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- Wednesday, 17 November 2021
- 2 [Open session]
- 3 [The accused appeared via videolink]
- 4 --- Upon commencing at 12.59 p.m.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Good morning -- good afternoon.
- I'm so sorry for that. We were supposed to start in the morning,
- but, yes, good afternoon.
- 8 Court Officer, can you please call the case.
- 9 THE COURT OFFICER: Good afternoon, Your Honours. This is case
- 10 KSC-BC-2020-05, The Specialist Prosecutor versus Salih Mustafa.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: We had technical hiccups this
- morning. I'm happy that we can proceed for now and I was assured
- that it should go well this afternoon, so let's hope for the best.
- With regard to the time schedule for this afternoon, I propose
- the following. We will have now a two-hour session from 1.00 till
- 16 3.00. Half an hour break. Then we have two hours at our disposal.
- In principle, I would like to use one and a half hour and then see
- 18 where we stand and then we can decide to continue. But if we would
- still have a substantial part to work on, then I will adjourn till
- tomorrow and then we will proceed. If I see that we are getting to
- the end, I don't know if that will be the case, then we can use that
- half an hour to finish off.
- 23 Good. First of all, I will call the appearances. Madam
- Prosecutor, who is present for the Specialist Prosecutor's Office.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: The Specialist Prosecutor's Office is today

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- 1 represented by Cezary Michalczuk, Prosecutor; by Julie Mann, Case
- Manager; Deborah Osborne, legal intern; and myself, Silvia D'Ascoli,
- 3 Associate Prosecutor.

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- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
- Now the Victims' Counsel, please.
- MS. PUES: Good afternoon, Your Honours. And good afternoon,
- 7 everybody. The Victims' Counsel team is represented by
- 8 Njomza Haxhibeqiri, my Junior Legal Associate; Liesbeth Zegveld as
- 9 co-counsel; and by myself, Ani Pues, as counsel. Thank you.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Victim's counsel.
- Defence counsel, you have the floor.
- MR. VON BONE: Your Honour, good afternoon. The Defence is
- represented by myself, Julius von Bone, lead counsel; my co-counsel
- is Mr. Betim Shala; Fatmir Pelaj is our interpreter and investigator.
- And joining via remote is Mr. Mustafa.
- 16 Thank you very much.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
- Mr. Mustafa, does the connection work fine?
- 19 THE ACCUSED: [Via videolink] [Interpretation] Yes, Your Honour.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well. For the record, you
- 21 are appearing in front of Trial Panel I.
- Before -- oh, Defence counsel, please.
- MR. VON BONE: Briefly, Your Honour. Last week we have
- disclosed again disclosure 97. I think it should be appropriate now
- as it has been once again verified in the correct order as the Panel

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- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Excuse me, I did not completely
- understand what you were referring to. 3
- MR. VON BONE: Last week, Your Honour, we discussed a filing
- that we did not make in the correct order and we needed to refile 5
- that same document with the right numbers. 6
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes. 7
- MR. VON BONE: That new document has been filed now under 8
- disclosure 97, has been done last week and has been checked. Thank 9
- 10 you very much.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes. Yes, yes, we have 11
- taken notice of that. Thank you for that. 12
- Before we start with the testimony of the witness, who will be 13
- 14 testifying today, W04676, I will give an oral order. This is for the
- Specialist Prosecution Office. 15
- The SPO is hereby ordered to file an updated order of testimony 16
- including revised estimates for direct examination for the remaining 17
- SPO witnesses who will testify in January and February 2022. And 18
- this updated order should, if possible, include in the week of the 19
- 17th till the 21st of January the witness who requires the longest 20
- time for direct examination. 21
- This concludes my oral order. 22
- And this is it for now. 2.3
- Let us now move to the testimony -- please Madam Prosecutor you 24
- have the floor. 25

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- MS. D'ASCOLI: Yes, Your Honours, before we start, just two
- brief remarks. First, we have released this morning disclosure 2
- number 98 which contains the video of the SPO interview with 3
- 4 Mr. Mustafa that Your Honours requested. So that has been taken care
- of. 5
- And then just as a matter of -- you know, just to let the Panel 6
- know that we will during this testimony, this witness testimony, make 7
- our best efforts, of course, to elicit part of the evidence in public 8
- session. However, it might be that due to the specific nature of 9
- 10 this witness's evidence, large parts will be held, in fact, in
- private session. But we will do our best and it was just a warning. 11
- Thank you. 12
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Madam Prosecutor. It 13
- was a consideration with regard to this witness that was also made 14
- internally within the Panel that in this case, it could be very 15
- challenging to do it in public, a big part of it. It will be in 16
- private for a large part. That we have seen too. 17
- 18 Good. Then let us now move to the testimony of the witness of
- the SPO, W04676. 19
- Madam Court Usher, could you please bring the witness into the 20
- courtroom. 21
- [The witness entered court] 22
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Welcome, Madam Witness. Today we 2.3
- will start with your testimony, but before that, I will have some 24
- 25 remarks. And the first of them is that I'm sorry that you had to

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wait this morning before we could finally start with your testimony.

- THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Thank you. That's okay.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Let me first explain the
- 4 protective measures that you have been granted for your testimony,
- Madam Witness. You have been assigned a pseudonym, and that means
- that we will never mention your name but we will only refer to you as
- 7 "Madam Witness" to make sure that the public does not know your name.
- You will also have face and voice distortion which means that no one
- 9 outside the courtroom watching the broadcast can see your face or
- hear your real voice during the testimony.
- When you will be answering questions that will not reveal your
- identity, we will do so in open session, which means that the public
- can hear what is said in the courtroom.
- When you are asked to describe anything that relates
- specifically to you, or to mention facts that may identify your
- identity, we will do so in private session. And that means that
- there is no broadcast and no one outside the courtroom that can hear
- 18 what is said in the courtroom.
- 19 If anything is said during the open session that may identify
- your -- may identify your identity, we will do everything to remove
- any of such information from the broadcast that will be seen and
- heard by the public and also from the public transcript of the
- 23 proceedings.
- Are the protective measures that I just explained to you clear?
- THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes, Your Honour.

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PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay, very well. Thank you, 1

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I remind the parties and the Victims' Counsel, of course, of the 3

usual courtroom rules, and we already discussed that we will do our 4

utmost to pay attention to the protective measures and that we will

try to do as much in open session but that we are aware that part of 6

today's testimony will be conducted in private session. 7

Madam Witness, I turn back to you. You are called to testify 8

before the Specialist Chambers in the case of The Specialist

Prosecutor versus Salih Mustafa to assist the Panel of Judges to

reach a verdict. After you have taken your solemn declaration to

tell the truth, you will be asked questions by the lawyers for the

Prosecution, sitting over there; the lawyers representing the victims

admitted to participate in the proceedings; and the Defence counsel

for Mr. Mustafa; and by us, the Judges. And I would like to provide

you with some guidance for answering the questions that you will be

asked. 17

Madam Witness, please listen carefully to each question and if 18

you don't understand, feel free to ask a question to be repeated. We

want to you tell the truth and to tell us what you saw, experienced

heard or sensed yourself. And if you did not see or hear it yourself 21

but found out in some other way, then you should say so and explain 22

us how. 2.3

You may not remember all details and this is perfectly fine. 24

Please testify on what you remember, and it's perfectly fine to say, 25

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- 1 "I don't know."
- 2 Have you understood all this?
- THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well. There is also some
- 5 practical advice I would like to share with you for your testimony,
- 6 Madam Witness. Everything that we say here is translated and
- 7 recorded, so it is important to speak into the microphone, to speak
- 8 clearly, and to speak at a slow pace, to allow the interpreters to
- 9 translate everything. And you should only start speaking when the
- person asking you a question has finished. And when the question is
- asked, please count up in your head till five and only after that
- start talking because that is essential for us to properly hear,
- translate, and record what you are saying.
- And if you have any questions, if you need a break or you need
- something, please raise your hand and then you will give -- you will
- be given the opportunity to speak.
- 17 Very well. Thank you. As we must do with every witness, I will
- now ask you to read the solemn declaration to tell the truth, and I
- 19 remind that you it is an offence within the jurisdiction of the
- 20 Specialist Chambers to give a false statement.
- Court Clerk, can you please assist the witness with the solemn
- declaration.
- THE WITNESS: Should I get up?
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: You may remain seated.
- THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Thank you. Conscious of the

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- significance of my testimony and my legal responsibility, I solemnly
- declare that I will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing else 2
- but the truth, and that I shall not withhold anything which has come 3
- to my knowledge. 4
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Madam Witness. You
- are now under oath to tell the truth. 6
- We can now begin with the testimony of W04676, starting with the 7
- questions by the SPO. 8
- Madam Prosecutor, you have estimated two hours for your 9
- questioning of this witness. Please proceed. 10
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Yes, thank you, Your Honours. 11
- WITNESS: W04676 12
- [Witness answered through interpreter] 13
- Examination by Ms. D'Ascoli: 14
- Good afternoon, Madam Witness. I am the counsel for the 15
- Prosecution who will lead your examination this afternoon. Madam 16
- President has already explained to you the protective measures 17
- applicable in your case as well the use of private and public 18
- session. For my part, whenever I will be asking you questions in 19
- public session, I will remind you or caution so you that we are both 20
- careful with the answers. 21
- MS. D'ASCOLI: And now, Your Honours, since the first part of 22
- the questions will concern identifying information, I will ask if we 2.3
- can please go into private session. 24
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well, Madam Prosecutor. 25

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- Madam Court Officer, can you please bring us into private
- 2 session.
- [Private session] [Open session] 3
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in private session. 4
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Please, you have the floor. 5
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Thank you, Your Honours. 6
- Madam Witness, can you please state your full name for the 7
- record. 8
- I am [REDACTED] Α. 9
- 10 Q. Your date of birth, please.
- Α. [REDACTED] 11
- Q. Your place of birth, please. 12
- [REDACTED] Α. 13
- 14 Q. Can you tell us whether you understand and speak English?
- [REDACTED] 15 Α.
- Okay, thank you. Madam Witness, I'm going to ask you some 16
- questions about the summer of 1999 and about a specific family. We 17
- are in private session so don't be afraid to give out personal or 18
- identifying information. 19
- Do you know the family of [REDACTED]? 20
- Α. Yes, I do. [REDACTED] 21
- And can you explain [REDACTED] 22
- [REDACTED]? 23
- [REDACTED] 24
- [REDACTED] 25

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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 3
- 4 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 5
- So this is to say that [REDACTED] 6
- [REDACTED] 7
- [REDACTED] 8
- Thank you for this explanation, Madam Witness. Which village 9
- was this family from, [REDACTED]? 10
- The family [REDACTED] comes from a village in the 11
- vicinity [REDACTED]. It's called [REDACTED]. It's the [REDACTED] 12
- [REDACTED]. It is in the border-line with the village of 13
- 14 [REDACTED]. As a matter of fact, it is one of the [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]. 15
- Okay. So you explained the way you knew the family. Did you 16
- know [REDACTED]? 17
- A. Yes, I did, [REDACTED] 18
- 19 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 20
- 21 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 22
- Can you tell us their names, [REDACTED]. 23 0.
- Yes, I can. [REDACTED] 24
- [REDACTED] 25

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- 1 [REDACTED]
- 2 [REDACTED]
- 3 [REDACTED]
- Q. Okay. You mentioned a person that you called [REDACTED]
- 5 [REDACTED]
- 6 A. Of course, yes. [REDACTED]
- 7 Q. Okay. Did you have contacts with the [REDACTED]
- 8 June/July 1999?
- 9 A. Yes. I did have contacts in June/July 1999, in the period of
- time when the war was over and in the period of time when we started
- 11 to get back from [REDACTED].
- Q. So you said you had contact with them in June/July. Can you
- tell us what happened then?
- 14 A. So probably I will have to go a little bit longer in my
- 15 explanation.
- On [REDACTED], for the first time, [REDACTED]. But
- before this period in time, [REDACTED]
- 18 [REDACTED]
- 19 [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED]
- 21 [REDACTED]
- 22 [REDACTED]
- 23 Q. So was this -- actually, let me put it more openly. When did
- you first learn that something had happened to [REDACTED]?
- 25 A. For the first time I learned that something had happened to

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- 1 [REDACTED]. I don't exactly know
- the time. I don't know on whether it was the first week of July or
- 3 whether it was the last time of June. I can't tell. I do not
- 4 remember it now.
- In the time that [REDACTED], the police, military,
- 6 Serbian forces were still there in Prishtine. What it means is that
- 7 they were dislocated in different parts of Prishtine and the Serbian
- forces were not fully evacuated. So this was the first time when I
- 9 was contacted by [REDACTED]
- 10 [REDACTED]
- 11 [REDACTED]
- 12 [REDACTED]
- Q. And what did he ask you to do precisely? You said I'm reading
- from line 13 he invited you to help them because he identified
- where the body of [REDACTED] was located.
- What did he ask you to do precisely? In which way your help was
- 17 needed?
- 18 A. So I'm talking about these two weeks. I'm talking about my
- 19 [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED]
- 21 [REDACTED]
- 22 [REDACTED]
- Q. Okay. And what happened then? Did you help him out?
- 24 A. Yes, I did. I helped him, [REDACTED]
- 25 [REDACTED]

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- 1 [REDACTED] we went to the village of Zllash. It was there that I saw
- and met [REDACTED]. Yes?
- Q. Let me go back a second. Was this, when you helped him, I mean,
- 4 was it in the same month, in the same time when he came to see you or
- 5 later on?
- 6 A. No. [REDACTED]
- 7 [REDACTED]. It was the same day that I went with him and
- 8 helped him [REDACTED]
- 9 Q. [REDACTED]
- 10 location of the body?
- 11 A. [REDACTED]
- 12 [REDACTED]
- 13 [REDACTED]
- 14 [REDACTED] Because from
- January 1999 up until 27 March and I feel this is an obligation to
- explain to you Prishtine was in a military siege status from
- 17 Serbia, and all the exits from Prishtine were blocked. And the
- 18 [REDACTED]
- 19 [REDACTED]
- we could not even talk over phones with anyone because there was no
- 21 connection running. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED].
- Q. Okay, I understand. Did you assist [REDACTED]
- 24 [REDACTED]?
- 25 A. [REDACTED] -- I mean, I have helped them

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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 2
- [REDACTED] 3
- [REDACTED] 4
- Madam Witness, I will now go into open session for a few 5
- questions. When I will ask you questions about the exhumation, 6
- please remember not to mention the name of [REDACTED] 7
- [REDACTED], and we will go back for more 8
- details later when we are in private session again. 9
- 10 MS. D'ASCOLI: Your Honours, if we can go back to open session,
- please. 11
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Madam Court Officer, could you 12
- bring us into open session, please. 13
- 14 [Open session]
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in open session. 15
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Madam Court Officer. 16
- Please proceed. Madam Prosecutor. 17
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Thank you, Your Honours. 18
- Let's move to the exhumation itself. Where was the body Q. 19
- located? Where did you go to dig it out? 20
- 21 [REDACTED] came and took me and together we went to the
- village of Zllash to exhume the body of the victim. 22
- Had you ever been to Zllash before then? 23 0.
- Never before in my life had I been there. 24
- And can you tell us how you reached the location? And because 25 0.

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- we are in open session, just an answer that describes the means of
- transport would suffice. Thank you.
- 3 A. He came and took me. There was a tractor and we got on the
- 4 tractor. [REDACTED], we went directly at
- 5 Zllash.
- Q. And can you describe the area of Zllash where the grave was
- 7 located. And, of course, we keep in mind that you just said you had
- 8 never been there, so just what -- just the location where it was
- 9 located.
- 10 A. The location we went into was a mountain, so it was a mountain
- with trees, and somewhere in the depth of the village the tractor
- itself stopped. It was there that we got off the tractor, and it was
- there that I met with other people as well. [REDACTED]
- said, "This is the place where his body is buried and we have to take
- that body from this burial site."
- 16 Q. Okay, thank you.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Your Honours, can we please go back into private
- session for some questions that would reveal identifying details,
- 19 please.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Madam Court Officer, can you
- bring us into private session, please.
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in private session.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
- Madam Prosecutor, please proceed.

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- MS. D'ASCOLI: Thank you, Your Honours.
- Madam Witness, you said you went to Zllash [REDACTED] 2 Ο.
- [REDACTED] Who else came to Illash with you? Who 3
- else [REDACTED] if you remember? 4
- Well, together with me, [REDACTED] 5
- [REDACTED] I don't 6
- recall their names exactly because about 22 years have passed from 7
- that time. But I know that it was [REDACTED]. 8
- And you mean [REDACTED]; right? Q. 9
- 10 A. Yes, I do. Yes.
- And how did the group know where to go? Who was leading the 11 0.
- trip, let's say? 12
- Given that the village of Zllash is not located [REDACTED] 13
- 14 [REDACTED], because all those villages are kind of
- clustered with one another, [REDACTED] 15
- [REDACTED]. So we were led by 16
- [REDACTED], to go to Zllash. 17
- Can you now describe how the exhumation proceeded. If you can 18
- take us through the steps of what happened once you were at the site 19
- of the grave. And you can mention names and the role that each of 20
- 21 the participants had.
- We got off the tractor, [REDACTED], and it 22
- was there that we met with [REDACTED] They were staying 23
- at the burial site. They had a coffin with themselves, so they had 24
- some plastic bag, a white plastic bag with them. They had the 25

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- gloves. They had a shawl as well, because in the exhumation process,
- I mean, bacteria can pop up, and they just wanted to kind of be 2
- cautious as much as they could. It was in that meadow, in that lawn, 3
- that everything was green. I mean, there was greenery, there was 4
- grass, and the only location that was -- where there was this spot of 5
- earth, I mean, there was this place where he was buried. 6
- headed towards the burial site. [REDACTED] again went 7
- towards the burial site, and I was after them, whereas the other 8
- persons were surrounding the place. [REDACTED] said, "This is the 9 place
- where he is buried and we have to dig up the earth so that we can 10
- take the body of the person." In order for us not to damage the body 11
- of the victim, I asked them all, [REDACTED] 12
- and -- [REDACTED] who were there. I don't remember their 13
- names. I asked them to be careful while they were digging up the 14
- grave because they could otherwise damage the body of the victim. 15
- They started by removing the earth surrounding the grave, first 16
- and foremost, and then I asked to be very careful up until they saw 17
- any sign that there was a buried body in there. So what they did is 18
- 19 that they did gradually dig the earth away from the body [REDACTED]
- and they came across a blanket that was covering the body. It was in 20
- that moment in time that we identified that there is someone buried 21
- 22 here.
- Do you remember if it the grave was deep or shallow? 23
- Yes, I remember that well. So the grave was not deep; it was 24
- shallow. It was about 30 centimetres. Probably that's even more 25

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- than what the fact was. So maximum, it was 30 centimetres where the
- person was buried.
- 3 Q. So you said that -- then you identified that there was someone
- buried here. I'm reading from line 7 of the live transcript.
- What happened then with the body? What did they do? In brief,
- 6 because we will look into the photo and go through a detailed
- 7 analysis of those photos as well.
- 8 A. They continued to open up the grave and to remove the earth that
- 9 was covering the body. And we removed the blanket that was covering
- the body, and it was immediately in that moment in time that the
- 11 [REDACTED].
- Q. And how was the body identified and by whom specifically, if
- there was anyone specifically who did that, who did the
- 14 identification?
- 15 A. The identification was done by [REDACTED]
- 16 [REDACTED]
- 17 [REDACTED]. It was July. However, there was not a total
- rottening of the body of the victim, so the remainder of the body
- 19 except for the head was easily identifiable. So he identified him
- 20 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED].
- 22 So what convinced him was [REDACTED]
- 23 [REDACTED]
- 24 Q. So I understand [REDACTED]
- 25 [REDACTED]. Do you remember anything else of his

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- body, physically speaking, I mean, [REDACTED]
- 2 [REDACTED]
- 3 A. His overall height. [REDACTED] was quite [REDACTED]. He was wearing a
- 4 pair of jeans as well as joggers underneath. He had no shoes on. He
- was barefoot, that is. And the coat which he was wearing.
- 6 Q. Okay, thank you.
- 7 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Excuse me, Madam Prosecutor.
- 8 Something went wrong with my live feed. And now it's back again.
- 9 Mr. von Bone, you had the same problem? Do you have the live
- 10 transcript again on your screen?
- MR. VON BONE: I have it now, but every once in a while, it
- 12 seems to ...
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Let's proceed a little bit more
- 14 and we assess.
- Excuse me, please, Madam Prosecutor. I will confer with CMU.
- 16 [Trial Panel and Court Officer confer]
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Defence counsel, can we proceed
- or do you have a problem?
- MR. VON BONE: No, we can proceed, Your Honour. Just I noticed
- that every once in a while, it just goes out, and then it goes on
- 21 again. But we can proceed.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: We will see how it -- how we can
- proceed at the moment. If there is a real issue, then we adjourn for
- a while to see if we can resolve it.
- Madam Prosecutor, you have the floor.

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- MS. D'ASCOLI: Thank you, Your Honours.
- Madam Witness, I will continue and go back to your last answer. 2 0.
- So you said [REDACTED] was quite [REDACTED]. This is at line 12. So do
- I understand that the size of his body was among the features that 4
- allowed [REDACTED] to identify the body -- to identify [REDACTED]? 5
- Α. That's correct. His body size, the clothes. However, what 6
- completely convinced him was the [REDACTED]. And from all of 7
- those, he could conclude [REDACTED]. 8
- And what did you do? What was your role during the exhumation? 9
- I was assisting during the exhumation in order for the process 10
- to be orderly, for the body to be preserved, and to be able to be 11
- [REDACTED] 12
- [REDACTED] in fact, during the first week after my 13
- [REDACTED] 14
- 15 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 16
- [REDACTED] And, therefore, it was important for him to be 17
- identified as a war victim, and his graveyard too. 18
- And is it correct that [REDACTED] during the 19
- exhumation? 20
- Yes, that's right. [REDACTED] 21
- [REDACTED]. 22
- 23 And what did you do [REDACTED]? What
- happened with [REDACTED]? 24
- [REDACTED] upon the conclusion of the 25

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- reburial ceremony, [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]. And I 2
- asked him to report the case to the UNMIK authorities. They were the 3
- administration in power at the time. And in particular, the justice 4
- department of UNMIK. I asked him for the case to be reported as a 5
- case of a victim of war. And this wasn't the only case. All such 6
- cases were, in fact, reported to the UNMIK administration. 7
- Okay. [REDACTED]. Q. 8
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Can Madam Court Officer bring up the document 9
- marked with ERN 076512 to 076539, RED1, which is listed at tab 4 in 10
- the list of materials for this witness. And if we can please have on 11
- the screens page 3. I understand that even when we will be in open 12
- session these photos will not be broadcast. 13
- Can I also ask Madam Court Usher to please give to the witness 14
- the hard copy of this set of photographs. And, Your Honours, this 15
- was previously inspected by the parties and the Registry. 16
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: It was also inspected by the 17
- 18 Panel.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: 19
- Madam Witness, can you please look at this set of photos that 20
- 21 has just been given to you. You can flip through the pages. And my
- question is whether you recognise these photos. Please look at the 22
- hard copy first that you have in your hands and then we will go 23
- through each photo on the screens. 24
- Yes, Madam Prosecutor, they are all known to me. [REDACTED] 25

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- [REDACTED].
- [REDACTED] 2
- [REDACTED] 3
- [REDACTED] 4
- [REDACTED] 5
- [REDACTED] 6
- 7 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 8
- [REDACTED] 9
- 10 Yes. Yes, I do.
- One such example of those photos is the one that we have here on 11
- our screens. Can I ask you to look at it and tell us whether you 12
- [REDACTED] 13
- 14 A. I can only see one photograph. Are you referring to this one?
- Yes, I do. 15
- Yes. We will go one by one. This is the first photograph. Do 16
- [REDACTED] 17
- [REDACTED] 18
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. 20
- 21 Α. Yes.
- [REDACTED] 22
- [REDACTED] 23
- 24 Α. Yes.
- Madam Witness, do you remember [REDACTED] 25 Q.

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- [REDACTED]?
- If I'm not mistaken, [REDACTED].
- Do you remember anything else about it? If you don't, it's 3
- fine. 4
- No, I don't. Α. 5
- Do you remember [REDACTED] Q. 6
- 7 [REDACTED]?
- [REDACTED]. Α. 8
- [REDACTED]? Q. 9
- 10 Α. No.
- You have inspected the hard copies and, as we will see, there is 11
- a body appearing in these hard copies. I will ask you the question 12
- now so that we don't have to mention it later when we are in public 13
- 14 session. Can you tell us whose body is the one depicted in the
- photos? 15
- It's [REDACTED] corpse. 16
- Okay. Madam Witness, I will now ask to go into public session Q. 17
- for your descriptive comments on the photos. As we said before, 18
- these photos will not be shown to the public even if we are in public 19
- session. And I will only ask for your comments and, please, once 20
- 21 again, a reminder, not to mention the name of [REDACTED] or of
- [REDACTED], as well as the 22
- [REDACTED] 23
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Did you understand that, 24
- Madam Witness? I see you nodding. 25

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- THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Yes, I did.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Okay, Your Honours, with these cautions we can 2
- try to do this in open session. 3
- May we please go back into open session. 4
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Madam Prosecutor. 5
- Madam Court Officer, could you bring us into public session, 6
- 7 please.
- [Open session] 8
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in public session. 9
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you. 10
- Madam Prosecutor, please proceed. 11
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Thank you, Your Honours. 12
- Madam Witness, we were discussing a certain set of photos. 13
- we will go one by one so that you will have the opportunity to 14
- comment upon them. Can we please look at this first photograph on 15
- the screens. For the transcript it's pages marked with the ERN 16
- 076514 corresponding to SPOE00209313. 17
- Can you please describe to us what this photo depicts? 18
- Α. This is the first of the pictures where that grave was 19
- identified, the location of the grave. 20
- Q. Can you tell us at what point of the process was this photo 21
- taken? 22
- This picture was taken at the very start of the process. Soon 23
- when we arrived, then we were told that this is allegedly the burial 24
- site of the victim. 25

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- Okay. So I understand this photo showed the area as you found Ο.
- it when arriving at the location of the grave; correct?
- Α. Yes. 3
- Before the site was dug up and the body uncovered; right? 4
- Α. Yes. 5
- Let's move to the next photo. This is the second photo marked Q. 6
- with the ERN 076515 corresponding to SPOE00209314. 7
- Again, can you please describe for us what this photo shows. 8
- We can see the burial site in this photograph. The picture, 9
- 10 however, was taken from the right-hand side, and it shows the two
- branches above. So this is a picture taken from the right-hand side, 11
- from the right angle, that is. 12
- So I understand, it's the same location that we saw in the first 13
- photo; correct? 14
- It's the same place. It's just the picture has been taken from 15
- the opposite direction. 16
- Okay. Can we please move to the next page, third photo. This Q. 17
- is marked with ERN 076516 corresponding to SPOE00209315. 18
- Again, can you please describe what this photo shows. 19
- It is the same burial site, now in the process of the grave 20
- 21 being dug up.
- So is it the depth of the grave that we can see in this photo? 22
- It's easy to see how deep that grave was. It can't be more than 23
- 20 centimetres deep. It's easily identifiable as such. You can 24
- easily see it from the light that shines directly onto it. And you 25

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- 1 can see that it's not a grave like the ones that you would find
- opened under normal circumstances, that is.
- 3 Q. There seems to be some textile appearing from the soil in the
- 4 top part of the grave. Can you describe what that is, please.
- 5 A. That's the blanket the victim was covered with. This is the
- 6 very start of the process. It's what a body can be identified with,
- first and foremost, what materials and other things you might find
- 8 around the body. So this is the initial identification of the victim
- on this occasion, what he was covered with.
- 10 Q. So do you mean that when digging out the soil, you found out
- that the body was covered or wrapped in a textile, in a blanket? Is
- 12 that -- is my summary correct? Can you please give your answer --
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Let's move to the next page, please, fourth photo. ERN 076517
- corresponding to SPOE00209316. And, again, I will ask for your
- 16 comments on this photo, please.
- 17 A. It's the same burial site, within the same process of
- 18 exhumation. This shows the site after the removal of the blanket
- 19 from the body of that victim.
- Q. And is the blanket visible as that, let's say, blueish textile
- that we see appearing under the body's left arm?
- 22 A. Yes. This is the navy blue blanket with which the victim was
- covered. When the blanket was being removed, it came out in pieces
- 24 as it was decaying there.
- Q. One more question about this photo. If you look at the

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- left-hand side arm of the body --
- On the right? 2 Α.
- -- it looks like it is resting on something. Can you explain 3
- that position and what was on the left-hand side of the body, if 4
- anything? 5
- Can you please repeat the question? 6
- Of course. Can you please look at the bottom part of the photo, 7
- the left arm of the body, the one that is not along the side but it 8
- appears as a bit high up. Is that resting on something, the left arm 9
- 10 of the body?
- No, it wasn't resting anywhere. The body, in fact, was just 11
- lying directly onto the soil. There was nothing underneath. 12
- And was anything on the left side of the body where we see the 13
- 14 blanket? Was there anything else, I mean?
- When the victim was identified, we asked for the process not to 15
- continue because there was a second person buried nearby. 16
- And where, if looking at this photo, where would that second Q. 17
- body be, on what side of the body that is uncovered and visible? If 18
- you can tell. 19
- From the discussion carried out by the people who were carrying 20
- out the exhumation and from the picture here I'm referring to the 21
- picture it would be on the right-hand side because the remaining 22
- bit of the blanket was dug up, was dug into the ground. We were 23
- unable to pull it out entirely because it was buried in the ground. 24
- Others insisted for the digging not to continue on the side because 25

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- there was a possibility that the second body was there.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: If I can ask Madam Court Officer to rotate one
- anticlockwise the photo so that the body appears vertically. Thank
- 4 you.
- 5 Q. Is it easier to understand the positioning of the blanket and
- the second body you said when looking at the photo in this way?
- 7 A. Yes, it is easier to identify. So we -- it wasn't possible to
- 8 remove the blanket entirely. The others who were taking part in the
- 9 exhumation insisted for the digging to stop because of the
- 10 possibility of another corpse being right next to the victim.
- 11 Q. And so I do understand correctly that where we see on the
- right-hand side of the photo, let's say closer to the SPOE label on
- the right-hand side of the photo, is it on that part where the blue
- 14 blanket is that this second body was located? Is it correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Can we move to the next page, please. The fifth
- photo marked with the ERN 076518 corresponding to SPOE00209317.
- 18 Q. Again, can you please describe what this photo shows.
- 19 A. It is the same burial site, within the same process of
- exhumation of the body of the victim. And this is the initial
- identification of the victim and a statement of in what state the
- 22 corpse was in.
- Q. And so I understand, was the blanket covering the second body
- and the second body was not uncovered; correct?
- A. No, it wasn't uncovered on that particular day. I'm not aware

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- of what might have happened later. We did not know who that person
- 2 might be.
- 3 Q. Okay. That's clear.
- 4 MS. D'ASCOLI: Let's please move to the next page, the sixth
- photo. ERN 076519 corresponding to SPOE00209318.
- Q. If, again, you can please tell us what this photo shows and at
- 7 what stage of the process it was taken. And, again, a reminder not
- 8 to mention names, please.
- 9 A. It is the same burial site, within the same exhumation process.
- 10 This is when the body of the victim was removed from the grave and
- was put on that plastic sheet that had been prepared beforehand.
- Q. We see that the torso of the body has been uncovered in part
- with what appears the clothes being pulled up. Can you explain that?
- Without mentioning names, please.
- 15 A. This is the identification process for the victim and the people
- 16 who carried out the identification through the clothes that the
- 17 victim had been wearing.
- 18 Q. Is there anything in particular that is visible on this side of
- 19 the torso of the victim?
- 20 A. You can see a hole, but no one has been able to say what it was
- caused by. But the state of the body of the victim is what can you
- see here.
- Q. So I understand, the body was not forensically analysed or
- 24 examined?
- 25 A. No, there has never been a post-mortem examination of the -- of

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- this corpse, that is.
- So we see a circle, a line and a word on the photo. Can you 2
- just explain what that indicates? And if you can read what it says 3
- so that we have the translation of it, please. 4
- It's a hole. It's a hole which was observed and marked up as 5
- being suspicious, as being something unusual in the corpse. The 6
- corpse had started its decomposing process, so it is very difficult 7
- to -- to conclude what this hole, in fact, is. 8
- Q. Did anyone check whether there were other similar holes on other 9
- parts of the body? The front, the back, other sides. 10
- No, we didn't continue with controlling the corpse any further. 11
- So this was the process of identification of the clothes that the 12
- person was wearing, and the description was enough for us to 13
- 14 ascertain that that's the body of the late victim.
- So I understand the clothes were lifted, as we see in the photo. 15
- What we see the part where does this hole appearing, is that flesh 16
- directly or was there any other garment on the body? Because it 17
- looks like there's something else. 18
- No, it is directly in the skin. 19
- Okay. And from what you observed, did there appear to be any 20
- 21 other signs on the body?
- I have not managed to identify any other sign. Because, like I 22
- said, the corpse was in the process of being decomposed and it's 23
- very, very difficult to identify other marks on the corpse in this 24
- point in time. Because the pathological process of the corpse goes 25

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- through different stages.
- Okay. So it was not further analysed?
- Α. No. 3
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Your Honours, can we please now go into private 4
- session for some questions that concern a few identifying details. 5
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Madam Court Officer, could you 6
- bring us into private session, please. 7
- [Private session] [Open session] 8
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in private session. 9
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Madam Prosecutor, please proceed. 10
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Thank you, Your Honours. 11
- Madam Witness, can you describe what clothes you saw on the body 12 Q.
- of [REDACTED]? 13
- He was wearing jeans. There was a sports blouse. There was a 14
- jacket. So like I said before, he had this vest wearing [as 15
- interpreted] and there was a tracksuit that he was wearing as well. 16
- He was wearing quite many clothes, according to the description that 17
- we saw and according to the different layers of clothing that the 18
- victim was wearing. 19
- And you said earlier today that [REDACTED] 20
- [REDACTED]; correct? 21
- Actually, sorry. Let me rephrase it. 22
- You said that [REDACTED]? 23
- Yes. [REDACTED] 24
- [REDACTED] 25

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- [REDACTED]
- Any shoes? Ο.
- No, he was barefooted. 3 Α.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Can we please move to the next photo, the 4
- seventh. ERN 076520 corresponding to SPOE00209319. 5
- Can you please describe what this photo shows, the stage of the 6
- process and what happened afterwards, please. 7
- This is the same burial site. This is the exhumation process. 8
- And here we are at the phase of preparing the corpse to be wrapped up 9
- 10 in the plastic sheet after the identification of the corpse by the
- [REDACTED] 11
- So what [REDACTED] after the corpse was put onto 12
- this plastic sheeting? 13
- Well, that was the process of preparing the corpse, of covering 14
- up the different parts of the body of the victim. So they first 15
- removed the clothes in order to see the body of the victim, and then 16
- they were preparing the corpse in order for it to be wrapped up in 17
- the plastic sheet and to put it in the coffin. 18
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Can we move to the next photo which is the last 19
- one. ERN 076520 corresponding to SPOE00209320. 20
- 21 Again, Madam Witness, can you please tell us what this photo
- shows and what happened after that? 22
- [REDACTED]. This is the process of closing the 23
- shooting process as well the process for identification of the corpse 24
- [REDACTED] So we were preparing to put him in the coffin and to 25

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- afterwards continue with the ceremony of his burial the same day that
- 2 he got taken from this place.
- 3 Q. And where was [REDACTED] buried?
- 4 A. [REDACTED] was buried in the graveyards of [REDACTED]
- 5 [REDACTED]
- Q. Was this at [REDACTED] or elsewhere?
- 7 A. The traditions of villages are somehow different when it comes
- 8 to the funerals. [REDACTED]
- 9 [REDACTED]
- 10 [REDACTED] So they are located [REDACTED]
- 11 [REDACTED].
- 12 [REDACTED]
- 13 [REDACTED]
- 14 [REDACTED]
- 15 A. Yes, I was. From the beginning, up until the end of the funeral
- 16 ceremony.
- Q. We see on this photograph on the bottom right-hand side part,
- but the same is present and probably better visible on other photos
- 19 too, we see a timestamp. Are you able to read it?
- 20 A. [REDACTED]. I'm not sure. [REDACTED]
- 21 [REDACTED].
- 22 Q. It says [REDACTED]; correct?
- 23 A. Yes, correct. It might as well be the day when the corpse of
- the deceased victim was exhumed and the date that he got buried at
- 25 [REDACTED]

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- 1 [REDACTED]
- 2 [REDACTED]
- Q. Of course. So you don't remember the date when the exhumation
- 4 took place?
- 5 A. No, I don't.
- Q. And does the month of July sound reasonable to you?
- 7 A. Yes, it was July. I think it was the hottest day of the year.
- And, at the same time, it was a very serious, a very grave day for
- 9 [REDACTED]
- 10 [REDACTED]
- 11 [REDACTED]
- 12 [REDACTED]
- 13 [REDACTED]
- 14 Q. I understand.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Your Honour, I will move to the last few
- questions on my direct examination. However, since we are in private
- session, I just want to make sure that there's nothing left for
- private before moving back into open. So, if you don't mind, I'll
- 19 consult quickly with my colleague.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Please proceed, Madam Prosecutor.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Thank you, Your Honours.
- [Specialist Prosecutor confers]
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Yes, Your Honours, just two additional questions
- 24 while we are in private and then I will move back to open for the end
- of the examination.

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- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Please proceed.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Thank you, Your Honours. 2
- Madam Witness, just two additional questions to clarify certain 3
- 4 aspects.
- First of all, the position of the body. When you uncover the 5
- body, can you tell us in which position it was found? In which 6
- position the body was lying in the ground, I mean. 7
- When he was identified or when all the soil was removed from the Α. 8
- corpse, the corpse was lying with his back, the hands and legs were 9
- 10 close. I mean, he was not placed in a disorderly manner [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 11
- Okay. So you're saying the body was found lying on his back and 12
- the hands and legs were close. Were the body's arms lying on the two 13
- 14 sides of the body; do you remember that?
- The arms were lying on both sides of the body, but not in 15
- parallel position with the legs. I mean, the arms were somehow a bit 16
- widened up, but it was not like in parallel to the legs, [REDACTED] 17
- [REDACTED] Because the arms, the palms of the doors go in the 18
- legs [as interpreted] and they are in a way in a straight line. 19
- So if you want we can have a look at the picture when we 20
- identify the corpse and we will see that the position of the arms was 21
- not completely parallel to the legs but it was somehow elevated on 22
- the side. 23
- Okay. Thank you. No, I think that suffices. I was interested 24
- in the position of the body, whether it was found on his back or 25

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- other. You clarified that. Thank you.
- I don't have the live -- okay, I think now it's catching up. 2
- Yes. 3
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Sorry, I wasn't seeing the transcript reflecting 4
- what I was saying. 5
- Then one last clarifying question and this regards the reasons 6
- why the torso of the body had been uncovered, in part. 7
- And, of course, you know, I understand you're not a forensic 8
- expert, but in the interview to the SPO, I will be reading from 9
- 10 transcript marked with ERN 076539-TR-ET, Part 2, RED1, page 22, lines
- 2 to 5. 11
- MS. D'ASCOLI: And Your Honours, it's just to ask a 12
- clarification. If you prefer, I can call up the transcript or I can 13
- 14 read the portion I have and just put the question to the witness.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: As long as it is clear for 15
- Madam Witness, we can proceed as you have proposed. And, if not, we 16
- bring it up. 17
- 18 Please proceed.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Yes, it's actually only four lines, so I think it 19
- should it be clear enough. 20
- So I will be reading from, as I said, page 22, lines 2 to 5. 21 Ι
- see the transcript reflects the correct ERN so I leave it. 22
- [REDACTED] 23
- [REDACTED] 24
- 25 [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 2
- Do you remember that? And can you clarify this part of your 3
- prior evidence? 4
- Yes, I can explain this part very well. 5
- The identification or the observation in order to know something 6
- more about the corpse [REDACTED] as well as its ongoing 7
- insisting [as interpreted], was to uncover the different parts of the 8
- body, and his assumption was that in this [REDACTED] there is something 9
- 10 related to it because there might be possible that [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]. However, in those 11
- circumstances, it was difficult to identify whether there was 12 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED], because we were not forensic 13
- expert. No pathologist was there or no other types of experts was 14
- there in order to identify what the origin of the hole was. But like 15
- [REDACTED] insisted to see every part of 16
- the body, to observe every part of body, but it was impossible 17
- because the corpse would get damaged because of being moved several 18
- 19 times.
- Okay. That's clear. Thank you very much. 20 Q.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Your Honours, we can go back to public session 21
- and I will just be addressing the last few questions. 22
- 23 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Madam Prosecutor.
- Madam Court Officer, can you bring us into public session, 24
- please. 25

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- 1 [Open session]
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in public session.
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
- 4 Madam Prosecutor, please proceed.
- 5 MS. D'ASCOLI: Thank you, Your Honours.
- 6 Can I please ask Madam Court Officer to move to page 12 of the
- document now on the screen, page 076523.
- Q. Witness, can you see the photo on the screen?
- 9 A. Yes, I can.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Can we please move to the next page. To the next
- page. And to the following one, please.
- 12 Q. [REDACTED]
- 13 [REDACTED]
- 14 [REDACTED]
- 15 [REDACTED]
- 16 [REDACTED]
- 17 [REDACTED]
- 18 [REDACTED]
- 19 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 21 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 23 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 25 [REDACTED]

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- O. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 3
- [REDACTED] 4
- Thank you. Witness, can you describe how the grave was left 5
- once the body was removed and transported away from Zllash? 6
- After the process of conclusion of the exhumation, so there was 7
- this request to put the soil back in its own place and we left the 8
- place as we found it when we went there. 9
- 10 So you put back -- you covered again the area? That's what you
- mean. 11
- A. Yes, yes. 12
- And in the area, the second body, you said, was left there in 13
- the soil; correct? 14
- That day, at the end of the discovery of the corpse, we left the 15
- other corpse there. I don't have any other information. [REDACTED] 16
- [REDACTED] 17
- [REDACTED] 18
- Of course, that's clear. And the body, I understand, was 19
- transported away and buried; correct? Without mentioning locations 20
- or any specifics. 21
- Α. Yes. 22
- Okay. Thank you, Madam Witness. 23 0.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Your Honours, those were my questions. I don't 24
- have further questions for this witness. 25

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- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Madam Prosecutor.
- I look at the clock. It's 20 minutes to 3.00.
- 3 Victims' Counsel, would you like to proceed now or would you
- 4 prefer that we take a break in order for you to consult with your
- 5 co-counsel and the rest of the team? I leave it up to you.
- MS. PUES: Thank you, Your Honours. We would be ready to pose
- 7 our questions now.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well, Victims' Counsel.
- 9 Madam Witness, I will now give the floor to the Victims' Counsel
- 10 to pose some questions to you.
- 11 Victims' Counsel, please proceed.
- MS. PUES: Thank you very much, Your Honours.
- 13 Questioned by Victims' Counsel:
- Q. Good afternoon, Madam Witness. I have a few questions for you,
- two or a couple of questions that follow up on the testimony that you
- have given just now where I would just want to explore in a little
- bit more detail two things you described to us this afternoon. Both
- of them are linked to the photographs that we have seen this
- afternoon, and I believe that it is possible to discuss this in open
- session, as we are at the moment. Just beware of not mentioning any
- 21 names.
- You did mention -- you did mention a couple of branches lying on
- the patch of earth that was identified and visible in the photo as
- the burial site. These branches, did you have any explanation for
- yourself, any impression on why they might have been there? Could

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they, for example, have been branches to cover up that patch of

- 2 earth?
- What was your impression there?
- 4 A. My initial impression on those two branches put on top of each
- other was for -- was as a means of identification. They are not
- there to conceal something or to conceal a grave in any shape or
- 7 form. There are other ways and means of trying to conceal all
- 8 traces, erase all traces of a burial side. So this is the meaning of
- 9 those two branches on top of that burial site.
- 10 Q. Thank you. The second question relates to the navy blue blanket
- that was visible in the photographs and that you described. Was
- this, from what was left to be seen, because I understand that
- whatever was discovered was in a state of decay, was this an ordinary
- 14 blanket? Would you have -- what kind of context would such a blanket
- normally be used in? Would you have any idea?
- 16 A. Let me take a bit of time to explain this, the significance of
- that blanket and the circumstances under which it is used for burying
- corpse which would mean drawing a differentiation between a grave in
- 19 times of war and under normal circumstances. On these occasions, the
- corpse is covered so soil would not fall directly onto the face. If
- under -- in normal circumstances -- this happens in normal
- circumstances if you have enough time to bury the victim. In
- extraordinary circumstances, that is, where time is of the essence
- and have to complete a burial in record time, then you open a grave
- with no -- with no need for a covering sheet, which is what has

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- happened throughout the war in Kosovo.
- This is my impression, that is. It is not a statement of fact. 2
- It is an impression that stays with me that -- that the burial has 3
- been conducted by someone and the corpse has been covered and put 4
- under -- in this very, very shallow grave. As I said earlier, it's 5
- no more than half a metre -- metre's depth. 6
- Under normal circumstances, it's easy to identify the depth of a 7
- grave depending on whether the victim is a male or female, with --8
- these are some old wives' tales, as it were, that have to do with the 9
- 10 height for men. It's their shoulder height, and for women it's
- different. [REDACTED] 11
- 12 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] let me explain, that on these occasions the blanket 13
- 14 is only used for the purpose of protecting the face of the corpse
- from direct contact with the soil. 15
- Q. Thank you. 16
- MS. PUES: Could we now move into private session, please. 17
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Madam Court Officer, could you 18
- bring us into private session. 19
- [Private session] [Open session] 20
- 21 THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in private session.
- MS. PUES: Thank you, Your Honours. First of all, could I 22
- request a redaction in the transcript [REDACTED] 23
- [REDACTED] 24
- O. And Madam Witness --25

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Please proceed.
- MS. PUES: Thank you.
- 3 Q. -- may I now move on with my questions to explore some of the
- 4 [REDACTED] and the unknown circumstances
- 5 had.
- 6 Let me first ask you what [REDACTED]
- 7 [REDACTED]
- 8 [REDACTED]
- 9 [REDACTED]
- 10 [REDACTED]
- 11 [REDACTED]
- 12 [REDACTED]
- 13 [REDACTED]
- 14 [REDACTED]
- 15 [REDACTED]
- 16 [REDACTED]
- 17 [REDACTED]
- 18 [REDACTED]
- 19 [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED]
- 21 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 23 [REDACTED]
- 24 [REDACTED]
- 25 [REDACTED]

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- 1 [REDACTED]
- 2 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 4 [REDACTED]
- I cannot speak on behalf of the victims, not being one, but we
- 6 owe it to them. It's an obligation. It's a duty for all of us to
- 7 reveal the truth and to find justice. Regardless of who was the
- victim, justice needs to prevail, and that would satisfy those who
- 9 seek truth and justice. There is no award on the face of the earth
- that return the loved ones. They no longer exist among us, but truth
- and justice are the overriding words that should lead us, and we
- should defend them as a matter of principle.
- MS. PUES:
- Q. Thank you, Madam Witness. Now, I understand that [REDACTED]
- 15 [REDACTED] and it
- would -- if you can, I would please invite you to also try to
- describe how [REDACTED]
- 18 [REDACTED]
- 19 [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED]
- 21 [REDACTED]
- 22 [REDACTED]
- 23 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 25 [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED] In particular, [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 2
- [REDACTED] 3
- [REDACTED] I am the kind of person who wants to help others. I am 4
- someone who does their utmost for them. I have inherited this 5
- virtue, but it also -- [REDACTED] 6
- [REDACTED] 7
- [REDACTED] 8
- [REDACTED] She was -- she'd always ask me if I knew anyone, if I knew 9
- 10 anything, if I knew anyone who could help them, but it was all in
- vain. It was impossible. 11
- They are now close together, [REDACTED] 12
- [REDACTED] 13
- 14 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 15
- Thank you, Madam Witness, for sharing this with us. 16
- MS. PUES: Those were my questions. And I think it's probably 17
- also a good time to have a break. Thank you very much. 18
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Victims' Counsel. 19
- Thank you, Madam Witness. We will have a break now. It's 3.00. 20
- We will adjourn the hearing for 30 minutes. [Microphone not 21
- activated]. 22
- THE INTERPRETER: Microphone, please. 2.3
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Madam Court Officer, can you 24
- bring us into public session. 25

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- 1 [Open session]
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in public session.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Madam Court Officer.
- 4 Thank you, Victims' Counsel.
- 5 Thank you, Madam Witness.
- We will now take a break for 30 minutes till half past 4.00 --
- 7 half past 3.00. Thank you. Half past 3.00. I will ask Madam Court
- 8 Usher to usher you out of the courtroom, and then we see you back in
- 9 half an hour.
- THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honour.
- [The witness stands down]
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: [Microphone not activated] We will
- break and we will resume in 30 minutes.
- 14 The hearing is adjourned.
- --- Recess taken at 2.59 p.m.
- 16 --- On resuming at 3.29 p.m.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: We will proceed with the
- questioning of Witness W04676 by the Defence counsel. We have
- completed the testimony by -- the questioning by the SPO and the
- 20 Victims' Counsel.
- 21 Madam Court Usher, could you usher the witness in, please.
- 22 And while I'm doing that, I will call appearances. I see that
- for the SPO we are in the same composition.
- And the same goes for the Victims' Counsel team.
- 25 And also for the Defence team.

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- And Mr. Mustafa is linked via video connection. Good.
- [The witness takes the stand] 2
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Welcome, Madam Witness. It's now 3
- the moment for the Defence counsel to start with the questioning. 4
- Defence counsel, you have the floor.
- MR. VON BONE: Thank you, Your Honour. 6
- Cross-examination by Mr. von Bone: 7
- Ms. Witness, good afternoon. 8 Q.
- MR. VON BONE: Your Honour, I think it would be best to go into 9
- private session. That would be the best for these particular 10
- questions that I want to pose. 11
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well, Defence counsel. 12
- Madam Court Officer, could you please bring us into private 13
- session. 14
- [Private session] [Open session] 15
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in private session. 16
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you. 17
- Defence counsel, you have the floor. 18
- MR. VON BONE: 19
- Ms. Witness, good afternoon. Ms. Witness, what was the name of 20 Q.
- your father? 21
- Α. [REDACTED] 22
- [Microphone not activated] Could you spell that for us, please. 23 Ο.
- Once again, please? 24 Α.
- Excuse me. Would you please spell that for us, the name of your 25 Q.

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- 1 father.
- 2 A. Do you want me to do that [REDACTED]
- 3 Q. [REDACTED]
- 4 A. [REDACTED] The name of
- 5 my father is [REDACTED]
- 6 Q. Thank you very much. Okay. [REDACTED]
- 7 [REDACTED] What was the name of [REDACTED]
- 8 A. [REDACTED]
- 9 Q. [REDACTED]
- 10 A. [REDACTED]
- 11 Q. [REDACTED]
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Defence counsel, could you please
- switch off the microphone as Madam Witness is talking because if not,
- we could have a leakage issue.
- MR. VON BONE:
- 16 Q. [Microphone not activated].
- 17 A. [REDACTED]
- 18 [REDACTED]
- 19 [REDACTED]
- Mr. Counsel, one clarification on [REDACTED] In the
- register, [REDACTED]
- 22 [REDACTED]
- Q. Thank you. And lastly, what was the name your mother?
- 24 A. [REDACTED]
- 25 Q. If I understood well, [REDACTED]

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- is that correct?
- A. Whose?
- Q. I didn't catch that? 3
- A. You mentioned [REDACTED] 4
- [REDACTED] 5
- Q. [REDACTED] 6
- A. [REDACTED] 7
- [REDACTED] 8
- [REDACTED] 9
- 10 Q. [REDACTED]
- 11 A. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 12
- [REDACTED] 13
- 14 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 15
- Thank you very much. Did you know [REDACTED] 16
- [REDACTED]? 17
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Please switch off the mic. 18
- THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] [REDACTED] 19
- 20 [REDACTED]
- 21 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 22
- 23 [REDACTED]
- 24 Q. And was [REDACTED]?
- A. [REDACTED] 25

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- Ο. [REDACTED]
- A. [REDACTED] 2
- [REDACTED] 3
- [REDACTED] 4
- [REDACTED] 5
- [REDACTED] 6
- [REDACTED] 7
- [REDACTED] 8
- [REDACTED] 9
- 10 Q. And do you know the name of [REDACTED]?
- 11 Α. No.
- Thank you very much. We spoke about the moment -- you spoke 12
- about the moment that you were -- became aware that apparently 13 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 14
- [REDACTED] Did he come alone? 15
- A. He was alone, yes. 16
- Q. And did he come with [REDACTED] 17
- 18 [REDACTED]
- 19 [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 21
- [REDACTED] 22
- 23 [REDACTED]
- And did you go together with him all the way to Zllash? 24 Q.
- 25 Α. Yes.

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- And just before leaving it was that he told you [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Can you rephrase it more open or 3
- refer to the transcript --4
- MR. VON BONE: [Overlapping speakers] ...
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: -- where she said that. I want 6
- to have an open question, because you are now rephrasing it in a way 7
- that I don't remind having heard it. 8
- MR. VON BONE: 9
- Q. Was it on that day that [REDACTED] 10
- that he told you that [REDACTED] had died? 11
- A. On that particular day, [REDACTED] 12
- [REDACTED] 13
- 14 burial site, and I want your assistance to exhume him." And from
- that -- and it's at that point that we both left. 15
- Q. [REDACTED] 16
- How long did that take --17
- A. Yes. 18
- -- that trip to Zllash [REDACTED] 19
- Α. [REDACTED], I think, because Zllash is [REDACTED] 20
- 21 [REDACTED]
- It's -- I cannot give you an exact time because I didn't time it, but 22
- 23 [REDACTED]
- Q. [REDACTED] 24
- [REDACTED]? 25

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- It was our first meeting [REDACTED], and we
- did not talk about anything. We had just gone through the experience
- of war. And, in fact, that was not the appropriate moment to ask 3
- why, who and why. All I know is that he came to ask for my 4
- assistance and the two of us went to carry out the exhumation. 5
- It was that silence, [REDACTED] 6
- [REDACTED] 7
- [REDACTED] 8
- And I understand, so it's clear, you did not also ask anything 9
- 10 about the death [REDACTED]?
- A. [REDACTED] 11
- [REDACTED] I 12
- did not ask why and how. What -- those were times of war and at that 13
- 14 time I could have easily imagined that the war had had its impact. I
- [REDACTED] 15
- [REDACTED] That's all we talked 16
- about. 17
- Q. [REDACTED] 18
- [REDACTED] 19
- A. Yes. [REDACTED] 20
- 21 Q. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 22
- Α. [REDACTED] 23
- [REDACTED] 24
- Q. Did he tell you upon your departure [REDACTED] that there 25

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- was going to be an exhumation [REDACTED]
- A. Yes, he did.
- And what else did he tell you in the conversation that you had 3
- with him? 4
- A. There was no conversation. [REDACTED] 5
- [REDACTED] All I was able to observe 6
- was that [REDACTED] 7
- site. And I'm -- and [REDACTED] 8
- [REDACTED] 9
- 10 [REDACTED]
- Do you recall which road you took to Zllash? How you got there, 11
- through which route? 12
- A. [REDACTED] to Zllash. [REDACTED] 13
- 14 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 15
- [REDACTED] 16
- [REDACTED] 17
- [REDACTED] 18
- 19 [REDACTED]
- 20 Q. [REDACTED]
- 21 [REDACTED]
- A. [REDACTED] 22
- [REDACTED] 23
- And upon your arrival at the location where the eventual --24
- [REDACTED], so to speak, could you describe what you 25

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- saw around you?
- It was a hilly area of not very dense forest, and a bit -- a 2
- very small meadow in the midst of this forest. The road we followed 3
- was mountainous, but it was easy enough for vehicles to pass through. 4
- We stopped at that meadow. [REDACTED] 5
- [REDACTED] 6
- [REDACTED] 7
- And at that arrival point, taking that point in time, was there 8
- any building nearby or anything that you could see? Was there 9
- 10 anything that could you see?
- Let me repeat. Where we stopped, it was a smallish forest. 11
- object around it. No building around it. It was not very dense 12
- forest, in the middle of which there was a meadow. And the road 13
- leading up to it was mountainous, but wide enough for vehicles to get 14
- through. I have not seen any other buildings. 15
- [REDACTED] 16
- [REDACTED] 17
- 18 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 19
- [REDACTED] 20
- with the meadow in the midst, in the middle. But it was neither near 21
- the road nor where the village itself begins, but slightly deeper. 22
- And you say where the village begins. Which village is that 2.3
- that you're talking about? 24
- The village of [REDACTED] 25

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- 1 [REDACTED]
- 2 [REDACTED]
- 3 [REDACTED]
- 4 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 6 [REDACTED]
- 7 [REDACTED]
- 8 [REDACTED]
- 9 Q. And when you speak about the village of Zllash, can you tell us
- 10 how many inhabitants has that village?
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: When?
- MR. VON BONE: [Microphone not activated] At the time.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay.
- 14 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] I don't know. I had never been to
- 15 Zllash before. [REDACTED]
- 16 [REDACTED] I have never been to Zllash and
- to this day I have no idea how many inhabitants it has. I certainly
- wouldn't know how many people lived there at the time. I don't know.
- 19 MR. VON BONE:
- Q. And was the village from the location of the burial site
- visible?
- 22 A. No, it was deeper. It couldn't be seen from the main road. You
- had to go way into the village to reach the burial site. It is not a
- flat village where the eye can see. There are big, biggish hills in
- that area. It's a hilly to mountainous region.

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- I understand. I understood also that there upon -- just one
- more question. Did you know [REDACTED]? 2
- Α. I really can't recall at this point. I just can't remember. 3
- [REDACTED]. I can't remember who it was. 4
- I'm sorry. I just can't remember the name now. I can't turn back 5
- the movie. [REDACTED] 6
- [REDACTED] 7
- [REDACTED] that is, to Zllash. 8
- Thank you. Upon your arrival, who were there? Upon your 9 Q.
- 10 arrival [REDACTED] to the burial
- site, who were there that you met? 11
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Excuse me. Didn't we have that 12
- question already? 13
- 14 MR. VON BONE: [Microphone not activated] I just want to go
- through a number of them --15
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. I will allow it. Thank 16
- you. 17
- THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] [REDACTED] 18
- 19 [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED] It wasn't a large number. 20 to 30 all together -- seven or
- eight people all together. In fact, not even seven or eight, but a 21
- handful, a very few. [REDACTED]. 22
- 23 Excuse me, I did not catch -- I did not understand your answer
- well. Were there 20 or 30 people, or were there about seven people, 24
- or eight? 25

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- It wasn't a large number at the burial site. It's a very small
- number. Maximum of seven or eight. Even were you minded to call 20 2
- or 30 people, it would have been difficult because the majority of 3
- the people at the time were refugees in different countries. 4
- [REDACTED] I understand, were there. [REDACTED] 5
- [REDACTED] Please say the answer so that it's --6
- [REDACTED] No. 7
- To be clear, the name of [REDACTED] what is the name? Q. 8
- A. [REDACTED] 9
- 10 Q. Do you know [REDACTED]?
- Α. Yes. 11
- Q. [REDACTED] 12
- A. [REDACTED] 13
- 14 Q. [REDACTED]
- A. [REDACTED] 15
- [REDACTED] Q. 16
- He might have been there because he is [REDACTED] He Α. 17
- is [REDACTED] He might have been there. But like I 18
- said, I mean, there were [REDACTED] 19
- [REDACTED] and I was present 20
- 21 as well in this process.
- So there are [REDACTED] but 22
- they are not living now. So they are dead. 23
- Ο. And what are their names? 24
- I don't remember. I can't remember. 25

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- Could that be [REDACTED]?
- No, I don't know. I simply can't remember.
- Do you know [REDACTED]? 3
- [REDACTED] is deceased now. He is [REDACTED] And 4 Α.
- I used to know him, but like I said, he is deceased now. 5
- I understand that he is deceased now, but was he at that time 6
- 7 there?
- I do not know. For a fact that were present there were Α. 8 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] myself, as well as [REDACTED] 9
- Now, about the names and last names, I can't remember them all, 10
- because [REDACTED] 11
- [REDACTED] 12
- [REDACTED] 13
- I just give you two more names for that. Do you know a person 14
- called [REDACTED] and was that person there? 15
- A. From what I remember, [REDACTED] 16
- like I said, [REDACTED] I 17
- think that we are talking about one of the persons who is deceased 18
- now. 19
- And one more name. [REDACTED] do you know that person, and was 20 Q.
- 21 person there?
- I don't remember. I don't know. 22
- Okay. Thank you very much. 23 Q.
- Upon your arrival on that site, you went to that place where 24
- eventually the exhumation would take place; is that correct? 25

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- Α. Yes.
- When you saw that place, can you explain what was the soil like?
- The soil of that place -- I mean, there are different types of 3 Α.
- soils. I mean, there are different types of coloured soils as well. 4
- The soil was neither black nor red. It was brownish in colour or in 5
- a honey colour, so that was the feature of the soil. And this was 6
- the kind of the colour of the soil at that place. 7
- And when -- yes. Q. 8
- I'm talking about the upper surface of soil. Because when you 9
- 10 dig further down, I mean, there is a distinct -- another colour of
- soil. 11
- Now, how long -- no, let me rephrase that. Was it difficult to 12
- dig the soil away from that earth? 13
- A. No, no. It wasn't difficult to dig the soil away, because that 14
- was a soil that was pressed and, therefore, it was easy for us to dig 15
- it up. 16
- Q. Do you know how [REDACTED] that that was the actual 17
- burial location? 18
- I don't know. He never discussed that with me. [REDACTED] 19
- [REDACTED] 20
- grave. 21
- And did anybody else ever talk about that, tell you that, or did 22
- you ask for that? 23
- No. Never. Because in the moment in time [REDACTED] 24
- 25 [REDACTED]

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- 1 [REDACTED]
- 2 [REDACTED]
- Q. When -- we spoke about whether that was a deep grave or a
- 4 shallow grave. It was, as you explained, rather shallow. Now my
- 5 question is: Apparently there were two bodies in that grave. And
- 6 when you speak about shallow, do you mean shallow in order to reach
- 7 the first body?
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Your Honours --
- 9 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes, I see Madam Prosecutor
- standing. Please, a moment, Defence counsel.
- 11 Madam Prosecutor, you have the floor.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Thank you, Your Honours.
- If Defence counsel can either refer back to the transcript where
- Madam Witness spoke about the two bodies, because my recollection is
- that -- let's say their position was not characterised in the way
- that the counsel is now putting it.
- 17 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Madam Prosecutor.
- Defence counsel, the same question was coming to my mind and I
- was reflecting on it, and then Madam Prosecutor stood up. So I give
- you the floor to give the reference and to rephrase as it was said
- there. And then, of course, you can continue your examination --
- MR. VON BONE: I'll just take a different angle from this
- 23 question.
- 24 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. Very well.
- MR. VON BONE:

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- Who started actually digging? One person? Two persons? Can
- you name them? 2
- About the names, I don't know. I don't know who was the first 3
- one to start the digging process and who ended it. But there were 4
- two or three persons that took part in the exhumation of him, of the 5
- victim. Exactly who started the digging process, who followed that 6
- process, I don't know. I don't remember. 7
- And did they need to dig deep or was it quite quick to reach the 8
- eventual body of [REDACTED]? 9
- 10 Α. There was no need to dig for a long period of time to find
- the corpse [REDACTED] It's not a traditional grave like we usually 11
- have them. That was a flat grave. And, therefore, it was very easy, 12
- very simple, to dig down, to remove the soil, and to find [REDACTED] 13
- corpse. It was a shallow grave. 14
- From the position where you were at the time, could you have an 15
- indication where was north, east, south or west? 16
- Just a moment, please. Just let me wire myself and give you an Α. 17
- 18 answer.
- It might have been about the west, the western part. I'm just 19
- thinking of myself in this position and I'm just thinking of the 20
- grave-site being in front of me. I am thinking of the road, the path 21
- that we went through, the entry to the forest, and I think the 22
- location was east -- westwards. North-west probably. Something like 2.3
- that. I'm just telling you now, I'm not accurate. This is what I'm 24
- thinking now because we didn't have any GPSs. We couldn't exactly 25

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- know where we were located, the scale there. But, approximately, I
- think that it was north-west, as a position.
- And taken from that position, in which direction was the head of 3
- [REDACTED] pointing? 4
- Α. Northwards. 5
- Thank you very much. At some point, the body was found, seen. Q. 6
- MR. VON BONE: I would like to get a picture on the screen, if 7
- that is okay. 8
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: If you give Madam Court Officer 9
- the reference, then --10
- MR. VON BONE: Yes. That would be 076519 or the SPOE number is 11
- 00209318. 12
- Ms. Witness, can you see it? 13
- A. Yes. 14
- I see on this picture a hand. Whose hand is that? 15
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I see several hands. 16
- THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] There are two hands in this photo. 17
- MR. VON BONE: 18
- Q. Yes. Would you please indicate whose hands you see on the 19
- photo. 20
- 21 A. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] But exactly who these persons were, I 22
- don't know. I don't remember. 2.3
- Ο. Do you know if it was [REDACTED]? 24
- No, it was not [REDACTED] 25

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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 3
- [REDACTED] 4
- Thank you. And when the body was uncovered at some point --5
- MR. VON BONE: May we get the other picture on the screen. That 6
- is 316. 7
- Q. Ms. Witness, [REDACTED] 8
- [Microphone not activated]. 9
- 10 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Please, microphone.
- MR. VON BONE: 11
- 12 Q. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 13
- 14 Yes.
- Were you at that moment, [REDACTED] 15
- [REDACTED]? 16
- From the size, the way how the body was built, the physiognomy 17
- of the body, as well as the black vest, as well as the coat that he 18
- was wearing for a very long period of time, I would say yes. But it 19
- [REDACTED] 20
- 21 [REDACTED]
- I understand that. [REDACTED] And 22
- [REDACTED] 23
- [REDACTED] 24
- A. Yes. In particular, [REDACTED]. 25

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Witness: W04676 (Private Session) (Open Session) Reclassified pursuant to F493 Page 1654 Cross-examination by Mr. Von Bone

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 2
- [REDACTED] 3
- 4 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 5
- [REDACTED] 6
- Now, from the picture, all of you looking at the picture, it 7
- might seem impossible to identify who this corpse belonged to. 8
- However, in the site, the physical presence in an exhumation, in 9
- 10 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 11
- Before there moment, [REDACTED] 12
- [REDACTED] 13
- 14 Before this moment, the exhumation moment, the [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 15
- [REDACTED] 16
- [REDACTED] 17
- [REDACTED] 18
- 19 [REDACTED]
- Q. [REDACTED] 20
- 21 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 22
- [REDACTED] 23
- 24 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 25

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Witness: W04676 (Private Session) (Open Session) Reclassified pursuant to F493 Page 1655

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- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Defence counsel, for our use of
- the transcript it is very important that you make the reference. I
- 3 know about [REDACTED]
- 4 witness statement. So now we only have the transcript --
- 5 MR. VON BONE: [Microphone not activated].
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Yes, but please do it always
- 7 because --
- MR. VON BONE: [Microphone not activated]. I will do it, but it
- 9 was an open question and I just wanted to only say that in order
- 10 to -- if not, then afterwards we can refresh the memory of the
- 11 witness. So there was nothing --
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: No, but you didn't give any
- introduction [REDACTED].
- MR. VON BONE: No. That is correct. It is just an open
- question in that sense. But I can give the reference number.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: You should.
- MR. VON BONE: It is the statement of the witness 076539-TR-ET,
- Part 2, and it's on page 18.
- 19 [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED]
- 21 [REDACTED]
- 22 [REDACTED]
- 23 [REDACTED]
- 24 [REDACTED]
- 25 [REDACTED]

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- 1 [REDACTED]
- 2 [REDACTED]
- 3 [REDACTED]
- 4 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 6 [REDACTED]
- 7 [REDACTED]
- 8 [REDACTED]
- 9 [REDACTED]
- 10 [REDACTED]
- 11 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Defence counsel, to come back on
- our remark [REDACTED], I would say that the first question
- should have been: [REDACTED] And then you can ask, if
- the answer is yes, [REDACTED]. But in this way, it
- is not a real open question.
- So please proceed.
- MR. VON BONE: I would like to ask to show the next photograph,
- which is 317 at the end, so SPOE00209317. And let's rotate it and --
- 19 counter-clockwise. Yes.
- Q. Now, I am speaking -- I want to discuss with you the left hand
- [REDACTED] So with the left hand, I mean the hand which is
- near the label SPOE, and so on that hand. It's on the right-hand
- side of the photo, but it's the victim's left hand.
- Do you know where that hand is leaning on?
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Defence counsel, didn't we have

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- that question before?
- MR. VON BONE: I don't think it has -- it will be covered in 2
- this manner, Your Honour. 3
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. I will give --4
- MR. VON BONE: Because we can see something, but I just want to 5
- clarify this issue with the witness. 6
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. Let's continue to see 7
- where we go. 8
- THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Beneath the hand, the door [as 9
- 10 interpreted] is curved. It's bended. So before that is the blanket
- and beneath the blanket is the soil, and there is nothing else. 11
- MR. VON BONE: 12
- This blanket that I see under the left hand of the victim, was 13
- that initially laying over the victim? 14
- When we removed the soil from [REDACTED] body, he was covered by 15 Α.
- blanket, and it's the same blanket that the arm is leaning upon which 16
- is beneath the hand [REDACTED] Beneath the blanket is soil. When we 17
- removed the blanket, it got into pieces because it was decayed. It 18
- was made of textile which decayed in the time that the blanket was 19
- below the soil. So you could see pieces of blankets all over the 20
- place. 21
- Thank you very much. 22
- 23 MR. VON BONE: I would like to go to the next photograph.
- it's SPOE00209318. 24
- Ms. Witness, this photograph is taken from a particular angle 25

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Witness: W04676 $\frac{\text{(Private Session)}}{\text{(Open Session)}}$ (Open Session) $\frac{\text{Reclassified pursuant to }F493$ Page 1658 Cross-examination by Mr. Von Bone

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- towards the victim. Now, did you actually see the chest of the
- victim bare like that, [REDACTED]
- 3 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Defence counsel, could you please
- 4 -- thank you.
- 5 THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] This picture shows no bare chest,
- just -- this is the -- this is what they -- what I'd call, you know,
- a bare chest. The only thing that is bare there is you can see there
- is the hand. What is being shown over there is only the torso. This
- 9 is what I understand by a chest. Whilst the position of the picture
- show -- position of the picture is -- comes after a request by the
- 11 [REDACTED]. The face was damaged because it was
- in contact with the soil, and the first -- as a Defence lawyer you
- should know that -- which bits of the body decompose first, and they
- were the eyes and the nose. The rest of the body, however, was in a
- state that could be easily identifiable.
- But let's not forget at the same time that it was in the process
- of decomposition, which is [REDACTED]
- 18 [REDACTED]. We
- 19 weren't experts. We weren't pathologists or forensic specialists and
- we had no other way of making sure. The only thing we could make
- sure was that the said person was dead.
- Q. I understand. But what we are seeing on this picture as far as
- the torso is concerned, that is his bodily flesh?
- A. Just like you're seeing it and that's what I saw, and what can
- be seen on the picture is the midriff. It is the fat and muscly bit

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- of the body. As I explained earlier, and let me reiterate, I'm not a
- forensic specialist or a pathologist or anthropologist or any other
- 3 profession that can help analyse different parts of the body.
- 4 [REDACTED]
- 5 [REDACTED]
- 6 [REDACTED]
- 7 [REDACTED]
- 8 Q. Were there any other marks [REDACTED]
- 9 that were -- had to be paid attention to?
- 10 A. No, there weren't.
- 11 Q. You said that --
- MR. VON BONE: I don't have the reference, Your Honour, but I
- want to speak about [REDACTED] I ...
- 14 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: You might ask your --
- MR. VON BONE: I -- I don't know what is the reference here.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: The colleagues. We will give you
- a minute to ask your colleagues to assist you in that.
- And as we are here, I can share with you something else.
- We don't have any public now in the public gallery. But I was
- just wondering if when people are sitting in the public gallery, they
- could not look into your notes. Now there is nobody so it is not a
- problem and I told the audio-visual booth if they are filming in
- publish session, which we are not now, to be careful, but it is just
- 24 a general remark.
- MR. VON BONE: Apparently it's page 18, line 5, Your Honour,

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- where we were --
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well. Thank you. 2
- MR. VON BONE: -- speaking about [REDACTED] 3
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: And it's part -- or is the 4
- transcript? 5
- MR. VON BONE: [Microphone not activated]. 6
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Very well. Very well. 7
- MR. VON BONE: 8
- Could you tell us what was it with [REDACTED] that 9
- was remarked or ... 10
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Defence counsel, the 11
- Victims' Counsel is standing and I think that she -- that I know what 12
- she's going to say. 13
- Victims' Counsel, you have the floor. 14
- MS. PUES: Yes, thank you, Your Honour. 15
- Indeed, I am objecting to this question which -- I've been 16
- sitting here for a long time listening and hearing a lot of 17
- repetition. We were basically going through most of what the 18
- Prosecution has established, maybe worded slightly differently, and 19
- the same here with [REDACTED]. 20
- This is a way of questioning that is neither effective for the 21
- ascertainment of the truth -- I have been genuinely trying to find 22
- which approach which may help us here to further understand what is 23
- going on. And we should bear in mind also that this is not an easy 24
- testimony. And going over and over again the same pictures that can 25

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- have a re-traumatizing effect I think is something that needs to be
- 2 taken into consideration.
- Thank you.
- 4 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Victims' Counsel.
- Defence counsel, we have been discussing [REDACTED] so
- if it's a step-up question, you know that I will allow that. On the
- same hand, I have seen some repetition and -- so please be careful
- 8 with the repetitions.
- And I'm giving, based on our calculation, more time to do the
- interrogation because I want to give the Defence enough space to do
- its question, but not with repeating questions.
- So please proceed, bearing in mind what I said.
- MR. VON BONE: Yes, Your Honour, I do.
- 14 Q. [REDACTED]
- 15 A. [REDACTED] I'm trying to
- remember exactly [REDACTED]
- 17 [REDACTED] If I recall correctly, [REDACTED]
- 18 [REDACTED]
- 19 [REDACTED]
- In addition to other identification, this was the biggest clue
- to help us identify him from a skeletal point of view, as it were. I
- 22 know [REDACTED]
- 23 [REDACTED]
- 24 [REDACTED] But what
- I'm saying is [REDACTED]

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- It's -- there is a difference trying to describe things from a
- photograph from what we were able to ascertain when we were at the 2
- site, but it was easily identifiable. 3
- And you identified that yourself too, [REDACTED]? 4 Ο.
- Α. Yes. 5
- Q. [REDACTED]? 6
- [REDACTED] 7 Α.
- [REDACTED] 8
- [REDACTED] In order to identify a 9
- person, you don't need to rely on [REDACTED] You have tattoos 10
- or the birthmarks, and so on and so forth, and other features that 11
- help you identify someone. [REDACTED] 12
- [REDACTED] 13
- But my question is a different one. When you saw that skeleton, 14
- when you saw that face, when you saw [REDACTED] did you see if 15
- [REDACTED]? 16
- Dear counsel, I did not [REDACTED] Α. 17
- [REDACTED] It's what I was able to see at face value. I saw 18 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 19
- [REDACTED]. 20
- Let me repeat again: We did not do a detailed examination of 21
- every bit of [REDACTED], but at face value, at first sight, we --22
- 23 or people look at what they know ought to be there. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]. Did he have [REDACTED] 24
- [REDACTED]? I don't know. [REDACTED] 25

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- 1 Q. No, but visibly on face value, [REDACTED]
- 2 [REDACTED]? If you could see that.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Excuse me, Defence counsel. I
- 4 see Madam Prosecutor standing. What is what you want to bring
- 5 forward?
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Yes, thank you, Your Honours. Just to say that I
- think the witness has answered the question two times by now.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Madam Prosecutor, I think that I
- 9 here agree with the Defence counsel. I think that it might be that
- the question is not completely understood, but I see that it is from
- a different angle. And I also see that by asking the questions the
- Defence counsel put [REDACTED], [REDACTED], I
- see that he has an elicited some extra points what were not said
- 14 before.
- So I will permit it, but you might try, Defence counsel, to ask
- it in a different way, because I am under the impression that the
- witness doesn't understand -- but maybe there is -- doesn't
- understand what you are asking. Maybe I can also try to ask it. But
- 19 please proceed, if you want.
- MR. VON BONE:
- 21 Q. Apart from [REDACTED], that you saw, on face
- value, watching him, [REDACTED]
- 23 [REDACTED]?
- A. No, I did not. I did not see. With the exception of [REDACTED]
- 25 [REDACTED]

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- 1 [REDACTED]
- Q. As far as you could see, was the skull of the victim intact?
- 3 A. Can you kindly rephrase the question?
- Q. Was the skull of the victim, as far as you could see, was that
- 5 intact? Was it --
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Defence counsel, that's not
- 7 rephrasing. That's repeating.
- MR. VON BONE: Yes, but I can hardly ...
- 9 [Trial Panel confers]
- 10 MR. VON BONE:
- 11 Q. As far as you could see, was the skull of the victim complete?
- 12 A. I don't know. I can't answer this question because we did not
- clean the corpse up. We did not remove the soil. We were quite
- careful not to damage the corpse which was in the process of being
- decomposed. I did not notice anything unusual as far as the skull is
- 16 concerned. We did not touch the skull. We did not go into a
- detailed analysis of the skull, the face, the hands, feet, the chest,
- or the back. I am sorry I'm not able to give you an answer because
- we had not gone there to carry out a detailed examination of the
- victim's body. We went there to exhume him and in order to rebury
- 21 him. That's it.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Defence counsel, how much time do
- you think that you will be still be needing? Because according to
- our calculation it was wait, wait, wait it was 40 minutes. We
- are far over that. And I'm looking at the time, if we are continuing

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- 1 till 5.00 or later on, just to -- for planning purposes.
- 2 MR. VON BONE: I try to finish it at 5.00, Your Honour. I think
- 3 that -- then I think we have covered the topics probably that we
- 4 wanted to cover.
- 5 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Please proceed.
- 6 MR. VON BONE:
- 7 Q. On face value, what you saw there, was there any indication on
- 8 the torso that might seem that the ribs or so would be broken?
- 9 A. Honourable Defence counsel, we weren't a pathologist team on
- site there. We went there to exhume the body, take it away for
- reburial. We were extremely careful not to damage any part of the
- body. The body was in the process of being decomposed. So none of
- us was engaged in analysing parts of the body and finding out whether
- there were any broken bones, on whether there were any bits of the
- skull were damaged, or on whether the body was full of holes, on
- whether the legs were in place, on whether the knees were broken. So
- we did not carry out a single superficial examination. It was not
- 18 part of our mission to carry out an initial examination.
- 19 [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED]
- 21 [REDACTED]. We did not go
- there to carry out the forensic examination so I do not know on
- whether there was any internal bodily damage.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: I think your answer has been very
- 25 clear. So I think that will do.

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- MR. VON BONE:
- I understand that you go not there for that mission, but was it 2
- mentioned by anybody, this --3
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: The question has been answered, I 4
- think, for now. That she had not -- she cannot give an answer to 5
- your question. So I think I would go to the next question now. 6
- MR. VON BONE: Okay. 7
- When this exhumation took place, were there any other people, 8
- from surrounding areas maybe, noticing this exhumation? 9
- 10 Α. I haven't seen a single person with the exception of those seven
- or eight people. I haven't seen a single one, no. 11
- Thank you. When you speak -- [REDACTED] Ο. 12
- [REDACTED]. 13
- 14 MR. VON BONE: I don't know the reference number, Your Honour, I
- will get it. But I have this in mind that -- there we have it. It's 15
- page 49, lines 5 and 6 in today's transcript. 16
- When -- what do you mean by [REDACTED] Q. 17
- It's a very simple answer. We are a patriarchal society, very 18
- conservative, where traditions are preserved quite a lot. So as far 19
- [REDACTED] 20
- 21 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 22
- [REDACTED] 23
- [REDACTED] 24
- 25 [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 2
- [REDACTED] 3
- Again, it's due to the -- to our mode of life, to our traditions and 4
- the patriarchal, conservative society which has got a particular take 5
- on traditions, [REDACTED] And there's nothing else I 6
- have to add. 7
- MR. VON BONE: [Microphone not activated]. 8
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Mic, please. 9
- 10 MR. VON BONE: The reference for my following question is Part 1
- of the statement, reference 076539-TR-ET, and that is from line 15 --11
- it's on page 13, from line 15, until the next page, line 7, I would 12
- 13 say.
- 14 Q. Now, in your statement, Ms. Witness, you spoke about a period in
- [REDACTED] 15
- [REDACTED] 16
- [REDACTED] 17
- 18 Can you please repeat the question because I cannot understand
- what it is related to. 19
- [REDACTED] 20
- 21 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 22
- It is an answer to the question that you gave. And the answer 23
- is: 24
- [REDACTED] 25

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1 [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]

4

[REDACTED]

- 6 Does that refresh your mind?
- 7 A. I remember what I stated. [REDACTED]
- 8 [REDACTED]
- 9 [REDACTED]
- 10 [REDACTED]
- 11 [REDACTED]
- On the other hand, however, we were aware of the economic
- 13 situation at the time. [REDACTED]
- 14 [REDACTED]
- 15 [REDACTED]
- 16 [REDACTED]
- 17 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] due to what I said was being a patriarchal,
- 19 conservative society. [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED]
- 21 [REDACTED]
- 22 [REDACTED]
- 23 [REDACTED]
- 24 [REDACTED]
- 25 [REDACTED]

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- 1 [REDACTED]
- 2 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 4 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 6 [REDACTED]
- 7 [REDACTED]
- 8 [REDACTED]
- 9 [REDACTED]
- 10 [REDACTED]
- 11 [REDACTED]
- 12 [REDACTED]
- 13 [REDACTED]
- 14 [REDACTED]
- 15 [REDACTED]
- 16 [REDACTED]
- 17 [REDACTED]
- 18 Q. My last question then is: [REDACTED]
- 19 [REDACTED]
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Madam Witness, we must stop.
- 21 Madam Witness, please don't continue.
- Madam Prosecutor, you have the floor.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Yes, Your Honours. The question should be put in
- more specific terms, and Defence counsel should specify [REDACTED]
- 25 [REDACTED] Because

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- no other basis has been established up to this moment.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Madam Prosecutor.
- MR. VON BONE: In the statement --3
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Defence counsel, I see a 4
- [REDACTED] 5
- [REDACTED] 6
- [REDACTED] 7
- [REDACTED] 8
- [REDACTED] 9
- 10 [REDACTED]
- sense -- so please be more specific. So I think that Madam 11
- 12 Prosecutor has made a point.
- Please continue. 13
- MR. VON BONE: Your Honour, it is in the same reference as I 14
- just gave. So I will just refresh the -- that is the --15
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Defence counsel, Defence counsel, 16
- this reference is not in front of the witness, so she cannot see it, 17
- and we are not going to ask her without having read it completely 18
- 19 that she will remind. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 20
- 21 [REDACTED]
- So please continue. 22
- MR. VON BONE: Okay. 2.3
- So just in your statement it is the same reference as I gave 24
- earlier, Part 1, page 13 you stated: 25

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- 1 [REDACTED]
- 2 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 4 [REDACTED]
- 5 [Microphone not activated].
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Mic, please.
- 7 MR. VON BONE:
- 8 Q. [REDACTED] this is what I'm talking
- 9 about, Ms. Witness. Do you know [REDACTED]
- 10 [REDACTED]
- 11 THE INTERPRETER: Interpreter's note: Could all extra
- microphones be switched off, please.
- THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] [REDACTED]
- 14 [REDACTED]
- 15 [REDACTED]
- 16 [REDACTED]
- 17 [REDACTED]
- 18 [REDACTED]
- 19 [REDACTED]
- 20 [REDACTED]
- 21 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 23 [REDACTED]
- 24 [REDACTED]
- 25 [REDACTED]

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- 1 [REDACTED]
- 2 [REDACTED] It was a time of big demonstrations in the
- 3 country.
- 4 Q. [REDACTED]
- 5 [REDACTED]
- 6 [REDACTED]
- 7 [REDACTED]
- 8 [REDACTED]
- 9 [REDACTED]
- 10 [REDACTED]
- 11 [REDACTED]
- 12 [REDACTED]
- 13 [REDACTED]
- It might be 1996, but I don't know for a fact. Probably 1996,
- 1997. Again, it's 22 years from that time now and it is very
- difficult for me to remember, [REDACTED]
- 17 [REDACTED]
- 18 [REDACTED] That is not the case.
- 19 Q. Thank you very much.
- MR. VON BONE: Just one minute, Your Honour.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: We are now ten minutes past 5.00,
- Defence counsel.
- [Specialist Counsel confer]
- MR. VON BONE: We have no other questions, Your Honour.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Defence counsel.

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- We are now -- please, Madam Court Officer, can you bring us now
- back into public session.
- [Open session] 3
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're back in public session. 4
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you. 5
- Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure and our Decision on the 6
- Conduct of Proceedings, we may allow for redirect examination as 7
- deemed necessary. 8
- Madam Prosecutor, do you wish to proceed with redirect 9
- examination of the witness; and, if so, how much time you will need? 10
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Yes, Your Honour, thank you. I only have one 11
- question. 12
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Okay. Please, you have the 13
- floor. 14
- And at the latest, we will finish at 5.30. 15
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Thank you, Your Honours. 16
- Can we please go into private session for this question. 17
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: We can. 18
- Madam Court Officer, can you bring us into private session, 19
- please. 20
- 21 [Private session] [Open session]
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in private session. 22
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Madam Court Officer. 2.3
- Madam Prosecutor, you have the floor. 24
- MS. D'ASCOLI: Thank you, Your Honours. 25

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Re-examination by Ms. D'Ascoli

- 1 Re-examination by Ms. D'Ascoli:
- Q. Madam Witness, just one clarification with regard to something
- you mentioned while answering the questions of Defence counsel. This
- is at page 76, lines 22 to 23. You refer to -- you said:
- 5 "... we were aware of the economic situation at the time."
- 6 Can you clarify what you meant by that and whose economic
- 7 situation also you were talking about?
- 8 A. From 1992 up until 1999, as a country, the economic situation
- 9 was broken and that situation was broken by the Milosevic-led regime.
- 10 We were all expelled from our jobs. We were all expelled from
- schools and universities, and all of us were suppressed by the strict
- measures of the Milosevic time. I'm talking here about the period
- 13 from 1989 up until the end of 1999.
- And this is why the economic situation was very serious. It was
- very difficult for each and every one of us. As a consequence of
- this economic situation, but at the same time as a consequence of
- other measures that were undertaken by the Milosevic-led regime, a
- considerable part of the population, in particular the youth, were
- driven to leave the country and to go to European countries. In
- particular, I'm talking about the period that the youth left en masse
- 21 because of the invitations to serve military service in the Yugoslav
- 22 army.
- In the same period in time, we had our young people being
- brought back us to in coffins and the allegations were suicide.
- And this is why I'm telling you that we were in a very difficult

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- economic situation as a society and as a country at large.
- Everything was destroyed, economically speaking.
- [REDACTED] 3
- [REDACTED] 4
- [REDACTED] 5
- [REDACTED] 6
- [REDACTED] 7
- [REDACTED] 8
- [REDACTED] 9
- 10 [REDACTED]
- So, fortunately so, [REDACTED] 11
- [REDACTED] At the same 12
- time, even as we speak, [REDACTED] 13
- 14 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 15
- [REDACTED] 16
- [REDACTED] 17
- [REDACTED] 18
- And when you say that, you're talking about the period pre-war, 19
- you're talking about those three years, before 1999 or -- I mean, if 20
- you can collocate that in time, if possible, [REDACTED] 21
- [REDACTED] 22
- I'm talking about the period of 1967 or the 1970s and up until 23
- the end of 1999. [REDACTED] 24
- [REDACTED] 25

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- 1 [REDACTED]
- 2 [REDACTED]
- 3 [REDACTED]
- 4 [REDACTED]
- 5 [REDACTED]
- 6 [REDACTED]
- 7 [REDACTED]
- 8 [REDACTED]
- 9 [REDACTED]
- 10 [REDACTED]
- 11 Q. Okay. Thank you very much.
- MS. D'ASCOLI: We can go back into open session, Your Honours.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you, Madam Prosecutor.
- 14 Madam Court Officer, can you bring us into public session,
- 15 please.
- [Open session]
- THE COURT OFFICER: Your Honours, we're in public session.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
- I now turn to the Victims' Counsel. Do you wish to re-examine
- the witness?
- MS. PUES: No, thank you, Your Honours. No questions.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
- And Defence counsel, there has been only one question. Do you
- want to have a rejoinder examination?
- MR. VON BONE: No, Your Honour, we're fine.

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- 1 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
- I look at the clock, and I think this is a natural moment to
- 3 adjourn the hearing.
- So Madam Witness, we will break and we will adjourn now and we
- will see each other back at 9.30 tomorrow. I hope you will get some
- 6 rest this evening. I remind you not to talk to anybody about the
- 7 testimony you have given up till now. And I will ask Madam Court
- 8 Usher to accompany you outside the courtroom. That is it for today.
- 9 We see each other at 9.30 tomorrow. Thank you.
- THE WITNESS: [Interpretation] Thank you, Your Honour.
- 11 [The witness stands down]
- 12 PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
- Madam Prosecutor, is there anything else you would like to raise
- with the Panel?
- MS. D'ASCOLI: No, Your Honours.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: Thank you.
- 17 And the Victims' Counsel? No.
- Defence counsel, do you want to raise anything?
- MR. VON BONE: Nothing, Your Honour.
- PRESIDING JUDGE VELDT-FOGLIA: No? Good. Now, then I thank the
- parties and the Victims' Counsel for their attendances. I thank the
- interpreters for their flexibility -- both for the parties and the
- Victims' Counsel, but especially also for the interpreters for this
- afternoon, the stenographer, and the audio-visual booth. I hope we
- can continue tomorrow without any technical hiccups.

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The hearing is adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9.30.

--- Whereupon the hearing adjourned at 5.19 p.m.

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