

## **Gariwo interviews Svetlana Broz**

Q: What would you say about the arrest of Jovjan Divjak? Is Austria obeying to Serbia?

A: There have been other cases in which Bosnian political or military leaders were arrested by Interpol in EU Countries according to the indictments and warrants issued by Serbian main prosecutor . Mr. Ejup Ganic, who was arrested in London a year ago In the end though England and the other Countries involved refused extradition to Serbia because they didn't find the old Serbian indictments well motivated. So I hope will Austria do, as well.

Mr. Ilija Jurisic was arrested in Belgrade and jailed for three years. Serbian trials are political.

Q: Could you explain this statement?

A: Yes. The judiciary system in Serbia is corrupted and influenced by politicians. Serbia is not holding proper trials. It is rather playing three games. First, it aims at turning history on his side. Second, it wants to spread panic among the people in Bosnia. The idea is that Bosnians must fear travelling, as they could be arrested wherever they go. Third, they deny the existence of the Bosnian court which was set up in accordance with the international community 6 years ago to settle the cases arisen from the war and which may work as a continuation of the court in The Hague. They fight against it.

Q: What do you think about the accusation that Gen. Divjak would have attacked a column of the Yugoslavian army and caused many deaths?

A: The indictment relates to events occurred at the beginning of war, in 1992. Gen. Divjak who at that time was a Colonel made something rather extraordinary for his role and military training. Documents prove that he shouted "Don't shoot!" from his military vehicle, whereas nearly all Colonels would give the order to shoot. So he can't have caused the deaths. Gen. Divjak might also have some guilts in the conduct of the war, but certainly not that one and Serbia is at any rate not prosecuting him on a legal, but on a political basis.

Q: Let's hope for the better!

A: There is some hope that Austria won't surrender to Serbia's will.