

## **Slobodan Milosevic found dead in his cell**

Former Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic died yesterday in his prison cell in The Hague. Mr. Milosevic was in the middle of a lengthy trial, being accused of crimes against humanity and war crimes. He had been held in detention since his spectacular capture amid a gunfight in a Belgrade suburb in June 2001. The independent Serbian Radio station B92 first broke the news. The UN war crimes court in The Hague later confirmed that: "Today, Saturday March 11, Slobodan Milosevic was found lifeless on his bed in his cell at the United Nations detention unit in Scheveningen. The guard immediately alerted the detention unit officer in command and the medical officer. The latter confirmed that Slobodan Milosevic was dead."

Initial reports are that Mr. Milosevic died from natural causes and not suicide or foul play. However, the court immediately announced it would be launching an inquiry and a full autopsy into the death. The 65-year-old detainee had suffered from a series of ailments that repeatedly interrupted his trial. He had used his previous experience as a lawyer to conduct his own defence. He beguiled numerous prosecution teams with his tactics and managed to extend his trial, the costliest in legal history. He tried on various occasions to call former US President Bill Clinton and serving British Prime Minister Tony Blair to stand in his defence. Mr. Milosevic played a central role in the wars in Bosnia, Croatia and Kosovo, in which 200,000 people died - many from ethnic cleansing.

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Look at the article's headline and guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

- a. Slobodan Milosevic was a former ruler of Czechoslovakia. T / F
- b. Mr. Milosevic quietly surrendered to UN officials in June 2001. T / F
- c. CNN was the first to report the news of Mr. Milosevic's death. T / F
- d. It is likely that Mr. Milosevic died in his sleep. T / F
- e. There is no suspicion of suicide or foul play being a part of the death. T / F
- f. Mr. Milosevic's trial was the costliest in legal history. T / F
- g. Bill Clinton and Tony Blair testified at Mr. Milosevic's trial. T / F
- h. Mr. Milosevic was a peripheral figure in the Balkan wars of the 1990's. T / F

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article:

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| a. former           | apprehension |
| b. lengthy          | postmortem   |
| c. capture          | incumbent    |
| d. confirmed        | genocide     |
| e. command          | murder       |
| f. foul play        | one-time     |
| g. autopsy          | distracted   |
| h. beguiled         | drawn out    |
| i. serving          | charge       |
| j. ethnic cleansing | verified     |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases from the article (sometimes more than one combination is possible):

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| a. Mr. Milosevic was in the              | causes and not suicide or foul play |
| b. held in detention since his           | wars in Bosnia, Croatia and Kosovo  |
| c. Serbian Radio station B92             | spectacular capture amid a gunfight |
| d. found lifeless                        | former US President Bill Clinton    |
| e. The guard immediately alerted         | autopsy into the death              |
| f. died from natural                     | prosecution teams with his tactics  |
| g. launching an inquiry and a full       | middle of a lengthy trial           |
| h. He beguiled numerous                  | the detention unit officer          |
| i. He tried on various occasions to call | first broke the news                |
| j. played a central role in the          | on his bed in his cell              |

