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INVESTIGATION AGAINST ORIĆ AND OTHERS PURSUED

On 4 August 2011, acting upon a crime report by the Serbian Ministry of the Interior, the War Crimes Prosecutor filed a motion with the Investigative Judge of the Belgrade Higher Court's War Crimes Department, requesting investigation against Naser Orić and four other individuals due to a grounded suspicion of involvement in a war crime against civilian population that took place in village Zalazje, Donji Potočari, Srebrenica municipality on 12 July 1992.

Naser Orić and his accomplices have been charged with murders of nine civilians of Serb nationality.

A ruling on investigation was released on 9 December 2011.

War Crimes Prosecutor Vladimir Vukčević and BH Chief Prosecutor Goran Salihović have discussed possibilities of the exchange of information and evidence in this case on the basis of the Protocol on Cooperation in Prosecuting Persons Suspected of War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and Genocide, despite the fact that investigation into this case had started considerably before the Protocol signing. The Prosecutors have also agreed that such events could not discourage cooperation between their two Offices.