

## A PERSONAL VIEW: ALEKSANDAR VUČIĆ

### IN SERBIA, INVADER HOLDS CONTROL OVER PROSECUTIONS AND TRIALS

Is there justice in Serbia? Do prosecution services and courts exist at all?

This question is not difficult to answer.

There is a gang of quasi politicians, who look like rats and launch threatening glances at us, driven by evil intentions and a pathological wish to raise themselves in the hierarchy of false justice servants. It is enough for a normal human to merely see some of these monsters, from Vukčević, Prijić and Vekarić to Slobodan Radovanović and their mentor, Nataša Kandić, in order to realise that, compared to them, »The Nightmare on Elms Street« is but a light comedy. Save for Nataša Kandić, who is a serious opponent, I am making a reference to these »mice«, not because I find them in any way important, but in order to make them aware of the fact that, sooner or later, they will have to creep out of their holes and report to the Serbian people for everything they have done against Serbia's interests. This includes their daily skimble-skamble talk on the necessity of Serbia's catharsis, moral recovery of Serbian society etc. God forbid that any normal and sound Serb would look like anyone of them! However, the process of deciding on someone's guilt in Serbia (I am deliberately resorting to the non-legal language), is carried out on three levels.

On the first level, the suspect is tried by the TV studio B-92, assisted by those obnoxious RTS (national television) starlets. The fact is that the courts must be humiliated and brought to ruin, since their duty is not to establish the truth, but to carefully watch TV and write down whatever they hear in the programs created by two journalists: one of them, Brankica Stanković, though not stupid, is shamelessly insolent; the other, whose surname is Miljković if I remember well, and who turns up on RTS, is a sheer simpleton. Judges, along with whole trial chambers at times, and maybe even prosecutors, will bitterly repent should they happen to do anything against the will of the above mentioned individuals. All the time, contrary to all applicable legal regulations, these journalists interfere in the passage and enforcement of verdicts, and sometimes go as far as to meddle with the issuing of indictments. In some cases, their behaviour is attributable to their henlike brains, their grey matter brought to a halt during the 5 October overthrow. However, in some other cases the situation is far more serious, since the Serbian judiciary are supervised by the Supreme Command in the shape of Sam Nazzaro, a U.S. embassy officer, here acting as a second-instance judicial authority. Insomuch more dangerous are Stanković and Kandić, who, though themselves insignificant, have a strong and powerful boss. Unfortunately, the one who is the strongest and most influential in an invaded Serbian state.

Should, despite such a state of affairs, a judge or a prosecutor dare to act in accordance

with the law, there is a third-instance authority and spokesperson to the occupying force – and that is none other than Boris Tadić. Let us put aside the fact that judicial and prosecutorial independence are guaranteed by the Constitution, since I know that Tadić's competence in legal matters equals to his competence in military matters, which is to say that it comes down to flat ignorance; however, the fact that the president of a state condemns a first-instance court verdict is absolutely shameless and thoroughly infamous.

Let's make it clear, in this country everything is possible as long as you serve the invader's interest; still, to have Tadić instructing the Supreme Court Chamber on the highest-instance verdict – that is certainly the climax of arrogance and impudence demonstrated by the highest state executive. And that is exactly how Tadić expressed his dissatisfaction with the verdict in the Scorpions case. By the way, I do think that these people committed an atrocious crime and that they have to be punished for it, but it is perfectly certain that the first-instance court weighed their individual guilts much better than anyone of us, ordinary mortars, would ever be able to do, let alone such an ignorant as Tadić certainly is.

It is easy to exert arrogance and power in Serbia, on condition that you are supported and protected by its masters. For this reason and in this way, we are faced with a promenade of small people deciding on our individual destinies. However, it is God-pleasing and Serbian to oppose tyranny. To oppose both the invader and his pawns. Serbia must defeat Tadić, Kandić and all those judicial mice who measure their significance and humanity by the number of farewell coffees drunk in the company of staffs of foreign embassies to Serbia.

Certainly, Serbia has plenty of good judges and prosecutors. This country will get to know them once it has got rid of its foreign masters and their puppets seated at Dedinje and headed by Boris Tadić.

Republic of Serbia  
General Assembly  
8th Extraordinary Session  
of the Serbian National Assembly

Fifth session day, 17 September 2007

(The session started at 10:05 a.m. under the chair of Mr. Milutin Mrkonjić, Republic of Serbia's Assembly Vice President)

CHAIRMAN: Dear ladies and gentlemen, honourable national deputies, we are resuming the 8th extraordinary session of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia in the year 2007.

On the basis of the official attendance record, I note that 85 members are present at the session.

With a view to establishing an accurate number of national deputies present in the Assembly Session Hall, you are kindly requested to insert your identity cards in your electronic voting units.

I note that the electronic voting system has identified 88 national deputies present in the Session Hall, which means more than one third of the total number of deputies, and that, accordingly, conditions are fulfilled for the work of the Assembly.

Please be advised that the following national deputies have been prevented from attending the today's session: Nenad Bogdanović, Nenad Čanak, Riza Halimi and Pasztor Balint.

Let us now move on to the fifth item of our agenda – DRAFT ACT ON PASSPORTS.

You have received copies of the Draft Act submitted by the Government.  
You have also received copies of reports submitted by the Legislation Committee of the Defence and Security Board

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VJERICA RADETA: ... We in the Serbian Radical Party (SRS) never accept such generalised positions, we are strongly in favour of clear-cut and concise legal provisions that do not allow for any abuse or flexible interpretations. Of course, laws are enacted in order to be correctly interpreted by competent legal professionals, and not simply to be read through or taken literally, since that would not be the point; however, you can not enact a law which contains such a broad and vague determination as this saying »as well as other public documents«. Then, pursuant to such legal formulation, Aleksandar

Karadžić was expelled from Serbia because, although the man was issued an identity card based on the regular documents that he was requested to produce, the stumbling block, exactly like in this Draft Act, was that clumsy formulation - »and other documents«. Such formulations are unacceptable, either in this or in any other legal act.

In the part related to cases when the applicant is denied the issuance of a passport, namely Art. 35 §1(3), you said the following: »the authority receiving a request for the issuance of a passenger's personal document shall reject the request if, pursuant to internationally recognised legal acts, the applicant is not permitted to travel.« All SRS deputies who discussed this issue, alerted the Parliament to this impermissible regulation. Indeed, we believe that this regulation was, and still is, a source of all sorts of abuses, of manipulations with some secret and public lists. You are perfectly aware of the fact that ethnic Serbs from the Republic of Srpska Krajina do not dare to cross the border, because they do not know where they will get stumbled over one of these secret lists. Of course, this primarily refers to prospective ICTY witnesses, allegedly because the action of tracing witnesses is currently underway, but in truth this action is conducted by the Hague investigators, who do not have, and are not able to find witnesses for the case of Dr. Vojislav Šešelj, and therefore they are patrolling all around Serbia and intimidating people; all the way through, as they do so, they are actively supported by the Serbian special prosecutor and his staff. Last night we heard Bruno Vekarić saying that they had nothing to do with Vojislav Šešelj's case at the Hague, as if all of us were not perfectly aware of the [Ovčara, Zvornik 1, Zvornik 2, Zvornik 3 and other cases handled by the special prosecutor's office. All these cases are intended to fabricate witnesses in the Šešelj case.](#) Needless to say, their efforts will come to nothing, but we do not want to intervene because we do not want to put Serbian citizens in embarrassing situations by enacting such laws.

In Article 39 §2, which refers to the relevant authority's obligation to inform the applicant on the termination of reasons that prevented him/her from getting a passenger's ID, you said that »reasons for rejecting the applicant's request will be considered as terminated if, within six months from the moment of his /her application, i.e. from the seizure of his/her passport, the competent court fails to renew the ban.« This can't be regulated like that, you can't let Bruno Vekarić, or Vukčević, that one who is chasing carrier pigeons with messages for Ratko Mladić, you mustn't allow them to regulate this issue and in that way aggravate the already existing atmosphere of general uncertainty. We, Serbian Radicals, are in support of a legal state and legal safety of its citizens. So, if we want to prevent abuse, the court is obliged to react within the herein specified time.

And another brief objection, to Article 49 – referral of data to foreign authorities. Of course, this is always the most important thing to you, and therefore we are warning you that you must accept our amendment, which anticipates that on any referral of data to a foreign state authority you must inform the person concerned, you must inform him or her that this job has been done.

Finally, a question for Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Koštunica: How many ministers in the current government have passports of some other countries?

CHAIRMAN (Miloljub Albijanić): National Deputy Radiša Ilić is speaking next, and National Deputy Sulejman Spaho will follow.

RADIŠA ILIĆ: Ladies and gentlemen, national deputies, we are faced with yet another law that must be adopted because, as it has been explained, if we fail to adopt it we shall allegedly be late for something, we won't be admitted somewhere, etc.

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NATAŠA JOVANOVIĆ: Everyone knows, including yourselves, and it has been also established by these security experts, that a passport holder's data can be read by means of radio frequencies at distances ranging between 2 and 10 metres. You can keep on improving data protection techniques as much as you may wish, but the data will still remain readable for those interested to read them, be it various terrorist organisations – and they normally are interested, be it various organisations involved in video recording activities; evidently, there are such organisations in our country already now, when these passports have not yet been introduced, and, through their subversive activities such organisations are undermining the political system and its institutions; therefore, if our state has obediently consented to the introduction of these passports, then you have to tell the citizens how much they will be protected.

On the other hand, there are quite a lot of problems with the legal paragraph regulating data referrals to competent authorities in the cases of our people residing abroad. You can't manipulate like this with our citizens, with their human and civil rights. The fact that every Serbian citizen, once having signed his or her recognition of the Republic of Serbia and therefore being obliged to respect its Constitution, has to accept this passport, this fact does not mean that he or she should be made an easy target and pray to foreign services, especially if the citizen at issue is one of these brave Serbian heroes.

Mrs. Radeta, a member of our Team for Prof. Vojislav Šešelj's Defence, has for many months been watching these hunters in search for prospective tools of the Hague Tribunal, who would be ready to falsly testify against our President; it was Mrs. Radeta who, referring to the lists of those ineligible for passports, mentioned the yesterday's scandalous statement of that miserable creature Bruno Vekarić; true it is, like breeds like: a court like this needs a spokesman like him, and it deserves a prosecutor like Vukčević – Toma Nikolić was right in saying that Vukčević is fit for a lunatic asylum rather than for a courtroom. The same goes for this Vekarić. Just imagine him appearing in the news program of that television controlled by Tijanić, the ex-information minister of the JUL Party! Vekarić did turn up on that television and launched infamous attacks

against the Serbian Radical Party and our President, who has been left forlorn in the Hague jail for five years, denied of basic human or legal rights. Referring to Mr. Vučić's yesterday's statement, in which he talked about these Hague mobsters who are urging people to give false testimonies in order to be able to prepare a trial to our President, this wretch, Vekarić, said: »Maybe they are doing this because one of the persons involved in the Ovčara case was a member of the Serbian Radical Party.« This is a reason enough for you to know that he really is for an asylum, and not for a court! For that statement Vekarić could bear criminal responsibility, because, as a spokesperson of a special court, he accuses people of belonging to a certain political party and in that way calls for their lynch! This is a pressure on all those people sought by the Hague mobsters. Just because they are members of the Serbian Radical Party, they have to do what they are told, or otherwise they and their families will have to face all sorts of blackmail and extortion. But do not think that this is going to happen!

I do not know if this individual, Vekarić, has two passports or not, probably he hasn't, but I am absolutely confident that justice will take power soon in Serbia, and that then Vekarić and his like will not be allowed to escape. As for him, I do not care whether he is a member of the Democratic Party, or the Democratic Party of Serbia; I don't even mind if he belongs to the Croatian HDZ branch here in Serbia, because he is obviously not normal as long as he is capable of giving such statements. Thank you.

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Republic of Serbia  
General Assembly  
8th Extraordinary Session  
of the Serbian National Assembly

Eighth session day, 17 September 2007

(The session started at 10:10 a.m. under the chair of Mr. Oliver Dulić, Republic of Serbia's Assembly President)

PRESIDENT DULIĆ: Dear ladies and gentlemen, honourable national deputies, we are resuming the 8th extraordinary session of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia in the year 2007.

On the basis of the official attendance record, I note that 104 members are present at the session.

With a view to establishing the accurate number of national deputies present in the Assembly Session Hall, you are kindly requested to insert your identity cards in your electronic voting units.

I note that the electronic voting system has identified 88 national deputies present in the Session Hall, which means more than one third of the total number of deputies, and that, accordingly, conditions are fulfilled for the work of the Assembly.

Please be advised that the following national deputies have been prevented from attending the today's session: Nenad Bogdanović, Nenad Čanak, Aleksandar Vlahović, Jelena Marković and Pasztor Balint.

Let us now move on to the third item of our today's agenda – Draught Act on Alterations and Amendments to the Act on Tobacco.

An amendment to Art. 5 has been submitted by National Deputy Vitomir Plužarević.

The Government proposes that this amendment should be rejected, whereas the Legislation Board considers this amendment as legally viable.

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VJERICA RADETA: ... announced in the way that we normally do in the general media blockade surrounding the issue of the proceedings against Dr. Vojislav Šešelj. However, even if there were some comments or informal observations on that issue, no one was too ready to accept what was written in that book, although, let me say that again, those were the court-certified statements of these 34 people. What has happened in the

meantime? Now all of you know the answer. This is no longer a secret. If you will allow me another digression, at that scientific meeting I said that we had proofs of the Hague investigators strolling all around Serbia in search for »suitable« people who, as they hope, will accept to testify against Vojislav Šešelj, because the Hague Tribunal has been faced with a big problem. Although the trial has been scheduled for 7 November, it is uncertain whether the Hague Tribunal will have a single relevant witness; namely, even those who earlier agreed to testify at the Hague, and even those who have already given their statements, now refuse to testify, and admit that they have been blackmailed and threatened. Therefore, the Hague Tribunal definitely has this problem. And then, what happened the other day?

Patrick Lopez Terres arrived in Serbia. He is Carla Del Ponte's chief investigator, which means chief investigator of the Hague Tribunal's prosecutor's office. This man hired the judge, that wretch of the war crimes prosecutor, Vukčević, and one of his deputies, and all of them placed themselves at the disposal of that Lopez, all too glad to help him find someone in Serbia who would be ready to provide false testimonies against Dr. Vojislav Šešelj. I'd like to point out that every Sunday at 12:00, Vojislav Šešelj's Defence Team holds press conferences. At these conferences we try to inform Serbia's citizens on everything that is going on at the Hague Tribunal. Sure enough, these press conferences are not reported by the media. And if there happen to be any, then these reports are never longer than half of a sentence, and in most cases they are based on journalist's comments rather than on what was straightforwardly said at the conference. Well, as soon as Aleksandar Vučić said at a press conference that a certain Patrick Lopez Terres had turned up, we had a number of people reporting that they had been contacted by this man, who visited them accompanied by that Vukčević and his deputy; and then this Hague Tribunal spokesman Bruno Vekarić, who is, of course, given prime-time terms on all televisions, in all prime-time news programmes, turns up and says that he is, gosh, also fed up with these Radicals and their statements, and that he is going to bring charges against – well, God knows whom, for – God knows what reason.

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VJERICA RADETA: Bruno Vekarić, that idiot, the creature with that icy gaze, reminds me of – I do not dare to say of what kind of people. So, Mr. Batić, I can see your reaction as he has been a close associate of yours, ever since that bygone time – I know that you brought him to the Ministry, and that you, before you stepped down, installed him at the position of prosecutor's spokesman, lest he should be fired by the new Government – indeed, you do not need to replicate, I know everything even before you say a word.

That creature, Bruno Vekarić, said that the Special Prosecutor's Office was pray to the Radicals' attacks, and then he dared to comment on the verdict that is not yet final, and on some details of the proceedings which are still open. As a legal expert, Mr. Batić, you should say or at least give us a hint, is he allowed, as the prosecutor's spokesperson, or



is anybody allowed at all, to make such comments? Of course, except for the fact that you allowed yourself to do so at the time when you were the minister, and except for this new one, this Petrović, who, as we can see, has started the same practice. Certainly, nobody has right to do so. Yet, Bruno Vekarić has taken for himself this right to say that the Radicals are attacking the Special Court because, allegedly, a Radical Party member is being criminally prosecuted in the Ovčara case. Vekarić's allegation is a lie, and I'll tell you what is true about this. Although a lawyer myself, I shall now say something that I would not be supposed to say, but for the sake of the public I cannot help answering Bruno Vekarić: the truth is that, out of the 17 persons accused in the Ovčara case, two were the Serbian Radical Party volunteers, namely Marko Ljuboja and Slobodan Katić, and that, to Vekarić's great regret, both were released of charges. Explaining his decision, Vesko Krstajić, the judge in charge of the Ovčara case, and we have the transcript of this oral statement, says that he is sorry, because he is convinced that the two did engage in the crime, but unluckily, he is by no means able to prove that.

Evidently, all this is being done in order to please Carla Del Ponte, whose hosts today are Vojislav Koštunica, Boris Tadić, and others. And I'll just say one more sentence – everything related to that crime and to the Ovčara case has been published in Dr. Vojislav Šešelj's book entitled Political Deals of Whore Del Ponte and Whore Del Koštunica. All details have been disclosed in this book.

CHAIRMAN: Ms. Radeta, on several occasions you used terms that are far below the dignity of the Serbian National Assembly.

VLADAN BATIĆ: Your Honour, dear ladies and gentlemen National Deputies, Mrs. Radeta was mentioning Mr. Bruno Vekarić, my former associate and an outstanding legal professional. Still, I am not his lawyer and therefore I have no intention to defend him. I felt compelled to react merely because I believe that it is impermissible to offend people in their absence. Generally, the National Assembly is not the place where anyone can be labelled as idiot, wretch, etc. This is simply a matter of basic appropriacy, of a civilisation level. Therefore, you are allowed to criticise Bruno Vekarić and anyone else, yet, one ought to refrain from such language for the sake of Parliament and its dignity, for the sake of the dignity of Serbian citizens who are watching these debates.

Your Honour, I did not ask for permission to speak in order to reply Mrs. Radeta, since she was not addressing me, I reacted because the Parliamentary Rules on Procedure is being disregarded. So my question, the one that I have already asked so many times, is the following: When, if ever, will Serbia have its Constitutional Court? This is the only country in Europe without this institution, remember, a unique European country; that is our shame and our humiliation, because the Constitutional Court judges are elected right here, in this very room.

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CHAIRMAN: I am calling on National Deputy Dragan Todorović, who, pursuant to the amendment, will be allowed three minutes.

DRAGAN TODOROVIĆ: Please, just don't count down my time, because I want to explain what Mrs. Vjerica Radeta meant when she used the word »idiot« for Bruno Vekarić.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Todorović, ...

DRAGAN TODOROVIĆ: Why are interrupting me, let me, please tell you what she meant...

CHAIRMAN: You are not supposed to behave in the same way as she did.

DRAGAN TODOROVIĆ: I just want to clarify what she meant to say, and you are interrupting me.

CHAIRMAN: All right, I am not interrupting you, we shall bring back your time.

DRAGAN TODOROVIĆ: What she had in mind was the original meaning of the the Greek word »idiot«, which means a man who is not involved in politics. So, if Bruno Vekarić is involved in politics, if that is the case, I can guarantee that Mrs. Vjerica Radeta will apologise to him. That is what she wanted to say, only that and nothing else.

As for the amendment where we request the third item of Article 35 to be removed, namely »if the person applying for a passport is, pursuant to internationally recognised legislation, not permitted to travel.«

Ladies and Gentlemen, honourable National Deputies, once again, we have found ourselves in the same situation: the state authority in charge of travel documents can refuse to issue a passport to someone, and then simply to refer to this article, without any obligation to explain reasons of the refusal. Some individual groups and organisations have their individual lists, where they put whoever they please, and then, unfortunately, there are certain states, e.g. Montenegro, which allow such lists to be imposed on them. Just imagine a situation – the Hague Tribunal has certain suspicions, which is a reason enough for them to send ....

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PĚTAR JOJIĆ: Ladies and gentlemen, in states with developed legal systems, and these are primarily England and Wales, statements obtained by the police, prosecutor or any other state authority within the pre-trial procedure can not be used at the trial. Such statements must be disclaimed and must not be included in the trial.

Ladies and gentlemen, in England and Wales, as well as in other countries, there is guaranteed protection against risks of harmful publicity at pre-trial stages. What does that mean? Are a public prosecutor, special prosecutor, Supreme Court judge, District Court judge or any other state official allowed to appear in the media with anticipations of someone's guilt, and insist that the person should be convicted? This is the case with Dr. Vojislav Šešelj, who is being accused in the media without a single valid material proof or any legally relevant evidence. And I would remind you that something similar would be unthinkable in some democratic countries, or in any country committed to the

protection of its subjects; because, no one can be considered guilty before their guilt is proved and the final court decision rendered. This protection is owed to the presumption of innocence, which I have already talked about. It is intolerable that a person should be exposed to extremely unfavourable publicity before being officially convicted. After all, Bruno Vekarić is not a member of judiciary, he is simply a member of some political party, and he gives statements in the media as a politician. He can not, and as of today he shall not be allowed to give statements in the media regarding Dr. Vojislav Šešelj and others accused before any court, be it at home or abroad. He shall not be allowed to give any statements at all.

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Republic of Serbia  
General Assembly  
2nd Regular Session  
of the Serbian National Assembly

Third session day, 3 October 2007

(The session started at 10:10 a.m. under the chair of Mr. Oliver Dulić, Republic of Serbia's Assembly President)

THE PRESIDENT: Dear ladies and gentlemen, honourable members of the National Assembly, we are resuming the 1st meeting within the Second regular session of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia in the year 2007.

On the basis of the official attendance record, I note that 88 members are present at the session.

With the view to establishing the accurate number of national deputies present in the Assembly Session Hall, you are kindly requested to insert your identity cards in your electronic voting units.

I note that the electronic voting system has identified 8t national deputies present in the Session Hall, which means more than one third of the total number of deputies, and that, accordingly, conditions are fulfilled for the work of the Assembly.

Please be advised that the following national deputies have been prevented from attending the today's session: Nikola Lazić, Ivan Andrić, Radovan Radovanović and other National Deputies who are participating in the European Parliament Conference.

Let us now move on to the eighth item of our current agenda – Draught Act on Alterations and Amendments to the Insurance Act.

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ZORAN KRASIĆ: ... fury in the Independent Republic of Croatia, because they consider themselves as victims of aggression, and argue that they can not have been part of any joint criminal enterprise since they were, allegedly, only defending themselves. And that self-defence included Mesić expelling 150,000 people from the areas where not a single bullet was fired. I warn you, what is going on here is an extremely dangerous development.

And as we talk about this issue, we come across a mirage called the Special Prosecutor. Owing to some close family relations, owing to some friendship ties, a well-known man was somehow elected, the one who was in the District Court known for his laziness.

Judges were not able to conduct trials further to his indictments, and would every time instruct him to modify his indictments, to rearrange them according to elementary rules. He behaves in the same way as Carla Del Ponte. He gives political comments, he talks about some sanctions. You remember him, the one who was once busy chasing some pigeons. He is employed by Carla Del Ponte, not by this state. It can easily be concluded from how he behaves, from the way he acts. I guess that today he is on some island, having talks with his counterparts, because, mind you, Mr. Petrović, he has concluded some agreement on some cooperation. If there is any international element in that agreement, then it should have been ratified by Serbian National Assembly. My impression is that he understands his independence as absolute autocracy. On the examples of that prosecutor's office and other institutions, including some other councils and structures, we shall probably come out with some concrete proofs of their attempts to place themselves at Carla Del Ponte's service and join her foul game - search of false witnesses for the Hague Tribunal.

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Since today we have already made some comments on this gentleman's personality and his style of work, I shall, for the sake of public interest, just briefly share with you some of the facts that have been brought to our notice. Namely, Mr. Vukčević has, in one way or other, engaged his Prosecutor's Office and all other structures encompassed by this law, and so one of his deputies, Bogdan Stanković, further to the instructions that he received from Patrick Lopez Terres last September, had some people hauled to the Belgrade Office of the Hague Tribunal, despite the fact that these people do not want to cooperate with the Hague Tribunal, and despite the fact that these people repeatedly made it clear a few years ago – no, we do not want to see you, nor do we want to provide false testimonies against some people.

And there, Mr. Petrović, we are faced with a stereotype – allegedly, these people do not want to testify because they are threatened and intimidated. The truth is that these people are not threatened by anyone. And how would we know this if it had not been for those people themselves, who told us about all sorts of pressures exerted on them. As you are perfectly well aware, the Hague Tribunal unlawfully rambles all over Serbia through its investigators, its employees like Jevrem Grujić and others, and local NGOs. And all that in search of alleged witnesses, who are requested to give false testimonies. And when the people refuse to do it, they are exposed to additional pressures. Why? Because the Hague has a truth of its own, and it wants to impose that truth on everyone else. I do agree with you, if the truth needs to be known, then let's establish that truth in accordance with basic legal principles – contradictory principle, transparency principle and others – but let the genuine truth come out.

I have to draw your attention to the fact that legal charges have been brought against Carla Del Ponte, and I hope that I shall be given an opportunity to talk about all criminal charges against Carla Del Ponte. These days you can read in newspapers a lot about what sort of person she is. I would also recommend that you see a documentary

film that she made about herself, entitled »Carla's List«. There she brags about how she installs ministers in Serbia, and together with her protégée aboard a plane, she even mockingly toasts with champagne, commenting on whom she talked to and what that person is like, whether they are stupid or not, whether they are frightened etc.

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VJERICA RADETA: ... Let's see, then, who is at the head of that prosecutor's office? A certain Vukčević, well known for his statement that he will chase carrier pigeons if he establishes that they are carrying messages for Ratko Mladić. It has been long since then, but neither has he caught any carrier pigeons, nor, thanks God, has he caught Ratko Mladić, but, as I should guess, he still hopes to do that. That Mr. Vukčević once used to be the Communist Party branch secretary at the Prosecutor's Office, where he was known as an idler, someone who has never done a single serious case. If you hear anyone at any prosecutor's office mention a lazybones, then be sure that they are talking about Mr. Vukčević.

Beside this, he is well known for the fact that, although he is not a member himself, his wife and sister are members of the Democratic Party, his sister even being in its main board. Of course, I do not mean to say that this is his fault, because, in contrast to you, we do not consider it as a fault if anyone belongs to any party that they may choose. Unlike you, we never get involved in demagogic rhetoric like, this one belongs to that party, or this one doesn't. Of course they belong to your party, as long as you appoint them. I can understand that, at the moment you are entitled to do so.

That Mr. Vukčević is in Hvar now. What is he doing there? He is meeting other prosecutors from the region, negotiating – just imagine that! – the exchange of those accused of war crimes. They made some deal, Vukčević signed it for the state of Serbia. He is the one in control of the destinies of who knows how many people, so today somebody in Hvar may say that a certain person is suspected of committing a war crime and Vukčević will readily deport that person – whether to Croatia, or to BH, or who knows where.

You are right, Mr. Krsić, according to some rumours there are no proofs that this man has ever graduated from the Law Faculty – none of his colleagues can say where and when he graduated. However, this is in the sphere of speculations, so I am not saying it is true.

Mr. Vukčević is also known for his statements regarding the Ovčara and Zvornik cases, and regarding the war crimes committed there. So he ingeniously stated the other day that the Serbian Radicals are frightened, and, as he put it, vexed by Ovčara and Zvornik because of Milan Lančuzanin and Duško something like Vuković, who is, by the way, a dead man.

You know what he did next?

Within the Ovčara proceedings they did not manage to find a slightest possibility whatsoever to convict a single SRS volunteer, so that even Vesko Krstajić, the presiding judge, said about the two SRS volunteers who were accused but not convicted, that he was convinced the two had engaged in the war crime, but, alas, he was not able to prove that. He is still presiding over that chamber, and he is still conducting trials before that court.

So, since they were not able to prove anything, they started a new case, the so-called »Zvornik 1«. These proceedings have been conducted since 1995, yet up to the present day they have not managed to find a single link between possible perpetrators, i.e. those Zvornik crimes, and Vojislav Šešelj, i.e. the SRS volunteers. And then, what did they do? Well, last year, further to the orders issued by a certain Fatima, I can't recall her surname but I know that she is the Tuzla Canton prosecutor – actually, that Hatima ordered that a new case, the so-called »Ovčara 2« be initiated, and then Fatima sent some statements that were supposed to be used by our war crimes chamber. Exactly the same as what they are doing to Vojislav Šešelj at the Hague – trying to construct his alleged guilt upon statements, rather than on living witnesses.

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VJERICA RADETA: Bruno Vekarić, you know that one who self-importantly turns up every evening on our television screens and frowns at us as if he were someone very clever – that Bruno Vekarić is the spokesperson of this special prosecutor's office. And now I shall tell you how he has profited from this job. Let me first tell you, this is a crime report, so I shall read to you just what is allowed to be read, but please don't misapprehend my words. I beg the citizens of Serbia not to misapprehend what I am going to say, this is a crime report and therefore I shall read out just some data related to Bruno Vekarić, just as much as I am allowed to disclose:

»On this 22nd day of June 2000, the First Municipal Court in Belgrade received a crime report against Vatroslav Vekarić« - that is Bruno's father – »son of Stjepan and Vesna, born on a certain date 1944 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.« I shall not read out his ID personal number. Belgrade, I won't read out his address, citizen of Serbia and Montenegro, nationality Croatian, academic title PhD, profession political scientist, university professor, employed at the Institute for International Politics and Economy. Well, that institute which employed Mr. Vekarić was the site of the criminal offence that he was charged with. The criminal offence was committed in breach of the Act on Public Procurement, in the period between September 2003 and 30 March 2004. Damage inflicted totalling 500, 770 etc., I shall not bother you with calculations here; the injured party – the Institute for International Politics and Economy, address 25, Makedonska Street.

Well, why is his Dad important? Because Bruno Vekarić first finished Secondary Administrative School, and then Administrative College, and then, eventually, thanks to Professor Vojin Dimitrijević, his Dad's colleague at the Institute, Bruno Vekarić mysteriously came into the possession of a Law Faculty degree. Then Mr. Batić employed him in the Ministry of Justice and installed him at the position of assistant minister, and before that no one beyond his closest family had ever heard of Bruno Vekarić. Since then, and especially after becoming the ICTY spokesman, who turns up on TV every evening with his TV predications, well since that time Mr. Vekarić has bought a spacious flat near the Limes sports hall, he has also bought business premises there. I have not been to that flat myself, but people who have say that this flat looks like a spaceship, like you press a button and a whole kitchen appears before you, and then you press the button back and there the kitchen disappears and turns into a plain wall. Nothing similar to what Bruno Vekarić has, these people say, have they ever seen – not even in a film. In addition, he has business premises in the vicinity of the Commercial Court – there, as rumours have it, he and Vladan Batić are co-owners.

Next, Bogdan Stanković. He is a deputy to Vukčević, to that chief Hague prosecutor, because true enough, he is here all right, but it is exactly what he is – the Hague prosecutor. That individual, Bogdan Stanković, addressed the Hague Tribunal requesting that false witnesses be provided against Vojislav Šešelj. This is why Patrick Lopez Terres came to Serbia, along with a certain individual called Zdrlić, whom Mr. Vučić has told you about earlier today, and about whom he will tell you again when he comes here. By the way, that Zdrlić is an Ustasha, the Hague Tribunal's representative here in Belgrade. Needless to say, included in this team are also Nataša Kandić and Sam Nazzaro, and they are doing their best to obtain false witnesses against Vojislav Šešelj.

Certainly, we from Vojislav Šešelj's Defence Team were not just sitting and watching what is going on, we found those people, or better to say, those people found us. We got plenty of information. Mr. Vojislav Šešelj started the whole thing. Thus, we are against this, we are raising our voice against it and we are not going to vote for it. All right-minded people will also be against it. Professional knowledge and ethics would never permit a lawyer ever to make a proposal like this.

CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the Parliamentary Standing Orders, National Deputy Zoran Krasić asked to speak next.

ZORAN KRASIĆ: Article 226. Mr. Petrović probably won't be able to immediately answer what I am going to ask now. But, Mr. Petrović, there are rumours, and I would like to somehow share this dilemma with you, that Bruno Vekarić has all his speeches written by his father. Yes, I mean father of Bruno Vekarić, this special spokesperson. Last night, quite surprisingly, he was fairly decent and, unlike his boss, demonstrated a considerable deal of good manners. I guess he was a lawyer first, and then he got a lawyer's degree owing to the friendship bonds between his father and Vojin Dimitrijević. You can also check that, but it is not so important after all. What I am



interested in is this: Is it true what is being said about Mr. Vukčević, that his daughter has a job in Italy, in one of those firms owned by that man Hamović? Now, why am I asking you this? I can see that you are surprised by my question, I was surprised too when I got this information, and I simply want to check if it is true.

So, what is it all about? We do have to fathom into the state of affairs and see the motives of that Mr. Vukčević, who, in the name of one political party, once used to be chief of all prosecutors, the actual motives underlying the nervousness and lack of professionalism demonstrated in his work. I do not want to call on Mr. Batić's replications, he has already explained everything. What Mr. Batić said and explained, placed within the context of the Draft Act on Modifications and Amendments to this law, mind you, Mr. Petrović, leads us to the following conclusion. Namely, according to what Batić said, Zoran Živković is the one who bears responsibility. Why? Because it was Zoran Živković who had enough courage to tell Carla Del Ponte: »I won't accept these indictments, I am the Prime Minister, so you can give...