

THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL

FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

Case No: IT-05-87-T

BEFORE THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before: Presiding Judge Iain Bonomy  
Judge Ali Nawaz Chowhan  
Judge Tsvetana Kamenova  
Judge Janet Nosworthy (Reserve)

Registrar: Mr. Hans Holthuis

DATE: 27 August 2007

THE PROSECUTOR  
V.  
MILAN MILUTINOVIC  
NIKOLA SAINOVIC  
DRAGOLJUB OJDANIC  
NEBOJSA PAVKOVIC  
VLADIMIR LAZAREVIC  
**SRETEN LUKIC**  
**\*\* PUBLIC\*\***

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SRETEN LUKIC'S RESPONSE AND OBJECTION TO THE PROSECUTION'S  
COMMENTS IN OPEN COURT 27 AUGUST 2007, WITH EXHIBIT A

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Mr. Chester Stamp

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Mr. Toma Fila and Mr. Vladimir Petrovic for Nikola Sainovic  
Mr. Tomislav Visnjic and Mr. Norman Sepunek for Dragoljub Ojdanic  
Mr. John Ackerman and Mr. Aleksandar Aleksic for Nebojsa Pavkovic  
Mr. Mihailo Bakrac and Mr. Djuro Cepic for Vladimir Lazarevic  
Mr. Branko Lukic and Mr. Dragan Ivetic for Sreten Lukic

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NOW COMES the Accused, Sreten Lukic, by and through his attorneys of record, Branko Lukic and Dragan Ivetic, and makes a response and objection as to specific Erroneous commetns made by Prosecutor Chester Stamp in Open Court, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. On 27 August 2007, Prosecutor Chester Stamp, while not posing any proper objection to questioning in cross examination of Witness Veljko Odalovic by Counsel Djuro Cepic, stated:

**MR. STAMP: In which case may I interpose here to say that the citation of the reference of Colonel Crosland's testimony was not entirely accurate, and I don't mean to pass words but if one looks at his testimony at the page number referred to and his testimony in his statement he says that the town of Junik was razed and I think there is a distinction between saying that these towns in the area were razed and saying that they were razed to the ground, which is what my friend put to the witness twice. (Tr. Pg 20, line 23 – pg. 21, line 5)**

2. According to the publicly available dictionaries consulted by defense counsel, it is abundantly clear that the commonly accepted definition of "Raze" is indeed to level or demolish **to the ground**. See compendium of dictionary definitions attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. Mr. Stamps' Comments in Open Court are not only mis-leading and erroneous, but are not a proper objection, and only serve to obscure the truth finding task of the Trial chamber.

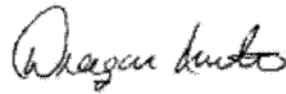
WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Accused, SRETEN LUKIC, hereby respectfully requests that the Trial Chamber take judicial notice of the dictionary definition of "Raze", or in the alternative, enter Exhibit A into evidence from the Bar Table, and admonish the Prosecution from such improper objections in the future, and for such other relief as may be deemed just and proper.

Respectfully Submitted By the Defense of Sreten Lukic:

Word count: 514



Branko Lukic



Dragan Ivetic

Dated this 27th of August 2007

The Hague, The Netherlands

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**raze** also **rase** (rāz)

*tr.v.* **razed** also **razed**, **raz-ing** also **ras-ing**, **raz-es** also **ras-es**

1. To level to the ground; demolish. See Synonyms at [ruin](#).
2. To scrape or shave off.
3. *Archaic* To erase.

[Middle English *rasen*, *to scrape off*, from Old French *raser*, from Vulgar Latin \**rāsāre*, frequentative of Latin *rādere*; see **rash**<sup>2</sup>.]

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**Adj. 1. razed** - torn down and broken up

█ [demolished](#), [dismantled](#)

█ [destroyed](#) - spoiled or ruined or demolished; "war left many cities destroyed"; "Alzheimer's is responsible for her destroyed mind"

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1. to tear down; demolish; level to the ground: *to raze a row of old buildings.*
2. to shave or scrape off.

Also, [rase](#).[Origin: 1540-50; ME *rasen* < MF *raser* < \*VL *rāsāre* to scrape, freq. of L *rādere* to scrape]—*Related forms***razer**, *noun*—*Synonyms* 1. See [DESTROY](#).*Dictionary.com Unabridged (v 1.1)**Based on the Random House Unabridged Dictionary, © Random House, Inc. 2006.**American Heritage Dictionary – Cite This Source***raze also rase**   (rāz) [Pronunciation Key](#)tr.v. **razed** also **razed**, **raz**·ing also **ras**·ing, **raz**·es also **ras**·es

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1547, alteration of *racen* "pull or knock down" (a building or town), from earlier *rasen* (14c.) "to scratch, slash, scrape, erase," from O.Fr. *raser* "to scrape, shave," from M.L. *rasare*, frequentative of L. *radere* (pp. *rasus*) "to scrape, shave," perhaps from PIE *\*razd-* (cf. L. *rastrum* "rake"), possible extended form of PIE base *\*red-* "to scrape, scratch, gnaw" (see [rodent](#)).

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**raze**

*verb*

tear down so as to make flat with the ground; "The building was levelled" [syn: [level](#)] [ant: [erect](#)]

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**raze** [reiz] *verb*

to destroy completely, especially by fire  
 Example: *to raze a city to the ground*

*Arabic:* يُمَرِّمُ نَمِيمًا كاملاً

*Chinese (Simplified):* 毁灭, 夷为平地

*Chinese (Traditional):* 毀滅, 夷為平地

*Czech:* vyhladit

*Danish:* jævne med jorden

*Dutch:* met de grond gelijk maken

*Estonian:* hävitama, maatasa tegema

*Finnish:* hävittää maan tasalle

*French:* raser

*German:* ausradieren

*Greek:* ισοπεδώνω, κατακκίω

*Icelandic:* jafna við jörðina

*Korean:* 철저히 파괴하다

*Latvian:* nopostīt; noslaucīt no zemes virsas

*Lithuanian:* sugriauti (iki pamatų)

*Norwegian:* jevne med jorda, rasere

*Polish:* zrównać z ziemią

*Portuguese (Brazil):* arrasar

*Portuguese (Portugal):* arrasar

*Romanian:* a rade

*Russian:* разрушать

*Indonesian:* memusnahkan

*Italian:* radere (al suolo)\*

*Japanese:* 焼きつきす

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*Slovak:* úplne  
zničiť

*Slovenian:* razdejati

*Spanish:* arrasar

*Swedish:* jäмна  
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## raze

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Main Entry: **raze** 

Pronunciation: 'rAz

Function: *transitive verb*

Inflected Form(s): **razed; raz-ing**

Etymology: alteration of *rase*

**1 a** *archaic* : **ERASE** **b** : to scrape, cut, or shave off

**2** : to destroy to the ground : **DEMOLISH** <*raze* an old building>

- **raz-er** *noun*

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verb [T]

to completely destroy a city, building, etc:

*The town was razed **to the ground** in the bombing raid - not a building was left standing.*

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to destroy (a building, structure, etc.) completely

*Developers razed the old buildings on the site to make way for new construction.*

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†1. *trans.* To scratch, cut, slit, etc. = [RASE](#) *v.*<sup>1</sup> 1. *Obs.* (Common in 17th c.)  
**1587** [TURBERV.](#) *Trag. T.* (1837) 279 His death did raze hir harte. **1610** [MARKHAM](#) *Masterp.* II. c. 382 Then raze both the quarters of the hoofe with a drawing-knife,..so deepe that you may see the dew come foorth. **1684** [R. WALLER](#) *Nat. Exper.* 102 It appeared rough, as if it had been prettily razed with the point of a Diamond.

**b.** *esp.* (often with limiting word expressed): To cut or wound slightly, to graze (the skin, a part of the body, etc.).

**a1586** [SIDNEY](#) *Arcadia* III. (1629) 314 The point swirved and razed him but on the side. **1667** [SOUTH](#) *Serm., Chance* (1715) 317 Might not the Bullet, that perhaps razed his Cheek, have as easily gone into his Head? **1719** [YOUNG](#) *Busiris* v. i, I could not bear To raze thy skin to save the world from ruin. **1808** [SCOTT](#) *Marm.* III. xxiv, Yet did a splinter of his lance Through Alexander's visor glance, And razed the skin—a puny wound.

**2.** To remove by scraping; to scrape *off* or *out*; to cut or shave off. Now *rare*.  
**1567** [TURBERV.](#) *Epit.* etc. 33 Drowsie drouping Age..With pensive Plough will raze your hue. **1669** [W. SIMPSON](#) *Hydrol. Chym.* 361 Earths..which the..salt in the water razeth off from several rocks. **a1708** [BEVERIDGE](#) *Thes. Theol.* (1711) III. 347 Drunkenness..razeth out the image of God, and stampeth the image of beasts upon us. **1814** [SCOTT](#) *Ld. of Isles* VI. xxxii, An axe has razed his crest. **1871** [PALGRAVE](#) *Lyr. Poems* 14 Most men raze her stamp, and prove untrue.

**3.** *spec.* To erase or obliterate (writing, etc.) by scraping or otherwise. ? *Obs.*  
**1581** [SAVILLE](#) *Tacitus, Hist.* III. xxxi. (1591) 132 The principall men..razed Vitellius name, and defaced his images. **1627** [HAKEWILL](#) *Apol.* (1630) 100 [They deserve] their writings to bee razed with sponges. **1646** [J. HALL](#) *Poems* I. 67 Now I will raze those Characters I wrote. **1709** *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* II. 489 The clause formerly razed..is agreed to be kept in the bill.

**b.** *Const.* *out adv.*; *from, out of* preps.  
**1577** [FENTON](#) *Gold. Epist.* 74 He hath razed them out of the register of heauen. **1641** [MILTON](#) *Reform.* I. (1851) 20 Of those Books..who knows..what hath bin raz'd out, what hath bin inserted. **1693** [WOOD](#) *Life* (O.H.S.) IV. 19 Altered the aforesaid originall papers, by razing out many lines, sentences, and words. **1735** [SWIFT](#) *Corr. Wks.* 1841 II. 735 Having first razed out the writer's name, I have shown it to several gentlemen.

**c.** *transf.* and *fig.* (cf. [RASE](#) *v.*<sup>1</sup> 2c).  
**1576** [FLEMING](#) *Panopl. Epist.* 285 As for that which is euil, they raze it out of their memories. **1654** tr. *Scudery's Curia Pol.* 147 This base and ingrate person razed me out of her affection. **1702** [ROWE](#) *Tamerl.* I. i, The first feeble Blow I meet shall raze me From all Remembrance. **1720** [MRS. MANLEY](#) *Power of Love* (1741) I. 32 He became formidable enough to raze the very Name of Mendoza. **1877** [GLADSTONE](#) *Glean.* IV. xxii. 355 If we raze out all our earlier protests.

**4.** †**a.** To scrape (a writing) so as to erase something; to alter by erasure. *Obs.*  
**1594** [MARLOWE](#) & [NASHE](#) *Dido* III. ii, I will..raze th' eternal register of Time. **1602** [W. FULBECKE](#) *2nd Pt. Parall.* 31 A deede razed is not good in your Law. **1720** *Lond.*

*Gaz.* No. 5825/2 The Decrees..were razed. **1724** BP. WILSON in Keble *Life* (1863) II. xviii. 609 Razing or adding to records being ever accounted..penal.

†**b.** To shave. *Obs.* Cf. [RASE](#) *v.*<sup>1</sup> 4c.  
**1667** [EVELYN](#) *Public Employ.* Misc. Writ. (1805) 544 Trifling amongst barbers, razing and sprucing himself. **1732** *Hist. Litteraria* III. 421 Both had their Heads raz'd.

**c.** To scrape, or come close to, in passing.  
**1598** [FLORIO](#), *Radere*,..Also to raze or go along the shore as a ship doth. **1885** [M. BLIND](#) *Tarantella* I. iii. 29 [The swallows] dive low, razing the grass, then soar aloft.

†**d.** *absol.* (see quot.). *Obs.* *rare*<sup>—</sup>°.  
**1753** [CHAMBERS](#) *Cycl. Supp.* s.v., A horse is said to have razed, whose corner teeth cease to be hollow; so that the cavity, where the black mark was, is filled up.

**5. a.** To sweep away, efface, or destroy (a building, town, etc.) completely. In later use esp. **to raze to the ground**.  
**a1547** [SURREY](#) *Æneid* II. 707, I saw Troye fall..Neptunus town clene razed from the soil. **1582** [STANYHURST](#) *Æneis* II. (Arb.) 60 Now thee statelye pilers with gould of Barbarye fretted Are razde. **1633** [G. HERBERT](#) *Temple, Sacrifice* xvii, Some said, that I the Temple to the floore In three dayes raz'd. **1781** [GIBBON](#) *Decl. & F.* (1869) I. xxiv. 690 The fortifications were razed to the ground. **1843** [PRESCOTT](#) *Mexico* (1850) I. 354 If it were refused, the Aztecs would raze their cities to their foundations. **1870** [BRYANT](#) *Iliad* I. II. 40 Having razed Troy with her strong defences I should see my home again.

**b.** To take away, remove (*from* a place), in a thorough manner. (With various objects.)  
**1580** [LYLY](#) *Euphues* (Arb.) 360 That the heat of thy loue might clean be razed with ye coldnes of my letter. **1656** [EARL OF MONMOUTH](#) tr. *Boccalini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* I. lxxvii. (1674) 102 [God] by sending universal Deluges of water, razed mankind..from off the World. **1874** [H. R. REYNOLDS](#) *John Bapt.* IV. i. 238 In Henoch, 'the Son of Man' is about to raze kings from their thrones.

Hence **razed**, '**razing** *ppl.* *adjs.*  
**1582** [STANYHURST](#) *Æneis* II. (Arb.) 67, I ran too Priamus razd court. **1598** [YONG](#) *Diana* 60 His short cape cloke was..lined with razed watchet satten. **1660** [F. BROOKE](#) tr. *Le Blanc's Trav.* 229 Amongst other things remarkable, there were three pages in raz'd tissue. **1715-20** [POPE](#) *Iliad* v. 419 Her snowy hand the razing steel profaned. **1813** [SCOTT](#) *Trierm.* II. xx, No striplings these, who succour need For a razed helm or falling steed. **1882** [W. B. WEEDEN](#) *Soc. Law Labor* 180 A razed table on which new classes build themselves.

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