

Eichmann trial on Internet

NEW YORK: A new site on the World Wide Web is attracting increasing numbers of Holocaust researchers.

The site, "I Accuse — Testimony from the Eichmann Trial", provides the complete transcript of the 1961 Jerusalem trial of Adolf Eichmann.

Eichmann, a central figure in the Nazi extermination of European Jewry in World War II, was apprehended by Israeli agents in Argentina in 1960 and brought to Israel to stand trial. He was convicted and hanged in 1962. The site was launched on April 16 and already has been visited by more than 1500 people from around the world, said David Baker, an official at the Israeli Ministry of Education, which helped develop the site. "Researchers all over the world are plugging into the Internet and studying the Holocaust," he said. "It's revolutionary. It's the first time, to my knowledge, that people have used technology to study the Holocaust."

The database includes the testimony of about 106 prosecution witnesses, historical documents, a chronicle of events, a glossary of terms and names and a bibliography. While the site is offered only in Hebrew, plans call for an English version to be developed, Baker said.

Chaim Zins, a Holocaust researcher affiliated with Hebrew University, spent 5000 hours developing the site, which is a joint project of the Ministry of Education and the university. The site is also supported by the Ministry of Education's Department for the Enrichment of Jewish Education.

The Internet address for the Eichmann trial is:
<http://ftp.cc.huji.ac.il/shoa/shoa.html>.

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