

COURT OF BIH

WEEKLY REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Sections I, II and III

(18 – 22 March 2024)

- On 14 February 2024, the Court of BiH confirmed an indictment in the case of **Elvira Bajramović (S1 1 K 046288 24 Ko)** charging the accused **Elvira Bajramović** that, by the acts described in the indictment, she committed the criminal offense of Tax Evasion under Article 211(1) as read with Article 54 of the Criminal Code of BiH (CC BiH), and that the accused **legal entity „HETA Company“ d.o.o Tešanj** committed the criminal offense of Tax Evasion under Article 211(1) as read with Articles 54 and 124 a) of the CC BiH.

The accused **Elvira Bajramović** is charged that, in order to avoid paying value added taxes (VAT) and to prevent the bodies of the BiH ITA to forcibly collect the tax debt in the amount of **75,591.02 BAM**, the claims related to the company **“HETA” d.o.o.** of other legal entities in the amount exceeding 1 million BAM, she redirected by way of fictitious contracts to the accounts of the **“ELBA Agency”** in order to avoid that the referenced debts be paid on the account of the company **“HETA” d.o.o.**, from which the BiH tax authorities could have forcibly collected them. The accused thereupon used fictitious cessions between two legal entities to close debts and withdraw money, which thereby stayed unavailable to the tax bodies for debt collections. The indictment further alleges that the accused thus transferred, that is, payed out her own accounts a total amount of **451,920.00 BAM**, all in order to prevent the execution of forcible collection of the tax debt in the amount of **75,591.02 BAM**, which the BiH ITA tried to do.

- On 7 March 2024, the Court of BiH confirmed an indictment in the case of **Rade Gligorević (S1 2 K 044578 24 Ko)** charging the accused **Rade Gligorević** that, by the acts described in the indictment, he committed the criminal offense of Smuggling under Article 214(1) of the CC BiH.

The accused **Rade Gligorović** is charged that, on 11 December 2022, on his way from Serbia, he reached the Karakaj international border crossing by his freight PMV with the intent to transfer across the customs border the goods of a greater value by avoiding the customs control measures, in as much as he

transferred in the hidden spot of freight part of the side car adjusted at its bottom a larger quantity of the excise goods – cigarettes unmarked with control and tax labels as prescribed by the BiH tax legislation.

- At the arraignment held on 14 March 2024 in the case of **Miloš Lučić et al. (S1 2 K 044522 23 Ko)** the accused **Miloš Lučić, Siniša Papaz, Dalibor Šehovac and Mirko Ristović** pled **not guilty** of the criminal offenses charged against them in the indictment of the BiH Prosecutor’s Office-Abuse of Office or Official authority under Article 220(1),(2) and (3) of the CC BiH and Embezzlement in Office under Article 221(1) of the CC BiH, as read with Articles 53, 54 and 31 of the same Code.
- On 15 March 2024, in the case of **Saša Ratković et al. (S1 2 K 044836 23 K)** the Court of BiH issued a decision, out of a hearing, and found that there were still circumstances justifying the previously ordered custody of the accused **Saša Ratković, Dragan Supić, Vladica Rakić and Vasilije Stjepić** on the grounds set forth in Article 132(1) a) and c) of the Criminal Procedure Code of BiH (CPC BiH). The next review of custody is due on 15 May 2024.

MONDAY, 18 March 2024

- At the arraignment held on 18 March 2024 in the case of **Vojin Pavlović (S1 2K 047294 24 Ko)** the accused **Vojin Pavlović** pled **not guilty** of the criminal offense charged against him – Causing National, Racial and Religious Hatred, Separation and Intolerance under Article 145a (6) of the CC BiH.
- On 18 March 2024, the Court of BiH issued, without a hearing held, a decision in the case of **Adnan Ćatić (S1 2 K 046872 24 K)** finding that there are still the circumstances justifying to keep the accused **Adnan Ćatić** further in custody previously ordered under Article 132(1) a) and c) of the CPC BiH. The next review of custody is due on 18 May 2024.
- On 18 March 2024, the Court of BiH issued, without a hearing held, a decision in the case of **Borislav Gligorević (S1 1K 045790 23 Kri)** finding that there are still the circumstances justifying to keep the accused **Borislav Gligorević** further in custody previously ordered under Article 132(1) a) of the CPC BiH. The next review of custody is due on 18 May 2024.

CASE

JUDGE/PANEL

HEARING

Section II Jurica Roso S1 2 K 044568 23 K	<i>Mirza Đozo</i>	Examination of six witnesses proposed by the Prosecution
Section II Vojin Pavlović S1 2 K 047294 24 Ko	<i>Braco Stupar</i>	Arraignment
Section II Sako Bibić et al. S1 2 K 045047 23 K	<i>Hasija Mašović Mirsad Strika Goran Radević</i>	Presentation of evidence for the Prosecution by examination of a witness and PIR presentation
Section I Zdravko Kandić et al. S1 1 K 040709 22 Kri	<i>Davorin Jukić Braco Stupar Tatjana Kosović</i>	Examination of a witness proposed by the Prosecution
Section I Ćamil Ramić et al. S1 1 K 031399 19 Kri	<i>Minka Kreho Željka Marenić Tanja Curović</i>	Examination of an expert witness proposed by the Prosecution
Section II Ante Bralić-Labinčić S1 2 K 044278 22 K	<i>Mirsad Strika Hasija Mašović Goran Radević</i>	Trial commencement and presentation of opening statements

TUESDAY, 19 March 2024

- On 19 March 2024, within an extradition procedure in the case of **Iuladi Bashtuev (S1 3 K 047464 24 Eks 3)** in order to extradite the requested person Bashtuev Iuladi, pursuant to an international diffuse arrest notice of the NCB Interpol Moscow, Russian Federation, or the NCB Interpol Sarajevo, after a hearing held in order to order extradition custody, the Court of BiH issued a decision terminating the **provisional custody** of the requested person **Iuladi Bashtuev** and ordered him in the **extradition custody**, which can last until the execution of extradition decision or a new Court's decision, but no longer than **sic (6) months** running from the arrest day, that is, **until 10 August 2024**.

CASE	JUDGE/PANEL	HEARING
Section II Darko Jeremić et al. S1 2 K 024348 17 K	<i>Goran Radević Miroslav Janjić Sena Uzunović</i>	Examination of a witness proposed by the Prosecution

Section I Pero Radić et al. S1 1 K 034308 20 Kri	<i>Minka Kreho</i> <i>Željka Marenić</i> <i>Tatjana Kosović</i>	Examination of two witnesses proposed by the Prosecution
Section I Neđeljko Popović S1 1 K 039392 20 Kro	<i>Željka Marenić</i>	Main trial opening, presentation of the opening statements
Section II Ivan Antunović et al. S1 2 K 032139 20 K	<i>Goran Radević</i> <i>Hasija Mašović</i> <i>Braco Stupar</i>	Presentation of the closing argument by the Defense for the Third-Accused
Section III Iuladi Bashtuev S1 3 K 047464 24 Eks	<i>Stanko Blagić</i>	Hearing to order extradition custody

WEDNESDAY, 20 March 2024

- Having held a hearing in the case of **Ameer Maib (S1 3 K 047548 24 Kv 2)**, on 20 March 2024 the Court of BiH issued a Decision granting the Prosecutor's Motion, and remanded the suspect **Ameer Maib in continued custody**, ordered by a previous decision of the Court, so that under the Decision it may last for the next **two (2) months**, i.e. until **20 May 2024** or until the Court issues a new Decision, all on the grounds referred to in Article 132(1), Paragraphs a) and b), of the CPC BiH.
- Having held a guilty plea agreement consideration hearing and a sentencing hearing in the case of **Nenad Kovačev (S1 3 K 045521 24 Kps)**, on 20 March 2024 the Court issued and pronounced a Judgment, finding the accused **Nenad Kovačev guilty** of the criminal offense of Smuggling of People under Article 189(3), as read with Paragraph 1, of the CC BiH, all in conjunction with Article 26 CC BiH. The Court sentenced the accused to **1 (one) year** of imprisonment, and fined him with **2,000.00 BAM**. Pursuant to Article 189(6) of the CC BiH, the instrumentalities shall be confiscated from the accused.
- In the case of **Cihan Oran (S1 3 K 047692 24 Eks)**, as part of the procedure of extradition of the requested person Cihan Oran under international warrant issued by the NCB Interpol Wiesbaden, Germany, through the NCB Interpol Sarajevo, ruling on the request to remand the requested person in custody, which was part of the international warrant, having held a hearing, on 20 March 2024 the Court issued a Decision **remanding** the requested person **Cihan**

Oran in provisional custody, which under the Decision may last for a maximum of **18 (eighteen) days**, running from the day of arrest, i.e. from 19 March 2024 to 5 April 2024, or until the Court issues a new Decision.

CASE	JUDGE/PANEL	HEARING
Section I Zijad Kadrić et al. S1 1 K 044290 23 Kri	<i>Braco Stupar</i> <i>Davorin Jukić</i> <i>Lejla Konjić Dragović</i>	One witness for the Prosecution
Section II Dragan Petrić et al. S1 2 K 037797 23 K	<i>Hasija Mašović</i> <i>Mirsad Strika</i> <i>Goran Radević</i>	Examination of an expert witness and presentation of documentary evidence by Prosecution
Section II Goran Stojisavljević S1 2 K 040900 23 K	<i>Mirza Đozo</i> <i>Sena Uzunović</i> <i>Miroslav Janjić</i>	Three witnesses for the Prosecution
Section II Robert Iličić et al. S1 2 K 045144 23 K	<i>Mirza Đozo</i> <i>Sena Uzunović</i> <i>Miroslav Janjić</i>	Presentation of documentary evidence by Prosecution and examination of accused Robert Iličić as a witness
Section II Ilinko Gašić et al. S1 2 K 035062 23 K	<i>Mirsad Strika</i>	Closing arguments by defense teams
Section II Amer Karić et al. S1 2 K 045466 23 Krn	<i>Tanja Curović</i> <i>Željka Marenić</i> <i>Minka Kreho</i>	Consideration of continued custody Motion
Section II Melvedin Jašarević et al. S1 2 K 046684 23 Krn	<i>Tatjana Kosović</i>	Consideration of Prosecutor's Motion to impose restrictive measures
Section III Nenad Kovačev S1 3 K 045521 24 Kps	<i>Davorin Jukić</i>	Guilty plea agreement consideration
Section III Ameer Maib S1 3 K 047548 24 Kpp	<i>Dragan Vukajlović</i>	Consideration of Custody Motion
Section III Cihan Oran S1 3 K 047692 24 Eks	<i>Sena Uzunović</i>	Consideration of extradition request

- On 21 March 2024 the Court of BiH issued a Decision, without holding a hearing, in the case of **Mirza Kapić (S1 2 K 046188 24 K)**, which found that there still existed circumstances that justify remanding the accused **Mirza Kapić** in custody, as ordered by a previous decision of the Court, on the grounds referred to in Article 132(1)c) CPC BiH, so that under the Decision his custody may last until **21 May 2024**, which is when it will be subject to another control.
- At the arraignment held on 21 March 2024 in the case of **Karim Baban Mohamed et al. (S1 2 K 046359 24 Ko)**, the accused **Karim Baban Mohammed and Ilhan Onen** both entered **not guilty** pleas concerning the criminal offense they have been charged with in the Indictment – Organized Crime under Article 250(2) of the Criminal Code of Bosnia and Herzegovina (CC BiH), as read with the criminal offense of Smuggling of People under Article 189(1) CC BiH.
- In the case of **Edina Brutus et al.** on **20 March 2024** the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina granted the Motion filed by the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina on **19 March 2024**, and issued a decision imposing on the suspect **Melvedin Jašarević** the following restrictive measures:
 - **travel ban**
 - **mandatory periodical reporting to a state authority**
 - **ban on meeting with specific individuals**, in the manner that the suspect is prohibited from meeting and contacting, in any manner whatsoever, the other suspects in this criminal matter: **Edina Brutus, Elma Brutus, Kaja Imširović, Damir Žuga, Hajriz Bećirović and Salvatore Giuseppe Maria Messina**, and approaching them at a distance shorter than 50 (fifty) meters, as well as from meeting and contacting, in any manner whatsoever, the witnesses for the Prosecution in this criminal matter.

The imposed restrictive measures will last for as long as necessary, while their justifiability shall be checked on a bimonthly basis.

The suspect is particularly warned that he may be remanded in custody if he fails to comply with the measures imposed by the Decision.

In the same case, on 20 March 2024 the Court sent out a Decision dismissing the Prosecutor's Motion to remand the suspects **Edina Brutus, Elma Brutus, Damir Žuga, Kaja Imširović and Hajriz Bećirović** in custody.

At the same time, the following restrictive measures are imposed on the suspects Edina Brutus, Elma Brutus, Damir Žuga, Kaja Imširović and Hajriz Bećirović:

In relation to the suspects:

- **Edina Brutus, Elma Brutus, Damir Žuga, Kaja Imširović and Hajriz Bećirović**, ban on leaving the place of residence, and ban on meeting with specific individuals
- **Edina Brutus**, ban on leaving the address of residence and mandatory periodical reporting to a state authority
- **Elma Brutus**, ban on leaving the place of residence and mandatory periodical reporting to a state authority
- **Damir Žuga**, ban on leaving the place of residence and mandatory periodical reporting to a state authority
- **Kaja Imširović**, ban on leaving the address of residence
- **Hajriz Bećirović**, ban on leaving the place of residence and mandatory periodical reporting to a state authority.

The imposed restrictive measures will last for as long as necessary, while their justifiability shall be checked on a bimonthly basis.

The suspects are particularly warned that they may be remanded in custody if they fail to comply with the measures imposed by the Decision.

An appeal from the Decision shall not stay its execution.

The foregoing persons are suspected of committing the criminal offense of Organized Crime under Article 250, Paragraphs (2) and (3), of the CC BiH, as read with the criminal offense of Money Laundering under Article 209(3) CC BiH, and the criminal offenses of Special Cases of Forgery of a Document under Article 374 CC FBiH, Certification of Untrue Content under Article 375 CC FBiH, and Fraud under Article 294 CC FBiH.

CASE	JUDGE/PANEL	HEARING
Section II Radovan Damjanović S1 2 K 047599 24 Ko	<i>Lejla Konjić Dragović Davorin Jukić Braco Stupar</i>	Consideration of continued custody Motion following Indictment confirmation

Section II Mohamed Karim Baban et al. S1 2 K 046359 24 Ko	<i>Šaban Maksumić</i>	Arraignment
Section II Danilo Cicović et al. S1 2 K 028774 18 K	<i>Hasija Mašović</i> <i>Stanko Blagić</i> <i>Mirsad Strika</i>	One witness for the Prosecution
Section II Nijaz Halilović et al. S1 2 K 041113 24 K	<i>Mirza Đozo</i>	Opening of trial, presentation of opening statements
Section II Mirza Kapić S1 2 K 046188 24 K	<i>Miroslav Janjić</i> <i>Sena Uzunović</i> <i>Mirza Đozo</i>	One witness for the Prosecution
Section I Mujo Muratović et al. S1 1 K 039396 21 Kri	<i>Vesna Jesenković</i> <i>Zoran Božić</i> <i>Šaban Maksumić</i>	Three witnesses for the Prosecution
Section III Celestino Froner S1 3 K 047429 24 Kpp	<i>Vesna Jesenković</i>	Consideration of continued custody Motion
Section III Željko Kukec S1 3 K 043326 24 Kž	<i>Hilmo Vučinić</i> <i>Staniša Gluhajić</i> <i>Redžib Begić</i>	Session of the Appellate Division Panel

FRIDAY, 22 March 2024

CASE	JUDGE/PANEL	HEARING
Section I Mustafa Stovrag S1 1 K 033885 19 Kri	<i>Minka Kreho</i> <i>Željka Marenić</i> <i>Tanja Curović</i>	Two witnesses for the Prosecution
Section II Mevljudin Idrizović et al. S1 2 K 046813 24 Ko	<i>Marenić Željka</i>	Arraignment
Section II Jovan Jošilo et al. S1 2 K 041177 21 Krn	<i>Tatjana Kosović</i>	Consideration of Motion filed by Defense for suspect Jovan Jošilo that he be released from custody on bail, and restrictive measures

Section II Mustafa Vrabac S1 2 K 044784 24 K	<i>Jasmina Ćosić Dedović</i>	Two witnesses for the Prosecution
Section II Željko Ljubojević S1 2 K 044521 24 Ko	<i>Šaban Maksumić</i>	Arraignment
Section III Suvada Halilović et al. S1 3 K 044736 23 K	<i>Hasija Mašović</i>	Examination of two witnesses

Next week schedule:

Monday, 25 March 2024:

- **Ljubomir Zelenović et al. (S1 2 K 040738 24 K)** – Opening of trial, 1 p.m., Courtroom 5;
- **Senad Keškić et al. (S1 2 K 047081 24 K)** – Opening of trial, 11 a.m., Courtroom 9;
- **Stojadin Marković et al. (S1 2K 047119 23 Ko)** – Arraignment, 1 p.m., Courtroom 10;
- **Adnan Ćatić (S1 2 K 046872 24 K)** - Guilty plea agreement consideration, 9 a.m., Courtroom 8.
- **Albin Imširović (S1 3 K 047224 24 Kps)** – Arraignment, 9 a.m., Courtroom 3;
- **Tomislav Martić (S1 3 K 046187 24 K)** – Guilty plea agreement consideration, 1 p.m., Courtroom 8.

Tuesday, 26 March 2024:

- **Vidoje Blagojević et al. (S1 1 K 047172 23 Kro)** – Arraignment, 1 p.m., Courtroom 6;

Wednesday, 27 March 2024:

- **Duško Bajić et al. (S1 2 K 047394 24 Ko)** – Arraignment, 1 p.m., Courtroom 6;
- **Stefan Kićanović (S1 2 K 042670 24 K)** – Opening of trial, 10 a.m., Courtroom 8;

Thursday, 28 March 2024:

- **Boško Unčanin et al. (S1 1K 042984 22 Kri)** – Prosecutor’s closing argument, 1 p.m., Courtroom 4;
- **Ognjen Stupar (S1 2 K 046661 24 K)** – Opening of trial, 9:30 a.m., Courtroom 8;
- **Nedim Uzunović et al. (S1 2 K 031467 24 K)** – Opening of trial, 9:00 a.m., Courtroom 6;
- **Bože Sopta (S1 2 K 047257 24 K)** – Consideration of statement on admission of guilt, 1 p.m., Courtroom 10;
- **Mile Ujić (S1 1K 017080 20 Kri)** – Closing argument by Defense, 11 a.m., Courtroom 7;

Friday, 29 March 2024:

- **Jevra Stojčinović et al. (S1 2 K 032666 24 K)** – Opening of trial, 9 a.m., Courtroom 7;
- **Nikola Radić (S1 2 K 047536 24 K)** – Consideration of guilty plea agreement concluded between the accused Nikola Radić and the BiH Prosecutor's Office, 10 a.m., Courtroom 7.

STATISTICS

WITNESS SUPPORT SECTION

Section	Number of cases	Number of witnesses
War Crimes	5	9
Organized Crime	0	0
General Crime	0	0

Number of hearings held in courtrooms 1-9	36
Number of requests for issuance of AV materials (PIOS)	1

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