# United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

# AUTOPSY REPORT

**GLOGOVA GRAVE SITE** 

**CASE NO:** GL03 018B **AUTOPSY DATE:** 11.10.99

**MORTUARY:** Visoko

#### SUMMARY:

A complete body missing only the left hand, and with a few extra hand bones from another person mixed in. There was a substantial amount of greasy soft tissue still present but the remains were otherwise skeletonized.

As established from anthropology examination the person was male, aged between 31 and 71, and measured from 165 to 180 cms in height. He would appear to have had dark brown hair but that apart, there were no particular identifying features.

He had been shot in the left hip, the bullet fragmenting the pelvis and the upper end of the femur and remaining in the tissues alongside. Elsewhere, the skull was extensively fractured, but as much of it was missing and there were no particular features in the parts remaining, it is difficult to determine precisely what caused this or even to decide whether it occurred before or after death. The same applies to fractures of a number of bones in the spine. There were fractured ribs on both sides of the chest but most likely those <u>did</u> occur after death from crushing or moving of the body.

While the possibility of a gunshot injury to the head still exists as the cause of death, the injury to the pelvis was itself a potentially fatal one, and would be a minimal cause in its own right. There were no other significant findings

#### CAUSE OF DEATH:

It is my determination that the cause of death in case number GL03 018B was:

**Gunshot injury to pelvis** 

This formal report is based upon the autopsy report that I prepared at the time of my examination. Both reports truly and accurately reflect my findings.

Signed:....

Dr. John Clark, MB ChB FRCPath Dip. FM

Date: 12.10.99

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# A. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF REMAINS:

Largely complete body, with substantial amount of white greasy material still present

### **B. CLOTHING:**

- Short sleeved white shirt with vertical blue stripes. Torn in several places
- White vest, extensively tattered
- Black trousers with two small holes on front to right of crotch, and two on back of left side over buttock
- Grey shorts, with small hole on lower part of right side at back
- Thick fawn woollen sock
- Light brown brogue type shoes

# **OTHER ITEMS:**

None

## C. <u>IDENTIFYING FEATURES</u>:

Sex:

From examination of soft tissues: Not possible

From anthropology details: Male

Age range (from anthropology data): 31 – 71

**Build:** Not possible

Height (cm):

From estimation of intact body: Not possible

From anthropology data: 172.5 +/- 7.7

Hair:

Head hair: Little dark brown hair

Facial hair: Not possible

Teeth:

General description: Few natural teeth in upper and lower jaws, but mostly dislodged

Retained for dentist: No

**Tattoos:** Not possible

Scars: Not possible

Other features: None

# D. <u>BODY PARTS MISSING</u>: See Anthropology Report

#### E. INJURIES:

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## i. Findings on fluoroscopy:

• Bullet in pelvis

## ii. Main injuries described:

Probably Probably Can't ante-mortem post mortem tell

Radiographer: Patricia Campbell

#### **Head and Neck:**

 Extensive fragmentation of skull, with much of it missing, particularly the vault and the right side. Mandible intact but fractures of C1 and 2 vertebra. No obvious gunshot defects in the portions remaining

#### Trunk:

- 2. Ribs right: fractures of 5 to 10 in axillary line
- 3. Ribs left: fracture of 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 at angle
- 4. Thoracic spine fractures of left transverse process of T2 to 7

fracture of laminae of T12

5. Probable gunshot injury to left hip, fragmenting the lower half of the left pelvic bone including the acetabulum and the head of the femur

# F. INTERNAL TISSUES:

None

# H. <u>SAMPLES AND ITEMS RETAINED</u>:

**SOCO:** Ronnie Govender

#### **Bullets/Shrapnel:**

• Flattened sharp pointed copper jacketed bullet, 24 mm in length, from pelvis

#### **Anthropology:**

None

#### DNA:

Right femur

Tooth

#### Other:

None