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**ICC JUDGES REJECT BID TO RELEASE FORMER PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT DUTERTE**

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*Judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC) threw out on April 22 a challenge against the courts jurisdiction by Mr Rodrigo Duterte, meaning the former Philippine president could still stand trial over his war on drugs.*

The 81-year-old faces three counts of crimes against humanity at the international court based in The Hague over murders allegedly committed as part of his crackdown on drug users and pushers.

The allegations relate to his time as mayor of Davao city between 2013 and 2016, and then as president until March 2019, when the Philippines withdrew from the ICC.

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