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Congo: War Crimes Suspect in The Hague

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A former Congolese general, Germain Katanga, arrived at the prison of the [International Criminal Court](#) in The Hague. He will face charges of multiple atrocities, including large-scale murder, rape and using boys as soldiers and girls as sex slaves for his militia group in the Ituri region in 2003. He is the second man suspected of war crimes in [Congo](#) in the court's custody. The trial of the militia leader Thomas Lubanga is to start early next year. Prosecutors warned there would be other defendants from the region, still engulfed in violence. "There is forced displacement of people, sexual violence of shocking brutality and killings," said Luis Moreno-Ocampo, the prosecutor. "It must stop. Perpetrators must know they will be prosecuted."