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The United Nations war crimes tribunal convicted Milan Babic, a wartime Croatian-Serb leader, of one count of persecution after he pleaded guilty in a deal with prosecutors. The court accepted the prosecution's decision to drop four charges of murder, cruelty and the destruction of villages during the war in Croatia in the early 1990's. A sentencing hearing was set for April. Prosecutors have recommended 11 years imprisonment.

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