

## **Briefly Noted ...**

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New judge

A Foreign Office spokesman would only confirm that the British government had nominated a judge as a replacement for Judge May, the paper said. The nomination had to be accepted by the UN secretary general and this was expected to happen "within days rather than weeks", the Foreign Office spokesman said.

If true, Lord Bonyon, 58, would sit as the third member of the panel in the tribunal's most high-profile case - the trial of Slobodan Milosevic. He would have to familiarise himself with tens of thousands of pages of transcripts and evidence in this extraordinarily complicated case.

Tribunal representatives declined to comment on the reports.

### Krstic Case

One of the most important verdicts in the history of the Hague tribunal will be delivered in two weeks' time, with the appeals chamber's judgment in the case of Radislav Krstic.

Krstic is the highest-ranking military officer in the Bosnian Serb army to have been convicted of genocide against Bosnian Muslims. Krstic was deputy commander of the Drina corps that overran the Muslim enclave of Srebrenica in July 1995. He was convicted of ordering, instigating, participating and committing mass executions of some 7,000 Muslim men and boys - an event that in the eyes of the judges who tried him amounted to genocide. Krstic appealed against this judgment.

Should the appeals chamber confirm the initial verdict on April 19, the events in and around Srebrenica would, ten years after they happened, be legally recognised as genocide - first such case in Europe since the Holocaust.

### Krajisnik Case

After a five-week break, the trial of former Bosnian Serb leader Momcilo Krajisnik will start again on April 13. The trial, which is scheduled to take more than two years, is still in its preliminary phase.

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