrifice.

In despair, due to the failed attempt to distort our history in accordance with the plans of the secret and propaganda services of the aggressors, the Hague tribunal has reached the level of unimpeded crime.

Acting together, the judges and the prosecutors of the tribunal are trying to prevent President Milosevic from presenting the full truth about the aggressors and their servants, physically even threatening his life.

Instead of providing therapy and recuperation in freedom, as demanded by the President's medical condition - which no judge has a right to deny and especially not to refuse without discussion - the President has been forced to prepare within three months, in fact in six weeks, from a prison cell, a presentation to bury forever the whole aggressor's propaganda, systematized in the "prosecution case", through several years of work of intelligence services and hundreds of tribunal's employees, who have been paid with hundreds of millions of dollars. In his life threatening physical condition he is expected to analyze within six weeks several hundred thousand pages of the prosecution disclosure, several tens of thousand pages of the transcripts, to contact and prepare for testimony at least 300 of his witnesses, to collect and systematize several hundred of thousand pages of his own documents and to inform the prosecution of all of this in advance! Even from the point of view of elementary logic, this is an

impossible task to perform. On top of this, the witnesses and evidence he will be allowed to present, only the so-called judges will decide that! And all that in a situation where the visits of his wife and son, as well as all members of Sloboda and all members of SPS, are banned.

Against freedom - bombs! Against truth - Inquisition!

2. They created the terrorists, they organized and financed their crimes, and then they used them as an excuse for the bombing and submission of a whole people, and for the cruel persecution of honest fighters and patriots. And still the terrorists remain unpunished.

There is even more dirty work than the work of Carla Del Ponte and the other Hague mercenaries. For that work the people of the criminal past and present are charged, who step on human rights, democracy and the freedom of the press in the same way as the Chilean or Turkish military juntas have done in the past. The people who call themselves ministers and who for their "democratic achievements" receive praise and tips from the foreign ambassadors ruling Serbia.

The persecution of the family and associates of President Milosevic goes on. And he himself is attacked by ruthless, false and absurd charges which are motivated by one overarching goal - to destroy even the hope for Serbia to restore its freedom.

3. The Hague-DOS machinery for destruction of the people and of their dignity, for the murder of freedom and the annihilation of the nation, trembles before every expression of resistance by the people. As NATO was shaken during the aggression, today confronted by Slobodan Milosevic and Sloboda, The Hague and DOS are in agony.

The bigger the resistance to the machinery of crime, the bigger the international solidarity. From day to day, since The Hague has shown openly its criminal face, the Russian Duma, American academics, Canadian lawyers, German doctors, the International and the National Committees for the defense of Slobodan Milosevic and many others, demand from the United Nations, from their countries' governments and from the tribunal itself - freedom for Slobodan!

The battles for the freedom of Slobodan Milosevic and for the freedom and dignity of Serbia are one in the same battle. They can be won only if the humiliation, dissatisfaction and anger of the people are turned into the gathering and the common organized action of all patriots, of all honest people and of all of their political and creative potentials.

Sloboda exists for that goal and will be totally devoted to it.

4. A fighter to free humanity from the global tyranny of the "New World Order", the most important political prisoner of today, the war prisoner of NATO, several times democratically and directly elected President of all citizens of Serbia and the legitimate President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia - Slobodan Milosevic must be immediately released from the Hague dungeon!

After two years in freedom, so that he would have at least approximately the same possibility to present the truth as much as the Tribunal has presented its lies - that was and is a gentleman's fair proposal by a great man capable of offering even his enemies the chance to show a human face. Two years in freedom is also the necessary guarantee for protecting the life of President Milosevic and for insuring that the full truth about the epic suffering and heroism of this people in its struggle for freedom and also about the crimes committed against are recorded in

history.

The Sloboda/Freedom Association, led by Slobodan Milosevic, will mobilize all patriotic and progressive forces to continue the struggle for the universal values of freedom and justice, the struggle to restore freedom and democracy in Serbia - until victory!

Belgrade, September 27, 2003

Assembly of Sloboda/Freedom Association

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**QUI VEUT ASSASSINER MILOSEVIC ?**  
**« LE MONDE » COMPLICE !**

Le FCDSM-CFDSM s'indigne de l'article de **Stéphanie Maupas**, du **MONDE** (Paris), odieusement intitulé « *Le procès de Slobodan Milosevic contraint à de nouveaux retards pour cause de tabagisme* », et qui reprend les billevesées du TPI sur le « *tabagisme de Milosevic* ».

L'état de fatigue du Président Milosevic, qui souffre de graves problèmes cardiaques, est du aux conditions scandaleuses dans lesquelles il doit se battre contre la machine du TPI et de ses maîtres de l'OTAN.

Nous nous interrogeons sur la volonté du TPI d'imposer des conditions inhumaines au Président Milosevic, **conduisant à une issue fatale hélas prévisible**. Le « procès » a pris depuis le début un tour fort désagréable pour les maîtres du TPI, Milosevic faisant le procès du pseudo « tribunal » et de l'OTAN. **Une mort en pleine procédure arrangerait bien le TPI et son accusation.**

Si le TPI se préoccupait véritablement de la santé du Président Milosevic, il lui aurait suffi de lui accorder l'égalité des armes pour sa défense :

A savoir **deux ans de liberté conditionnelle** pour préparer sa réplique à l'accusation de Carla Del Ponte, qui a disposé de 4 ans et des moyens de l'OTAN. Les juges iniques du TPI lui ont accordé 3 mois !

Ce qui va conduire le Président Milosevic à un marathon épuisant, le conduisant au bout de ses forces.

**Mais n'est-ce pas ce que veut réellement le TPI ?**

**Le Comité Francophone pour la Défense  
 de Slobodan Milosevic**

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LE PROCES DE SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC CONTRAINT A DE NOUVEAUX RETARDS POUR  
 CAUSE DE TABAGISME  
 LE MONDE | 01.10.03 | 13h31

Les juges du Tribunal pénal international pour l'ex-Yougoslavie ont décidé, mardi 30 septembre, de ralentir le rythme des audiences dans le procès de Slobodan Milosevic. A la reprise, qui est prévue pour le 6 octobre, l'ancien chef d'Etat comparaitra trois jours par semaine au lieu du rythme de quatre à cinq jours adopté depuis le début du procès - hors des périodes de suspension à répétition intervenues dernièrement en raison de son état de santé. La décision a été prise au terme d'une audience traduisant la confusion qui marque pour l'heure les travaux du tribunal.

Le cardiologue de la prison des Nations unies à La Haye le confirme : l'accusé souffre "d'hypertension, de stress et de fatigue extrême". Il peut s'en prendre à lui-même, selon le procureur Geoffrey Nice : Slobodan Milosevic, 62 ans, fume.

Les services du procureur, a sérieusement proposé celui-ci, pourraient mener une expertise sur les risques que le tabac fait encourir sur l'avenir du procès. Une étude du greffe a déjà établi le coût pour le Tribunal des absences de Slobodan Milosevic à ce procès historique : 156 000 dollars. La dépense représente la venue à La Haye de témoins qui n'ont pu être interrogés par l'accusé en raison des suspensions. Autre proposition du procureur : fournir à l'ancien président des enregistrements vidéo des interrogatoires menés en son absence, afin qu'il puisse préparer ses contre-interrogatoires.

Parce que la question de fond est bien que Slobodan Milosevic refuse toujours que quiconque autre que lui-même, en tant qu'ancien acteur dans les faits jugés - 66 chefs d'accusation pour son rôle dans les trois grands conflits qui ont déchiré son ex-pays de 1991 à 1999 (Croatie, Bosnie, Kosovo) -, assure sa défense. Geoffrey Nice propose donc que la Chambre désigne d'office l'avocat serbe Branislav Tapuskovic, aujourd'hui un ami de la Cour, à la défense de Slobodan Milosevic.

## LE "RÔLE" DE L'ACCUSÉ

La contre-attaque de l'avocat britannique Steven Kay a été frontale : "L'épuisement de l'accusé est la conséquence directe de l'incapacité de l'accusation de présenter son cas de façon claire." "Il m'a été personnellement très difficile d'identifier les documents pertinents dans cette affaire." Un grand nombre de déclarations émanent de témoins qui n'ont pas été invités à comparaître, a-t-il dit. Le procès manque "d'une liste déterminée" de témoins. Quant à la stratégie de défense de l'ex-chef d'Etat, elle ne changera pas : il "ne souhaite pas avoir un rôle passif. (...) L'accusation elle-même estime qu'il a joué un rôle-clé dans tous les événements jugés." Désigner d'office un conseil à l'accusé alors qu'il ne reste qu'une quarantaine de jours au procureur pour présenter ses dernières preuves serait "changer de façon radicale la nature du procès".

Slobodan Milosevic, depuis le début du procès le 12 février 2002, s'est plié à la procédure. Refuser un avocat reste pour lui la seule façon de récuser la juridiction.

Stéphanie Maupas  
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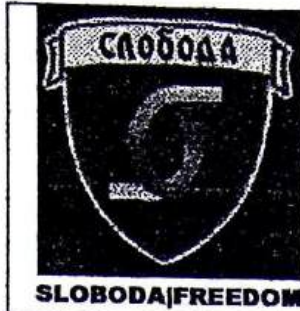
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Belgrade, 22 January 2004

**To: Mr. Theodor Meron, President,**  
**ICTY, The Hague, The Netherlands**

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**President of the USA**  
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**Queen of the United Kingdom**  
**London, UK**

Mr. Meron,

The ICTY Trial Chamber presided by Mr. Richard May adopted on 5 February 2004 the Order Scheduling Hearings to the Close of the Prosecution Case in the process of President Slobodan Milosevic. By the Order, it was decided that the daily length of all the hearings in the next two weeks shall be prolonged, so that hearings will be held also in afternoon hours.

It is apparent that by ordering the prolongation of the hearings, the Chamber violates its own, earlier decisions and orders determining that the hearings shall be held in morning hours only, adjourning not later than 01:45 p.m. We remind that these earlier orders were adopted after several specialist medical examinations of President Milosevic as a consequence of the clear physicians' warnings about the serious character of his health condition and about the risks for his health and life produced by the process itself. Moreover, the physicians explicitly recommended that the length of the hearings shall be shortened.

You are certainly aware that during the whole this week President Milosevic was ill from flu and that at the time when the Order was adopted, he has not been recovered yet.

The situation in which, in spite the several medical reports and warnings and in spite the current deterioration of Mr. Milosevic's health (when it is uncertain whether and when he will be able to participate in the hearings), without consulting the medical specialists and severely violating its own decisions, the Chamber arbitrarily prolongs the length of the hearings, one can characterize no other way but as direct threat to President Milosevic's life.

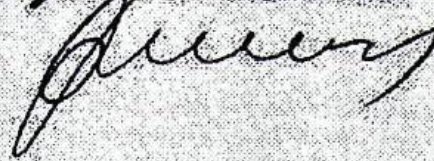
Therefore we warn you that as the ICTY President you have a duty to instruct the Chamber to review and abolish this inhumane Order or to reverse it yourself.

On behalf of the Freedom Association Managing Board

Bogoljub Bjelica, President

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PEOPLE AND YUGOSLAVIA IS IN THE CRUCIAL PHASE. NATO  
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**MEASURES TAKEN ONLY AGAINST SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC IN THE SCHEVENINGEN PRISON AND AT THE HAGUE TRIBUNAL, IN CONTRAVENTION OF THEIR OWN RULES, GUARANTEES AND RIGHTS**

**Obstructing and avoiding visits of physicians.**

**Banning the physicians from publishing their findings on his health condition and on the causes of its deterioration.**

**Preventing the family from visiting in the duration allowed to all other detainees (between 7 and 15 days a month) and reducing it to 3 days a month.**

**Refusing almost all visits of the world public figures, acquaintances, friends, politicians etc.**

**Censoring and restricting visits from Yugoslavia – of friends, Party colleagues, SLOBODA National Committee members engaged in defending Slobodan Milosevic in Yugoslavia.**

**Preventing the members of ten different national committees for the defence of Slobodan Milosevic that have been established in the world, as well as the members and the leadership of the International Committee for his defence from contacting and visiting**

**Preventing the family from being alone with him, which is not otherwise a practice when other detainees are concerned.**

**Banning the family from visiting at the time of the Serbian elections.**

**Banning all telephone communications before, during and after the Serbian elections, except with the family.**

**Obstructing contacts and the work with lawyers.**

**Listening in to conversations with the lawyer.**

**Deliberately keeping him for many hours within the court building with the explanation that “the transportation was being late”.**

announced alterations in the sequence of witnesses.

**Closing the proceedings for the public during the examination of witnesses who might compromise NATO and the Tribunal.**

For nearly two years the trial is being held day in and day out. Such a practice has never been recorded in the history of the judiciary since it came into existence. Only as of a month ago the trial was being held for three days a week, after the physicians had emphasized that he cannot withstand it, but he is hardly withstanding even that effort, because his health has been severely damaged in prison.

On account of the whole-day sojourn at the court, he has no time at all to rest during the trial days, nor to go out and have some fresh air and walk (exercise), nor to have regular meals.

He has no conditions for work and trial preparations either. His cell has been swamped with trial materials, often received in the evening, on the eve of a trial day. This excludes the possibility of a timely and proper preparation for the trial. At the same time, such practice is in contravention of the Tribunal's rules.

He has been often given materials in English, although according to their own rules each detainee has to be given materials required for his defence in his mother tongue.

The trial materials are of such volume that he would need another 50 years to make a full use of it.

**Preventing the Defence from preparing, as compared to the preparation of the Prosecution. The preparation of the Prosecution lasted at least 4 years, he was allotted 3 months to prepare! In addition to this, the Prosecution was being prepared by several hundreds of people, and him alone is to prepare the Defence.**

Moreover, he has been brought to The Hague by force, illegally and in contravention of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The materials had been handed over to him, requiring by its volume a multi-year labour of a large expert team, as was the case with the Prosecution, prepared for at least 4 years with the logistic, financial, organizational and personnel support of the governments of NATO member states. The Prosecution's case has been prolonged several times, and he was allotted three months to prepare his defence alone, in prison, without personal and telephone contacts and with no time nor conditions for medical treatment. A large number of witnesses were employees of the Prosecution, which is in contravention of their own rules. Even larger number of witnesses was bribed or blackmailed people. Without adjudication, the Tribunal reached a decision to prevent his Party from contacting him at the time of the elections, which is a direct interference of an institution otherwise illegitimate with the politics and the internal affairs of a sovereign state and in this case with its citizens' will. Visits and contacts assessed as unsuitable by the Tribunal are banned with no explanation, again in contravention of their own rules. Slobodan Milosevic has been brought to The Hague with poor health condition, and in the Scheveningen prison it has been ignored, inadequately treated and drastically deteriorated under the inhuman treatment (for several months, cameras and spotlights had been constantly on in his cell) and by the lack of medical treatment during his stay there. Nothing has been done to improve his health condition, quite the contrary. The Tribunal banned all the physicians, the Yugoslav as well as the Dutch ones, from publishing their reports on his condition. Only after the physicians' warning that his life has been directly threatened the workload at the Tribunal itself was reduced. For what reason such savage and inhuman measures were taken consciously and deliberately under the auspices and in the name of the United Nations?

For what reason his defence has been prevented so obviously and brutally? Why ONLY he

has the right to visits for just three days a month when all other detainees at The Hague have 15 days each month? Why the Tribunal officials have to be present ONLY at his visits? Has the United Nations given the mandate to the Tribunal and entitled it to interfere also with the internal Yugoslav politics and even with the election? If The Hague Tribunal is a UN institution, is this organization aware of the treatment given in its name to a human being, a sick man, a former head of state? As a founder of The Hague Tribunal, the Organization of the United Nations is directly responsible for the operations, operating procedures and methods applied by its institution. Therefore, it bears responsibility also for any wrong done and harm caused by its institution to any one man and people in general. The Organization of the United Nation is obliged to provide public answers to these questions.

The UN Commission for Human Rights in Geneva has not done much for the protection of human rights over the past years, but while "protecting" this heritage it has caused a lot of misfortune throughout the world. We demand for this institution to speak out now in relation to the illegal, inhuman treatment of Slobodan Milosevic in their own institution. How is justice being defended by the United Nations with publishing every word presented by the Prosecution and its collaborators and at the same time hiding and censoring everything coming from the Defence? Complete testimonies of the witnesses for the Prosecution have been published, blackmailed and corrupt as a rule and mainly untruthful individuals, and the public has been denied the expounding of Slobodan Milosevic, a brilliant defence admired by anyone who heard it. On this occasion we are not raising a question of the rationale and legitimacy of The Hague Tribunal, because it has no legitimacy, its rationale is nowadays already clear to everybody and it will go into history as black as it is, together with all its protagonists. We demand for the UN and the UN Commission for Human Rights, as well as all international organizations for the protection of human rights to react to a crime that was being perpetrated against Slobodan Milosevic in its most brutal form, unknown to modern civilization.

*In Belgrade, 09 February 2004*

**SLOBODA/Freedom Association**  
**National Committee for the Liberation**  
**of President Slobodan Milosevic**  
**and**  
**the family of President Milosevic**

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**STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND TRUTH ABOUT THE SERBIAN PEOPLE AND YUGOSLAVIA IS IN THE CRUCIAL PHASE. NATO AND ITS SERVICES IN BELGRADE AND THE HAGUE HAVE NO INTEREST TO SUPPORT IT.**

**SO IT TOTALLY DEPENDS ON YOU!**

**A SMALL TEAM OF PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC'S ASSISTANTS, WHICH IS BECOMING INTERNATIONAL, HAS TO HAVE CONDITIONS TO WORK AT THE HAGUE IN THE TIME OF INTENSIVE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FINAL PRESENTATION OF TRUTH AND DURING THAT PRESENTATION.**

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Subject: ICTY threatening again the life of President Milosevic

According to the (confirmed) media reports, the Hague 'Trial Chamber' dealing with President Milosevic, ordered from the Tribunal appointed cardiologist to report by the beginning of August, whether President Milosevic is able to stand more than three trial days (with about five working hours each) per week, which is the present working rhythm in the process.

More concretely, the 'judges' ask the doctor about three possibilities: a) more working days in a week; b) more working hours in a day; or, at least, c) more working days in two, out of four weeks in a month.

It is clear even to a non-professional, that the medical condition of President Milosevic, suffering from malignant hypertension, that already produced a serious damage to his heart, cannot be improved after four years in prison and three-and-half years of the proceedings. In that sense, the present order of the 'Trial Chamber' produces serious concern.

With the power of truth, President Milosevic and his witnesses blow-up not only the false indictment, but the whole concept of destruction, aggression and colonization in the Balkans, based on the demonization of the Serbs, exposing its creators and perpetrators.

This can be seen as an intentional attempt to imperil the life of President Milosevic or at least to revive the Damocles sword of the 'assigned counsel' (still sitting in the court room and playing the well paid role of a "defense" with occasional remarks added here and there to the brilliant conduct of the self-defense by President Milosevic) and to silence the truth that way.

After the attack on the fundraising in Germany, it seems, as the end of these proceedings, very unpleasant for their creators approach, that we will be facing more and more blatant attempts to prevent the certain shame of the puppet-tribunal and its puppeteers, as the final outcome.

Send the protest letters to the 'Tribunal' and to the UN Security Council

and react in other ways.

Secure with your urgent donations that the struggle for truth goes on until victory!

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URGENT FUNDRAISING APPEAL

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President Milosevic has the truth and law on his side. In order to use that advantage to achieve his freedom, we must fight th is totally discredited tribunal and its patrons through professionally conducted actions which would involve the Bar Associations, the European Court, the UN organs in charge and the media.

Our practice has shown that ad hoc voluntary work is not enough to deal properly with these tasks. The funds secured in Serbia are still enough only to cover the expenses of the stay and work of President Milosevic's legal associates at The Hague (one at the time). The funds secured by the German section of the ICDSM (still the only one with regular contributions) are enough only to cover minimal additional work at The Hague connected with contacts and preparations of foreign witnesses. Everything else is lacking.

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3000-5000 EUR per month is our imminent need.

Our history and our people oblige us to go on with this necessary action. But without these funds it will not be possible.

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I protest very strongly for the new act of abuse and violence against  
 President Slobodan Milosevic. His human right to health and to a fair trial  
 (even in the conditions of total illegality of the ICTY and its action, in  
 my opinion) shall be violated, and his right to full defence and  
 self-defence too, if the new arbitrary attempt to increase the trial times  
 goes on.

The health conditions of President Milosevic don't allow such a measure,  
 which is evidently aimed at imperil his life and weaken his struggle for  
 truth and justice. There is perhaps also an attempt to impose on President  
 Milosevic assigned counsels which would be contrary to his right to full  
 self-defence.

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Urgent Appeal by German Physicians to safeguard the life and health of Slobodan Milosevic

To: Mr. Fausto Pocar,  
Mr. Patrick Robinson,  
Mr. Timothy McCormack

20 November 2005

Dear Sirs,

Three years ago, on 11 November 2002, we made our first submission to the President of the ICTY, the Presiding Judge of Trial Chamber III and the Amici Curiae in the case against Slobodan Milosevic, expressing our deep concern about the treatment, which Mr. Milosevic is receiving from the ICTY

We stated then:

"It is not only incomprehensible, but outrageous, that Mr. Milosevic is not under constant medical observation and check-ups and does not get adequate medical treatment.

This way of dealing with a person whose life is - with all consequences - in your responsibility, can only be called irresponsible and leads to the question of motives. It is in total contradiction to various documents and resolutions of the United Nations concerning the treatment of imprisoned persons. Those regulations should be fully recognized by representatives of UN institutions."

Later on the Trial Chamber received a report of the medical examination of Mr. Milosevic conducted by the cardiologist Dr. P. R. M. van Dijkman, confirming "essential hypertension with secondary organ damage", mentioning "the possibility of coronary disease, cerebrovascular accident, heart attack and death"

On 18 September 2003, we again addressed the ICTY, demanding that "Mr. Milosevic should be provisionally released for an adequate, longer period of time, so that during the preparation of his defence he can have medical treatment and control by his long time doctors in Belgrade."

Not only did the Tribunal not grant Mr. Milosevic provisional release, but instead, his health situation was used as an excuse to deprive him of his basic rights as an accused person, when the Trial Chamber imposed counsel on Mr. Milosevic against his will on September 2, 2004, and when the Appeals Chamber on November 1, 2004, ruled that "the presence of Assigned Counsel will enable the trial to continue even if Milosevic is temporarily unable to participate"

The threat, that in case of his illness his Defence case would be conducted by Assigned Counsel against his will and in violation of his basic rights,

has imposed even more mental stress on Mr Milosevic, as he is being faced with the constant fear of not being able to be present in the courtroom for medical reasons.

On 4 November 2005, a medical examination of Mr Milosevic was conducted by three international specialists, who in essence came to the conclusion that court proceedings would have to be interrupted, in order to allow Mr. Milosevic a period of total physical and mental rest of at least six weeks

The Trial Chamber being aware of this conclusion nevertheless let the proceedings continue as usual, which led to Mr Milosevic demanding the court session to be ended on Wednesday last week

We, the undersigning physicians practising in Germany, demand that the advice of the international specialists, who have examined Slobodan Milosevic, be observed and the court proceedings be halted for at least six weeks, whereas we confirm our opinion that the most adequate solution would be a provisional release of Mr Milosevic for an extended period of time

Once again we express our concern about the treatment which Slobodan Milosevic is receiving from the ICTY, as no due attention is being paid to his precarious health situation

In our view the only responsible solution for dealing with the constraints of court proceedings caused by the ill health of the accused is a proper medical treatment, not deprivation of his basic rights before the court. We strongly oppose any move to put Assigned Counsel in charge of the Defence Case, as long as Slobodan Milosevic is not able to attend the courtroom for health reasons.

Respectfully

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on behalf of signatories

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**URGENT FUNDRAISING APPEAL**

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President Milosevic has the truth and law on his side. In order to use that advantage to achieve his freedom, we must fight this totally discredited tribunal and its patrons through professionally conducted actions which

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**From:** "Vladimir Krsljanin" <slobodavk@yubc.net>  
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**Subject:** Serbian doctors call for suspension of Milosevic process

Belgrade, 20 November. Two most famous Serbian cardiologists, together with five other renown Serbian university professors of medicine, appeared today in a press conference in Belgrade raising their voice against threatening the life and health of President Milosevic by the Hague "tribunal". They issued a written appeal and invited all colleagues - medical doctors to join it. In the press conference, the statement of 120 members Medical Academic Forum was also presented. English translation of the both texts is given below.

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**APPEAL TO PROTECT HEALTH AND LIFE  
OF SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC**

The reports on deteriorating health condition of the former president of Serbia and Yugoslavia Slobodan Milosevic have been followed with deep concern.

The findings of the international medical team, after examination of 4 November 2005 additionally troubled us. They clearly show that Slobodan Milosevic needs a break for additional medical check and appropriate medical treatment but not in prison conditions.

We, doctors and humanists were appalled by the fact that the trial chamber in charge of the case against president Milosevic failed to seriously consider the medical findings and recommendations of our colleagues who attended him, opting for continuing the process until he almost collapsed in the very court room.

Such a conduct by the members of the chamber is inadmissible.

The right to life and the right to health supersede any other right, supersede the very court itself. No court is entitled to try anyone at the cost of one's health and one's life.

Further to the above we call for:

1) Suspension of trial to Slobodan Milosevic for six weeks as proposed by the international team of medical doctors, composed of university professors from France, Russia and Serbia, specialists in cardiology,

ogy and otorhinolaryngology.

Treatment during suspension of trial as the international team of doctors proposed, and make additional examinations as they recommended;

3) The medical doctors, possibly, designated by the trial chamber should be at least of the same scientific and professional level as the members of the international team, including those to be proposed by Slobodan Milosevic, himself;

4) Treatment of Slobodan Milosevic must fully comply with the international norms on human and civil rights including the respect for the Lisbon Declaration concerning the freedom of choice of the doctor and the institution the patient confides.

Failing to stop the process at the moment when health and very life of Slobodan Milosevic are at risk is an inadmissible and drastic example of violation of his basic human rights. Permanent threat of activating an imposed defense counsel, not acknowledged by himself, in the case of his illness, amounts to an extortion of partaking in the process at the cost of own health. Slobodan Milosevic must be given a chance to recover and restore his capacity to participate in the process, which must be suspended till then.

We call on all our colleagues - doctors to join us in this appeal in the name of humanities and defense of the fundamental human rights.

In Belgrade, 20 November 2005

Prof. Dr. Sc. Med. SRECKO NEDELJKOVIC, cardiologist, full member of the Academy of Medical Sciences, Serbian Medical Society

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Prof. Dr. Sc. Med. MOMCILO BABIC, specialist in social medicine

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#### MEDICAL ACADEMIC FORUM

Belgrade, 20 November 2005

Today we have come together in a quest to publicly voice our deep concern over the violation of human rights, among them the right to life and medical care of a sick man.

Intolerance, demonstrated by a judge of the Hague tribunal in the last few days, towards apparently ill President Milosevic, due to his refusal to be represented by a counsel, culminated in the blunt negligence of evident

## TRIBUNAL DENIES MILOSEVIC MEDICAL TREATMENT AS CANADIAN AMBASSADOR CONCLUDES HIS TESTIMONY

www.slobodan-milosevic.org - February 24, 2006

Written by: Andy Wilcoxson

The trial of Slobodan Milosevic resumed on Friday. The hearing began with Milosevic objecting to the trial chamber's ruling denying his request for medical treatment. Milosevic says he intends appeal the decision.

Milosevic has been diagnosed with severe hypertension and is at high risk for a heart attack or stroke. Russian cardiologists from the world-renowned Bakoulev medical center in Moscow believe that they can effectively treat his condition.

The doctors retained by the tribunal have been unable to adequately treat Milosevic, and as a result the trial has been adjourned several times on account of his ill-health.

The Tribunal's decision is a slap in the face to the Russian Government. The Russian Government guaranteed that it would return Milosevic to the tribunal's custody after he was treated by the physicians at the Bakoulev center.

In its ruling the tribunal stated, "the Chamber notes that the Accused is currently in the latter stages of a very lengthy trial, in which he is charged with many serious crimes, and at the end of which, if convicted, he may face the possibility of life imprisonment. In these circumstances, and notwithstanding the guarantees of the Russian Federation and the personal undertaking of the Accused, the Trial Chamber is not satisfied that the first prong of the test has been met—that is, that it is more likely than not that the Accused, if released, would return for the continuation of his trial."

What the tribunal is saying is that the Russian Government can not be trusted to apprehend a 64-year-old man with a heart condition if he tried to escape. For all of its empty rhetoric about human rights, what the Hague Tribunal has shown by its decision is that it is perfectly happy to imperil a man's life just for the sake of politics.

After Judge Robinson announced that he would not hear any objections to the ruling, Milosevic continued with the examination of James Bisset, the Canadian Ambassador to Yugoslavia between 1990 and 1992.

Bisset testified that the United States initially supported the preservation of Yugoslavia. He noted James Baker's statement that the U.S. supported the use of the Yugoslav People's Army (JNA) to put down the secession of Slovenia and Croatia.

Bisset said Germany's foreign minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, was partly to blame for the break-up of Yugoslavia. He said that the German government and Genscher in particular exerted pressure on the European Community by threatening to walk out of the EC and recognize Slovenia and Croatia unilaterally.

Contrary to the prosecution's assertions that Milosevic provoked the Krajina-Serbs to rebellion, Bisset testified that Serbs in Croatia were provoked by the Croatian government which was dismissing them from their jobs and expelling them from their homes.

Bisset testified that Milosevic had no ambition to create "greater Serbia." He said that the prosecution's thesis that Milosevic engaged in a criminal conspiracy to expand Serbia's territory was "pure fantasy".

The witness testified that Milosevic worked for peace, and that all of the peace plans Milosevic supported for Bosnia and Croatia would have made any expansion of Serbia's territory impossible.

Bisset, who met with Milosevic several times in his capacity as Canada's ambassador, said that Milosevic supported the preservation of Yugoslavia, but was willing to allow others to secede as long as human rights were protected and as long as the secession was carried out in accordance with Yugoslavia's laws and constitution.

Unfortunately Croatia, Slovenia, and Bosnia did not secede in accordance with the provisions of the Yugoslav constitution. In stead they opted for war carried out their secession through violence.

Speaking of the JNA, Bisset testified that they were subordinated to the federal authorities, not to Milosevic as claimed by the prosecution.

Bisset testified that Milosevic used his political influence to obtain peace. He recalled how Milosevic used his political influence to exert pressure on Milan Babic to accept the Vance Plan in Croatia.

The former Canadian ambassador testified that American interference caused war to erupt in Bosnia and Kosovo.

He testified that in March 1992 (one month before the outbreak of war in Bosnia) Portuguese diplomat Jose Cutilheiro

<http://www.slobodan-milosevic.org/news/smorg022406.htm>

**THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC'S DEATH**

www.slobodan-milosevic.org – March 11, 2006

Written by: Andy Wilcoxson

On several occasions prior to his death Milosevic, who suffered from high blood pressure and a heart condition, complained of severe headaches, intense pressure behind his eyes and ears, and ringing in his ears.

In late November 2005 doctors from the Bakulev Medical Center in Moscow traveled to The Hague and examined him. They determined that his condition could be treated, but only if they could administer treatment at their facility in Moscow.

On December 12, 2005 Milosevic asked the tribunal to allow him to receive medical treatment at the Bakulev Medical Center in Moscow.

The tribunal denied his request. They told him that the request was not made properly, and would not be considered unless they received guarantees that he would return to complete his trial.

On January 18, 2006 the Russian Government gave guarantees that Milosevic would be returned to The Hague to complete his trial if he were allowed to be given medical treatment in Moscow.

In spite of the guarantees of the Russian Government, and in spite of Milosevic's own guarantee that he would return, on February 23, 2006 the trial chamber handed down a ruling denying Milosevic's request to receive medical treatment in Moscow.

On February 24, 2006 Milosevic announced that he would appeal the tribunal's decision.

Unfortunately, he did not live long enough to bring the issue before the appeals chamber. On March 11, 2006, Slobodan Milosevic was found dead in his cell at the UN Detention Unit in The Hague.

Responsibility for President Milosevic's death can most likely be attributed to Mr. Patrick Robinson, Mr. O-Gon Kwon, and Mr. Iain Bonomy. If they had they not prevented him from receiving the medical treatment he needed, then he would probably still be alive.

It was a generally known fact that Milosevic could die without proper medical treatment. In the February 24th trial report I warned that "Denying Milosevic the medical treatment he needs could kill him."

Reacting to the tribunal's decision in a February 24th interview to the Moscow-based Ekho Moskvy Radio, Milosevic's brother Borislav said, "I do not know whether or not they will poison him but I do not rule this out altogether. I do not rule out that he might be even secretly liquidated. As far as his medical treatment is concerned, their moves do not give any grounds to believe that he is being treated in a fair and humane way. Their decision is negative. Incidentally, as I see the reasons behind the decision, I believe that it is not just inhumane, it simply violates human rights. At issue is an ailing man, a man aged 65. Despite the immaculate validity of the various components of this appeal, of this request, they turned it down."

Kwon, Bonomy, and Robinson knew that denying Milosevic medical treatment could cost him his life. Armed with that knowledge, they made a conscious decision that denied him the opportunity to receive the medical treatment he needed – and now he's dead.

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**Russia regrets tribunal didn't allow Milosevic to get treatment in Moscow**

Interfax - Mar 11 2006 6:26PM

MOSCOW. March 11 (Interfax) - The Russian Foreign Ministry on Saturday voiced regret that the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) denied former president Slobodan Milosevic the chance to receive medical treatment in Moscow.

"We know that following the deterioration of his condition Milosevic filed a request to receive medical treatment in Russia. Russian doctors were ready to offer him due assistance and the Russian authorities guaranteed the fulfillment of all the related ICTY requirements. Unfortunately, despite our guarantees the tribunal refused to give Milosevic a chance to get treatment in Russia," a report posted on the ministry website on Saturday says. ml

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## **Milosevic dead because denied treatment - Serbian SPS politician**

BBC Monitoring Europe (Political) - March 11, 2006 Saturday

*Text of report by Serbian independent news agency FoNet*

Belgrade, 11 March: The death of Slobodan Milosevic is the classic murder of a world citizen committed by globalists - the USA and its followers and the Western countries, a senior official of the Socialist Party of Serbia (SPS), Milutin Mrkonjic, the leader of the party's "pro-Milosevic wing", has said.

He said that the domestic authorities had rejected Milosevic's appeals to undergo medical treatment in Serbia, and the tribunal had rejected Russia's guarantees for his medical treatment in that country, and so he is dead today, "but he is stronger then ever".

"Milosevic is a hero ... [agency ellipsis] the Serbian people will never have such a hero," Mrkonjic said in tears.

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**Serbian Radicals: Hague tribunal, "domestic satraps" killed Milosevic**

BBC Monitoring Europe (Political) - March 11, 2006 Saturday

*Text of report by Serbian independent news agency FoNet*

Belgrade, 11 March: The Serbian Radical Party (SRS) today stated that the Hague tribunal, "aided by domestic satraps", killed Slobodan Milosevic and that the prosecution and judges of this tribunal bore largest responsibility for his death.

Emphasizing that "after the murder of Milosevic", nothing would be the same in Serbia, the SRS called on all its members and supporters to attend his funeral and thereby show "that rogues did not manage to kill Serbia".

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## **Duma official threatens ICTY with reprisals over death of ex-Serbian leader**

BBC Monitoring Europe (Political) - March 11, 2006 Saturday

*Text of report by Russian news agency RIA Novosti*

Moscow, 11 March: The State Duma at its next plenary meeting, on 15 March, will adopt a resolution demanding that the judges of the Hague tribunal who denied medical treatment to former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic be held accountable, State Duma Deputy Chairman Vladimir Zhirinovskiy told RIA-Novosti today.

Zhirinovskiy, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party of Russia, said that deputies would demand abolition of the Hague tribunal, which had no legal status, and "is a mock trial". He said that representatives of the tribunal must be held responsible for wearing their defendant down.

Zhirinovskiy believes that the tribunal's representatives deliberately procrastinated over Milosevic's medical treatment because "they had no grounds for handing down a verdict on his case". "The best exit out of this impasse for them was Milosevic's death. First, Milosevic was tormented through trials lasting many years and then he was effectively killed," the State Duma deputy chairman said.

"It is atrocious that Europe which is defending human rights, refused treatment to gravely ill Slobodan Milosevic," he said. Milosevic should not have been treated as a criminal, Zhirinovskiy said. He was just a detainee and no sentence had been passed on his case.

For centuries Yugoslavia was the site of ethnic and religious confrontation, Zhirinovskiy said. "This was 'a powder keg' of Europe and it is bewildering that one man (Milosevic) got blamed for the entire history of humankind," he said.

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Milosevic feared he was being poisoned: Lawyer

**Milosevic feared he was being poisoned: Lawyer**

Press Trust of India - The Hague, March 12, 2006

Slobodan Milosevic, who was found dead in his cell bed on Saturday, feared he was being poisoned in prison, his legal advisor Zdenko Tomanovic told journalists at the UN warcrimes court in The Hague.

"Mister Milosevic said there were attempts to poison him in the prison," Tomanovic said.

"After consultation with Milosevic's family, I have officially insisted that the autopsy not be carried out in The Hague but in Moscow," he added.

Tomanovic has been Milosevic's key legal advisor since the former Yugoslav president went on trial in The Hague in 2002.

He is not formally Milosevic's lawyer before the UN court because Milosevic refused to appoint one, deciding instead to represent himself.

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## **Aide Recounts Milosevic's Last Words**

The Associated Press - Saturday, March 11, 2006; 7:49 PM

By KATARINA KRATOVAC

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro – A Socialist Party aide of Slobodan Milosevic said Saturday that the ex-president was defiant just before his death.

"He told me, 'Don't you worry: They will not destroy me or break me; I shall defeat them all,'" said Milorad Vucelic of the Socialist Party, recounting a phone conversation with Milosevic late Friday. "But it was obvious he was very ill."

Milosevic, who was found dead Saturday in his cell at the Netherlands-based war crimes court near The Hague, was daily in contact with Socialist party officials in Belgrade as he carried out his own defense before the U.N. tribunal.

Vucelic said Milosevic was in "a good mood" on Friday but would not discuss his illness.

"We were supposed to talk more today but when he didn't call, I was a little worried," Vucelic added. "Then I found out what had happened."

Vucelic spoke at the Socialist Party headquarters in Belgrade, where flags hung at half-staff and a huge photo of Milosevic was on display, adorned with a black cloth.

During their phone conversation, Vucelic said Milosevic had been upbeat and satisfied with how his defense case was coming along.

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