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The Hague: Congo Warlord to Face Global Justice

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The [International Criminal Court](#) ordered Thomas Lubanga, left, the former leader of a rebel militia that operated in Congo's volatile eastern Ituri district, to be tried on charges that he recruited child soldiers and sent them into battle, making him the first suspect to stand trial at the permanent war crimes court, which was established in 2002. If convicted, Mr. Lubanga, who was arrested in Congo in 2005 and sent to The Hague court last year, could be imprisoned for life. He is the only suspect in the court's custody.

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