

Telegram N° 15

**Respectfully submitted to
Beloved Comrade Brother Pol**

We would like to report on the problems connected to the transfer of people from the East Zone to the North Zone. There were some disagreements and failure to follow Angkar's advice. At the sites for receiving people, the following incidents took place:

- On 30 November both sides agreed that the handover of people by the East Zone to the North Zone should take place in Stueng Trang (ស្ទឹងត្រង់) and in Preah Prasab (ព្រះប្រសាប). In Preah Prasab, the North Zone would receive those from Chhloung district, whereas Stueng Trang would receive those from Peam Chileang (ពាមជីលាំង) and Krouch Chhmar (ក្រូចឆ្មារ) districts. The sector and district authorities collected all of the people who were to be moved from Sector 21 and ferried them to the other side of the river. The two reception sites are categorically not taking Cambodians of Cham origin, but only those of Cambodian origin. Therefore, the people who are to be moved on 30 [November] are in a state of utter agitation.
- I immediately advised the sector and district authorities to suspend the move temporarily pending advice from you and the North Zone. This matter might not have been made known to Comrade Pork (ពាក់). I advised them to take the Cham back to their home villages. The meeting decided that we must not return the Cham to Kratie. The Northwest Zone and the North Zone must receive them in order to separate them from the banks of the Mekong River to ease tensions. However, our comrades did not follow that decision. We therefore await your decision on this matter.
- In principle the Zone must hand over fifty thousand [50,000] people to the North Zone. In this regard, the remaining Cham in the East Zone amount to more than one

hundred thousand [100,000]. We have deported only the Cham from along the river and the border, but not from Tboung Khmum (ត្បូងឃ្មុំ) district. The transfer is in principle designed to disperse the Cham as per our previous discussion. However, if the North Zone does not take the Cham, we are still willing to continue our endeavour to deal with them—no problem.

Nevertheless, the population will not reach one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) if the North Zone does not receive the Cham.

We respectfully wish you good health and much success.

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