

High Representative allows for return of travel documents to 19 individuals



Following the arrest of Stojan Župljanin and his extradition to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, High Representative Miroslav Lajčák has repealed his orders to seize travel documents from 19 individuals associated with the Župljanin support network.

In consultation with the ICTY and other relevant international and local security and law enforcement partners, the High Representative has concluded that the reasons for the seizure of the travel documents of these particular individuals no longer apply. They shall be entitled to have travel documents, including identity cards, returned to them. Restrictions against other persons remain in effect.

The principles of equity, proper governance and judicious exercise of the High Representative's international mandate, all of which take into account the balance between the protection of the peace implementation process and the rights of the individual, justify this outcome.

This Decision does not prejudice any ongoing or future investigation against these individuals or the right of the High Representative to take future action against any individual should they again obstruct, or threaten to obstruct, the implementation of the General Framework Agreement for Peace.