

[Translator note: Annotations are in *Italic* and placed in boxes]

The Responses of POK Pin (ប៉ុក ពិន) alias Siv (ស៊ីវ)

Member of Sector 37 of the West Zone

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1-Based on this confession the following persons have to be arrested:
1-Khoem (ខឹម)
2-Ta Nor (តា នរ)
2-The method used by the interrogator to question him was to ask general questions, having him tell us about his forces in the Southwest Zone and the West Zone. Finally, he implicated Ta Nor and Khoem. See the attached.

Background and connection of Brother Khoem of Sector 32

-Khoem has already arrived in S-21.
-I have already questioned him.

3-In his responses, 'A' Nhèm Suong (អៀម ស្នុង) alias Phao (ផាវ) of the fishing unit also mentioned Khoem's name.
4-According to the letter of 401, they had decided to send Khoem to S-21 today. But no decision has been made yet on Ta Nor.
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The written record of the responses of POK Pin alias Siv, Sector 37,
regarding the background and connection of Brother Khoem, Sector 32 military

His birth place is in Svay Rieng (ស្វាយរៀង) province, but the village, commune and district are not known.

Also, it is not known in what year Brother Khoem went to school in Phnom Penh.

1967: Joined in the revolutionary activity, but fled to the countryside when the enemy was tracking him down. [He] went to stay with the people in Srè Ândaung (ស្រែអណ្តូង) in Peam (ពាម) commune.

1968: Brother Khoem rebelled and then fled to the jungle with Ta Veng (តាវ៉ែង), whose current where about is not known, but earlier stayed in Ta Ram (តារាម) mountain .

1970: After the coup d'état, Angkar instructed him to come down to the base. At that time, Siv and Ta Nor met with brother Khoem in Kântuot (កំនួត) village, but they later moved to stay in Rolak Kâng Cheung (រលាក់កងជើង) together. At the beginning they just became normal friends with each other. Later, brother Khoem committed a moral code violation [fornication], and Siv moved to stay in Sector 11 in Koh Kong (កោះកុង) in June 1970.

1973: At the beginning of that year, the Zone organized a training course at the Zone's school for one week. At that time Siv and Ta Nor had a chance to meet together and talk about their betrayal work. Siv reported to Ta Nor that he had made the connection with 'A' Vorn's (វ៉ែន) string who was the leader of the CIA in the Koh Kong area. Ta Nor told him [Siv] that he had also organized his string subsequently.

At that time Siv asked Ta Nor “How is comrade Khoem who is now staying here, Ta Nor?”. Ta Nor answered “I have no problem to make contact with comrade Khoem but I have not yet done it. It is known that Khoem, in the past, was involved in a moral code violation, inactive with work, and like showing off and ranking”. When seeing these weaknesses of Khoem, Siv and Ta Nor set the objectives to reeducate brother Khoem. They especially wanted to use the moral code violation event to scare him. After the discussion they separated.

1973: In mid-year of 1973, Siv visited his home in Rong Dâmlaung (រង្សំឡូង) village.

During his visit, Siv met brother Khoem and asked, “Comrade, have you ever met with Ta Nor?”. Khoem said that he met him. Siv then asked further, “Did Ta Nor say anything to you?”. Brother Khoem replied, “Ta Nor spoke with me about my problem.” At that time Siv was sure that Ta Nor had been already in contact with Khoem. Siv then instructed Khoem to do the followings further.

1-Must build up more forces among the soldiers so that they would become the CIA core forces in the military.

2-Must ruin forces in the military by inciting them to defect to the rear line, and then to find a way to break down their courage during fighting. At the same time, must also destroy the weapons.

1974: At the beginning of the year, Siv came to attend training at the Zone’s school. During that time Ta Nor, Siv and brother Khoem took a chance during the break to speak about their CIA work. Siv said that brother Khoem at that time reported about the following activities:

1-Inciting the combatants to flee to the rear line and encouraging them to get married had dwindled the number of the frontline forces and caused the remaining combatants to be scared of the enemy.

2-The weapons had been destroyed in a justifiable way, so Angkar did not pay any attention to it.

3-Some CIA forces had been already built/recruited within the unit, but because [Khoem] did not want his activity to be exposed, [he] did not yet organize them into a battalion unit. (He [Siv] said that at that time brother Khoem did not tell about the names and numbers of the recruits).

1974: At the end of the year Siv came to attend training at the Zone's school again. During this training, Siv, Ta Nor and brother Khoem had a chance to meet together again. To avoid being noticed, they took their hammocks to hang in a spot north of the school during the break where they could talk. During their meeting, brother Khoem reported that he had recruited 4 persons into the CIA forces.

1-Chim (ជីម), regiment, who was to take control of the bases.

2-Cheat (ជិតិ), regiment, who was to take control of the bases.

3-Vuthy (វុទ្ធី), battalion of Sector 32 military unit, who was to take control of the bases.

4-Khloy (ខ្លួយ), battalion of Sector 32 military unit, who was to take control of the bases.

Brother Khoem specified that it was possible to recruit more forces while the enemy presently was intensifying their attack. Regarding to the work on inciting the combatants to defect and on breaking down their spirit, he was still doing it continuously. Also, different elements in the unit under his control, who were regular troops and former commune chiefs, could be recruited at any time. After that Ta Nor instructed them to keep on destroying more materials, soldiers and various crops in order to extend the time of fighting. Furthermore, Ta Nor said he had a view that being a CIA, they would be able to enjoy a happy life and freedom. Siv then added that, in order build up forces successfully, it was important that they should use the strategy to develop a close friendship sentimentally.

After the liberation, in May 1975, Siv went to attend Zone training in a place near Srè Ândaung village. At that time Siv met with some cadres included Yim (យ៉ឹម), Kâb (កាប់), and some district cadres. At that time Siv, Ta Nor and brother Khoem met again and set the following objectives:

- Must prevent the dam construction activity from taking place smoothly in the dry season.
- In the upcoming rainy season, must prevent the food production activity from taking place smoothly by messing up seeds and other things.
- CIA forces must be expanded extensively within the people and military. The educational work must focus on the comparison of the differences between the society during the previous regime and that during the revolution regime.
- In the military, must prevent Angkar's plan from being applied effectively. Furthermore, must urge male and female combatants to demand to get married.

Obviously, in brother Khoem's military unit there were mixed elements, problem of moral violation among male and female, and renegade combatants. These caused complication for the unit constantly.

Note: In 1974, when Nhek (នេក) of Sector 37 went to collect food supply in Sector 11, Siv introduced brother Khoem to Nhek. But, Nhek, at that time, told Siv that he had already known Khoem through Nor because Nor was also in Nhek's string.

June 1976: The Zone called Siv to attend training at the Zone's school. At that time brother Khoem did not go to attend it, but he was staying in a place near that school.

Siv at that time took an opportunity during the break to contact brother Khem. During their meeting, brother Khoem reported to Siv, "Regarding to forces in the military, I, Khoem, have

control over them. I can guarantee that I will be able to organize a battalion unit. Some forces have been already built and some more will be recruited". He, Siv, said that that was what brother Khoem told him about in general.

During the Zone assembly in 1976, Ta Nor, Siv and brother Khoem met together again where they exchanged information with each other about their situation. At that time brother Khoem said, "I am having control over a large forces in the military. As for the rest of them, they will not resist us. They will keep quiet. The combatants will not dare to oppose us because what we are doing is consistent with the line of Angkar's plan. When educating them, we explain and educate them to anticipate a happy life in the future". Since that time on, Siv never met with brother Khoem again. But brother Khoem still kept in touch with Ta Nor since then.

Respectfully,

On 26 August, 1977

Interrogator and note taker

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Already sent to the
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POK Pin : Siv
Member of Sector 37
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1-Biography
2-Activities
3-Clique (not yet in detail)

To respected Brother,

Note: *These responses are preliminary. Sent to Brother for your information..*

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