

# The Hague: Report on Serb's Suicide Finds No Fault

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The [United Nations](#) war crimes tribunal confirmed that the death of Milan Babic, a former Croatia Serb leader who had testified against [Slobodan Milosevic](#), was a suicide. Mr. Babic, who was found dead in his cell in March, killed himself by putting a plastic bag over his head and hanging himself with his belt, the court concluded in a report. It exonerated the staff at the detention center, saying there had been no indication that Mr. Babic was at risk of suicide. He was serving a 13-year sentence for war crimes after a plea deal with prosecutors, who then called on him to testify against fellow Serbs. That had made him increasingly uncomfortable, the inquiry found. The court also released a short note he had left for his wife. "Find peace for yourself and don't mourn me," it said. "I need peace."

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