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## **EAST TIMOR: GENERAL CONVICTED**

An Indonesian army general was found guilty of crimes against humanity by an Indonesian court over bloodshed during East Timor's independence vote in 1999, ending a series of trials that rights groups have largely branded a whitewash. The special human rights court sentenced Maj. Gen. Adam Damiri to three years in jail. The general, who was the regional commander at the time of the violence, which killed 1,000, and the most senior military man to be tried, was the last of 18 people to be tried by the court, which acquitted most suspects and handed out lenient sentences to those convicted. The toughest sentence was 10 years, given to a civilian.

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