

President Mesic Sues Boris Miksic

On Monday, November 6, President Stipe Mesic testified at the Zagreb Municipal Court in the case he started against Boris Miksic for the defamation of honor and slander. During the 2004 presidential campaign, counter-candidate Miksic said that the French intelligence had given Mesic a villa on the French Riviera as a present. Since this claim could not be proven, Miksic was pronounced guilty as charged in February, in a criminal procedure.

On Monday, a private hearing on the compensation took



place. The President demands HRK 60,000 from Miksic, which he plans to donate to an orphanage in Zagreb. Mesic explains he has also pressed charges privately, in order "to show that one cannot lie without punishment even in a presidential campaign".

The defendant failed to show up for the hearing. Despite the February verdict, the judge in the compensation case decided to interrogate Miksic at the next hearing, scheduled for December, if he appears before the court.