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Khieu Samphan and Nuon Chea appear before the ECCC during the Appeal Hearings on 17 November (Photo credit: ECCC)

Supreme Court Chamber adjourns during Appeal Hearings for Case 002/01

The Supreme Court Chamber decided to adjourn on Tuesday, 17 November, during the Appeal Hearings in Case 002/01 following Nuon Chea’s instruction that his international and national lawyers, Mr. Victor Koppe and Mr. Son Arun, not participate in the proceedings.

In the beginning of the hearing, Mr. Nuon Chea was given permission by the Supreme Court judges to make a remark on his appeal, ostensibly to explain the absence of his international co-lawyer, Victor

Koppe. Inter alia, he issued the following regarding his instructions to his lawyers:

“Following a discussion with me, my international lawyer Victor Koppe is not participating in these hearings. I will also leave these proceedings once I have finished making my comments and I would also like to instruct my national lawyer Mr. Son Arun not to participate in these proceedings any further and not to respond to any kind of questions by the judges or the other parties. We choose instead to rest on the argu-

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ments made in my appeal brief.”

Chea also criticized the proceedings and judgement in Case 002/01 which sentenced him to life imprisonment. He claimed that his rights as an Accused had been violated on multiple occasions.

Chea cited the refusal of his team’s request to call Heng Samrin and filmmakers Rob Lemkin and Thet Sambath as witnesses as evidence of the purported violations. He stated that allowing these witnesses would “confirm that Vietnam attempted a coup d’etat during the Democratic Kampuchea period.” As a result of these and other perceived injustices, Nuon Chea claimed that “The outcome of the appeal is now irrelevant to me.”

Although warned by the court that his the refusal to participate in the proceedings could amount to contempt of court or obstruction of justice, counsel Son Arun did not return to the courtroom after the morning recess. In the absence of Mr. Chea’s counsel, the court heard the parties - International Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyer Marie Guiraud and International Co-Prosecutor Nicholas Koumjian who argued that the presence of the Accused within the ECCC’s premises was sufficient for hearings to proceed as scheduled, and again recessed to deliberate. As the proceedings resumed, Mr. Son Arun returned to the courtroom and remained silent as Supreme Court Chamber president Kong Srim gave a brief summary of the morning’s proceedings and announced the decision to adjourn and seek the stand-by counsel for Noun Chea.

Two days after the adjournment, Mr. Son Arun issued a response to the oral decision, stating, “Due to warning from the Chamber, I decided to return to the courtroom in the afternoon session and continue to follow my client’s instruction not to respond to questions. However, the Chamber ignored my presence and did not give me an opportunity to speak despite me having requested to do so. Instead, it ruled that my act might constitute misconduct which could lead to disciplinary sanctions... even though Mr. Nuon Chea and I clearly explained the reasons.”

Despite a declaration of Mr. Son Arun that he will attend the future appeal hearings in Case 002/01, the Supreme Court Chamber pursued its decision to seek stand-by counsel for Mr. Nuon Chea.

After the court has found adequate legal representation for Nuon Chea, specific dates for the resumption of the Appeal Hearings on Case 002/01 will be announced.



A group of all ages and professions attends an outreach tour in Battambang Province held by DIM Sovannarom. (Photo Credit: ECCC)

Judicial Updates

Supreme Court Chamber

The Supreme Court Section has not yet submitted a judicial update.

Trial Chamber

The Trial Chamber sat for 6 hearing days in October, during which it heard 4 witnesses on Trapeang Thma Dam worksite and the treatment of the Cham and Vietnamese.

On 7 October, the Trial Chamber notified the Parties that there would be no trial hearings during the week 19-22 October 2015 immediately following the Pchum Ben recess. The Trial Chamber found that an adjournment was necessary based upon the requests of the Parties to be given additional time to prepare for the appeal hearings in Case 002/01 and to permit the Trial Chamber to finalise decisions on a number of pending motions from the Parties prior to continuing to hear further witnesses.

On 9 October, the Trial Chamber issued the full reasons for its 2 February oral ruling dismissing the NUON Chea Defence Request Regarding Certain Trial Chamber Practices. The Trial Chamber found that no new relevant facts or circumstances had been identified which would warrant departure from the Trial Chamber’s established practice of permitting witnesses and Civil Parties to review their pri-

or statements before testifying and asking witnesses to confirm the accuracy of their prior statements. The Trial Chamber reminded the Parties that under the ECCC legal framework, most individuals are provided with copies of their statements at the time they are made and that Civil Parties (and their lawyers) have the right to obtain their prior statements. The Trial Chamber found that providing witnesses with their prior statements before they appear in court is consistent with international practice and reaffirmed that, under the ECCC legal framework, there is no requirement for Civil Parties to take an oath before appearing before the Trial Chamber.

Also on 9 October, in order to facilitate tracking of admitted new documents, the Trial Chamber decided to reinstate its prior practice of allocating E3 numbers to new documents which are admitted pursuant to Internal Rule 87(4).

On 20 October, the Trial Chamber rejected the Joint Defence Team Request to revisit certain practices related to statements. The NUON Chea and KHIEU Samphan Defence Teams had requested that the Trial Chamber adopt the directions issued by the Supreme Court Chamber concerning the conduct of its July 2015 appeals hearing on the use of prior statements. The Trial Chamber found that the Supreme Court Chamber’s issuance of directions for the conduct of its own appeal hearings is not a persuasive reason for the Trial

Chamber to abandon its established practice of permitting witnesses to review their prior statements before testifying and to be asked questions to confirm the accuracy of their prior statements at the beginning of their testimony, which conforms to the ECCC’s legal framework. The Trial Chamber reminded the Parties that they should not repetitively or extensively read from such statements in court and should only refer to prior statements for limited purposes such as clarifying or supplementing the information in the statements, refreshing a witness or Civil Party’s memory and testing the credibility of a witness or Civil Party.

Also on 20 October, the Trial Chamber issued Amended Guidelines on the Use of Written Records of Interview (WRIs) from Cases 003 and 004. Having been alerted to apparent violations of its 29 December 2014 Order on the use of WRIs from Cases 003 and 004, the Chamber decided that the only way to ensure that the Order is respected in its entirety is to hear witnesses and Civil Parties who have been interviewed in Cases 003 or 004 in closed session. Further, where a Party seeks to question a witness or Civil Party who has not been interviewed in Case 003 or 004 with a statement from those cases, the Party shall reserve all such questions until the end of their allocated time, when the hearing will move into closed session. The Chamber ordered that the confidential information disclosed in public session be redacted from the public transcript of the hearings.

On 22 October, addressing the KHIEU Samphan Defence Motion Regarding the Co-Prosecutors’ Disclosure Obligations, the Trial Chamber found that the Co-Prosecutors have a continuing obligation to disclose to the Defence exculpatory evidence comprised of any material that in the actual knowledge of the Co-Prosecutors may suggest the innocence or mitigate the guilt of the Accused or affect the credibility of inculpatory evidence. The Trial Chamber directed the Co-Prosecutors to disclose to the Trial Chamber and the Case 002 Parties exculpatory evidence from Cases 003 and 004 on a continuing basis until the completion of Case 002/02. The Trial Chamber further directed the Co-Prosecutors to disclose the Case 003 and 004 statements of all individuals who have been proposed to testify in Case 002/02. The Trial Chamber reserved its ruling on whether future requests for adjournments to the proceedings to review disclosures are merited.

Also on 22 October, the Senior Legal Officer of the Trial Chamber requested access to two confidential documents from the Supreme Court Chamber filed as part of the Case



Chief of Public Affairs DIM Sovannarom gives a lecture on the ECCC at Beltei University on 13 November. (Photo Credit: ECCC)

002/01 appeals proceedings: the NUON Chea Defence Submission on Robert Lemkin’s Transcripts and the Significance of the “Rift” within the CPK; and the Co-Prosecutors’ Response to the same.

Further on 22 October, noting the Supreme Court Chamber Decision of 21 October 2015 (F2/9) indicating that no additional witnesses will be called on appeal in Case 002/01, the Trial Chamber granted the Parties one additional week to prepare for the appeal hearings in Case 002/01, scheduled for 16-18 November. Following the request of the KHIEU Samphan Defence Team and submissions of the Parties during the proceedings on 26 October, the Trial Chamber granted the Parties an additional one week (from 2 to 5 November) to prepare for the Supreme Court Chamber hearing. On 28 October, the Trial Chamber announced that it would inform the Parties of the list and order of witness and Civil Parties to testify when the Trial Chamber resumes the hearing on 30 November in due course.

During the month of October, the Trial Chamber also addressed a number of issues in decisions and memoranda which were filed confidentially.

Pre-Trial Chamber

At the beginning of October the Pre-Trial Chamber completed its deliberations on three appeals, including: an Appeal against

the International Co-Investigating Judge’s Decision on a Motion to Reconsider and Vacate Summons (PTC 04/20), an appeal against the International Co-Investigating Judge’s Decision Refusing to Seize the Pre-Trial Chamber with two Annulment Applications (PTC 03/20), and another appeal against the International Co-Investigating Judge Harmon’s Decision on a Motions to Strike the Supplementary Submissions (PTC 03/25). The decisions on these cases will be notified in due course.

The Chamber continued its deliberations on two Appeals against the International Co-Investigating Judge’s Decisions to Charge persons in absentia (PTC 03/21 and PTC 04/19) and made preparations for deliberations on two appeals and motions, including: an Appeal against Co-Investigating Judge Harmon’s Notification of Charges (PTC 03/22), and a Request to Reclassify as Public Certain Submissions to the Pre-Trial Chamber (PTC 03/24).

The Chamber remained seized of two appeals and motions, including: an Appeal against the International Co-Investigating Judge Bolhander’s Decision on a Motions to Strike the Supplementary Submissions (PTC 03/26), and an Application for Annulment of Investigative Action Concerning Forced Marriage (PTC 04/21). The appellate proceedings on these cases are at the stage of receiving the parties’ briefings. Further, on 5 October 2015, the Chamber was seized of Meas Muth’s “Request For The Pre-Trial Chamber To Take A Broad Interpretation Of The Permissible Scope Of Appeals Against The Closing Order and To

Clarify The Procedure For Annulling The Closing Order Or Portions Thereof If Necessary” (PTC 03/27).

At the end of October 2015, the Chamber remained seised of ten appeals and motions relating to the investigations in cases 003 and 004.

Office of the Co-Investigating Judges

During the month of October, the international side of the Office of the Co-Investigating Judges (“OICIJ”) continued the investigations of Case Files 003 and 004. Six field missions took place in the course of which 25 witnesses were interviewed and ten investigation action reports were drafted. Four witnesses were interviewed at the ECCC premises in Case File 003 and ten in Case File 004.

During the month of October, the OICIJ Analysts Unit reviewed several thousands of contemporaneous Khmer Rouge documents and witness interviews at external archives. Our review of over 3,000 prisoners logs held at Khmer Rouge Security Centers is nearly complete and a list of over 4,000 confessions held at Khmer Rouge Security Centers is being drawn. Additionally, the Analysts Unit assisted and participated in all field missions and in-house interviews conducted during the month of October.

The supplementary information and civil party applications in Cases 003 and 004, which presently total in excess of 2,345, are progressively being placed on the case files. Their evidentiary value is subjected to a thorough scrutiny by analysts, investigators and legal officers, to assess their admissibility and relevance to both case files.

Office of the Co-Prosecutors

October saw the staff and interns of the Office of the Co-Prosecutors engaged across all four cases, with preparation for the final oral appeal hearing for Case 002/01 in November, participation in ongoing trial hearings in Case 002/02 and involvement in the ongoing review of the investigations in Case 003 and Case 004. In addition, the Co-Prosecutors filed pleadings in the following cases.

Case 002/01

The Co-Prosecutors filed a response to Nuon Chea’s sixth additional request to adduced new evidence on appeal. In addition, the Co-Prosecutors filed submissions upon the request of the Supreme Court Chamber relating to the significance of particular evidence proposed and a central theory raised by the Defence, as well as the timetable proposed for



Muslim villagers from the Kampot Province visit the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia on 12 November 2015. In addition to receiving an informational tour of the court, the villagers learned about ongoing testimonies on the treatment of the Cham. (Photo Credit: ECCC)

the upcoming appeal hearing.

Case 002/02

Trial hearings continued in October, with a recess for the Pchum Bren festival. The Court heard a number of witnesses in relation to the segment dealing with treatment of the Cham. Additionally, both Co-Prosecutors responded to Nuon Chea’s request to call additional witnesses for the Cham segment. Regarding the procedure of the trial, the International Co-Prosecutor filed a request regarding the modalities of ensuring confidentiality of disclosed materials. Further, the prosecution continued to seek to fulfil its disclosure obligations, requesting to disclose materials from Case 003 and 004 into Case 002.

Cases 003 and 004

In Case 003, the International Co-Prosecutor responded to Meas Muth’s appeal against the International Co-Investigating Judge’s re-issued decision on his motion to strike the Supplementary Submission. In Case 004, in light of the translation workload within the office and the Court, the International Co-Prosecutor requested to file the response to Im Chaem’s submission to annul the forced marriage investigation in one language. The response was then filed in English and shortly thereafter in Khmer.

Defence Support Section Trial Proceedings in Case 002/02

In addition to participating in the trial hearing in Case 002/02, the Nuon Chea Defence filed a motion requesting the Trial Chamber to expedite the appearance of Ewa TABEAU to give testimony at the end of the trial segment regarding the treatment of the Vietnamese on the relevant demographic issues, in particular the demographic issues in relation to the Vietnamese and the Cham.

In October, Khieu Samphân’s Defence prepared the trial hearings for which they filed an urgent motion requesting additional time, and continued to attend the hearings. They also filed a submission requesting to review the amended modalities on how to use the *procès-verbaux* of hearings in Cases 003 and 004. They consider that these modalities (closed sessions) are disproportionate and violate the right of Khieu Samphân to a public trial.

Appeal Proceedings in Case 002/01

The Nuon Chea Defence replied to the responses by the Co-Prosecutors and the Civil Party Lead-Co-Lawyers respectively to Nuon Chea’s Sixth Request for additional evidence.

Further, the Nuon Chea Defence, at the request of the Supreme Court Chamber, filed its written submissions on the admissibility of the transcripts of certain interviews conducted by Robert Lemkin, and on the significance of the ‘rift’ between various factions within the CPK to the relevant issues in Case 002/01. Following the response by the Co-Prosecutors to Nuon Chea’s submissions on the significance of the ‘rift’, the Nuon Chea Defence filed a reply expressing its disappointment at the lack of genuine engagement by the Co-Prosecutors in the discussion of the substantive issues and at the Co-Prosecutors’ disrespectful suggestion that the Defence’s requests for additional evidence were made in bad faith.

The Khieu Samphân Defence filed, at the request of the Supreme Court Chamber, written submissions on the admissibility of the transcripts provided by Robert Lemkin. Khieu Samphân’s Defence also filed their observations on the appeals hearing calendar, requesting more time to plead the individual criminal responsibility and responded to the Co-Prosecutor’s observations on the calendar.

Case 003

In October, the Meas Muth Defence filed a response to a request by the International

Co-Prosecutor for an extension of time to respond to an appeal filed by the Defence, a request to reject the International Co-Prosecutor’s belated response, and a reply to the Response. The Defence also filed one request for clarification to the Pre-Trial Chamber. The team also filed four requests and two letters to the Co-Investigating Judges. All of these filings were classified as confidential. The Case 003 Defence also joined in signing a letter to DSS prepared by the Ta An Defence team requesting additional translation resources. Finally, the team continues to review material on the Case File and to prepare submissions to protect Mr. Meas Muth’s rights and interests.

Case 004

In October, the Defence team for Ms. Im Chaem filed a submission in support of Mr. Ao An’s application to annul the investigative action concerning forced marriage. Further, the Defence team continued to review the evidence in the Case File and to prepare submissions to protect Ms. Im Chaem’s fair trial and procedural rights.

The Ao An Defence team filed four responses to five of the International Co-Prosecutor’s urgent requests to disclose Case 004 documents in Case 002. In addition, it filed

an urgent request for a page extension with respect to a proposed application for transcriptions and translations of audio recorded interviews in the Case File. Its request for a page extension was granted by the International Co-Investigating Judge. In addition, the team continues to review the materials in the Case File and prepare other confidential submissions to safeguard Mr. Ao An’s fair trial rights.

Lastly, the Defence team from the final Named Suspect in Case 004 continued to monitor proceedings in Case 002/02. It continued to assert that the use of documents from Case 004 in proceedings before the Trial Chamber in Case 002/02 constitutes a violation of the Named Suspect’s rights. The team continued to work to ensure its client’s fair trial rights are protected.

Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyers Section

Key Legal Developments

In the month of October, the Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyer Section participated in the trial hearings of two witnesses testifying about the treatment of the Cham, the examination of the first witness in relation to the Treatment of the Vietnamese and one additional witness who was called to testify as to the Trapeang Thma Dam worksite.

The Lead Co-Lawyers continued their representation of the consolidated group of civil parties with respect to the case 002/01 appeals in their filing of the Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyers’ Response to “Nuon Chea’s Submissions on Robert Lemkin’s Transcripts and the Significance of the ‘Rift’ within the CPK” on 16 October 2015. The Lead Co-Lawyers urged the Supreme Court Chamber to consider the interests of the Civil Parties with respect to legal certainty and the expeditiousness when deciding upon the request.

Outreach and Activities

On 1 October 2015, the National Lead-Co-Lawyer was interviewed on FM 102 regarding the Treatment of the Cham trial segment, specifically addressing the topics of the suffering experienced by Cham civil parties, their repatriation requests and the differences between their suffering that of Khmer civil parties. The Lead Co-Lawyers met with representatives of the Cham community visiting the Court on 2 October 2015. The visit and conversation was made possible by the NGO Kung Future.

On 22 October 2015, the Lead Co-Lawyers participated in a civil party consultation specifically addressing reparations projects for civil parties who are victims of sexual and gender based violence. The consultation was sponsored jointly by the Khmer Art Association,

TPO, Kdei Karona and Bophana. On the same day, the Civil Party Lead Co-Lawyer section was also represented at TPO's book launch of "Like Ghost changes Body" – the Interviews From a Study of Forced Marriage under the Khmer Rouge Regime, a case 002/01 reparation project.

Victims Support Section

Legal representation

As the evidentiary hearings of Case 002/02 still continued, the ECCC-funded Civil Party Lawyer team fully participated in all hearings and reviewed case files of witnesses and civil parties needed to be examined.

Processing and analysis

The Processing and Analysis Team (PAT) continued to collect supplementary information in Cases 003 & 004 through phone calls made to applicants having been suffered from alleged crimes under the investigation scope of Cases 03 and 04. During the month, the team filed two applications in Case 004.

VSS Chief and two staff members of Processing Team participated in the workshop on reporting writing organized by Civil Peace Service (CPS)/ German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ).

Outreach

During the month, Outreach Team invited 41 civil parties from Kampong Chnang, Pursat, and Kampong Cham, Kampong Speu, Svay Rieng, Kampot and Prey Veng to attend hearings of Case 002/02 at the ECCC. At lunch break of each hearing day, they were also arranged to meet with their lawyers to be briefed on what already happened and what would be discussed in the court. After the hearing ended in each day, Judgment Books of Case 002/01, radios and VSS newsletters were distributed to those CPs.

As usual, 10 CPs were arranged to sit in the Courtroom along with their lawyers and the rest were in the public gallery.

The Chief of Section participated in an outreach meeting conducted by Cambodian Human Rights Action Committee (CHRAC) to have discussion on general developments of the cases at the ECCC. He reported to the meeting on the progress of reparations at the ECCC.

Reparation and Non-Judicial Measure (R&NJM)

The Reparation & Non-Judicial Measure (R&NJM) Team has coordinated the implementation of all R&NJM projects through meetings and technical support communication.

On 8th October, the team's member had a meeting with Khmer Art to discuss the rep-



Visitors view the testimonies on the treatment of the Cham last 7 October 2015. (Photo Credit: ECCC)

aration project concept note, proposal and fund raising campaign. On 22nd October, the team's member participated in a Civil Party Consultation Workshop organized by Khmer Art in cooperation with TPO, KDK and Bophana at Khmer Arts in Takhmao with about 100 participants including Civil Parties, LCLS staff, lawyers and other NGOs staff. The workshop was conducted to provide Civil Parties an opportunity to express their stories and opinions toward the performance and the Pka Sla project.

The team's members had a few meetings with Lead Co-Lawyer Section to discuss case 002/02 reparation requests so as to develop brochure and strategy for fund raising campaign.

Royal Government of Cambodia renews commitment to the ECCC

On 17 November, Stephen Matthias, assistant to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in charge of legal affairs, met with the Council of Ministers and Sok An, head of the Cambodian Task Force for the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, in Phnom Penh to discuss the court's budgets

and progress.

Following the meeting, both parties welcomed, on the occasion of the opening of the appeal hearing in Case 002/01 before the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), the progress made by the ECCC in its judicial work.

The parties recognized the value of the ECCC's contributions in the areas of victims' participation and outreach, including broad attendance at public hearings. The ECCC's experience in these areas is becoming an important reference point in the developing practice of international criminal law.

The parties discussed an ongoing difference of view, as set out in diplomatic correspondence between the Royal Government of Cambodia and the United Nations, regarding the full implementation of the cooperation obligations set out in the ECCC Agreement with respect to the two Cases currently under judicial investigation. The parties agreed on the importance of a fully satisfactory solution being reached as soon as possible, consistent with the terms of the Agreement, and that relevant steps will be taken by the Royal Government to this end.

The parties welcomed the willingness of the Royal Government to support the Secretary-General's request to the General Assembly in respect of a subvention for the ECCC's operations in 2016, and its willingness to continue to provide sufficient direct contributions to the national component of the ECCC

to assure its full funding, taking into account pledged contributions from international donors. It is hoped that these measures will result in financial stability for the ECCC in 2016.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs is pleased to be visiting the ECCC at this time, given the importance of this phase of Case 002/01, following his attendance at the ECCC's milestone trial judgment in those proceedings in August 2014. The ECCC's work in this regard reflects the shared commitment of the Royal Government, the United Nations and the international community to advancing the ECCC's pursuit of justice and accountability for the crimes of the Khmer Rouge.

As a result of the meetings, the Royal Government of Cambodia agreed to make a renewed commitment to assure \$2.5 million for the first 6 months of national staff salary, plus \$1.65 million for the court's operational costs.

ECCC Outreach to Provincial High Schools

On Friday, 20 November 2015, the ECCC Public Affairs Section conducted an outreach visit to Bathey High School and Skun High School along the road to the Kampong Cham province. The students were delighted to hear from ECCC Press Officer Mr. Neth Pheaktra as



High School students from Kampong Cham listen to a lecture from PAS member Pheaktra NETH. (Photo Credit: ECCC)

he informed them of the operations of the court, including why it was established, the defendants and the current cases being heard. Mr. Pheaktra emphasized that the Court was established for the Cambodians and to move forward through justice.

During the visit, students were distributed ECCC pamphlets and Closing Orders in Cases 001 and 02 were gifted to the high school li-

braries so that students can have constant access to them and to facilitate the inclusion of the justice process in the curriculums.

Furthermore, Mr. Pheaktra agreed with the Director of Skun High School to arrange a visit of more than 600 students at grade 11 and 12 at the ECCC in the near future.

Decisions/Orders

Public versions of the decisions, orders, opinions and considerations are available on the official ECCC website:

1 October 2015: Trial Chamber memorandum entitled "Request for Clarification on Additional Resources for Defence Teams in Case 002/02" <E369/2>

9 October 2015: Trial Chamber memorandum entitled "Allocation of E3 Numbers to New Documents Admitted in Case 002/2" <E373>

9 October 2015: Decision on NUON Chea Defence Request Regarding Trial Chamber Practices When Examining Civil Parties and Witnesses <E336/3>

20 October 2015: Decision on Joint Defence Team Request to Revisit Certain Practices Related to Statements <E355/3>

20 October 2015: Trial Chamber memorandum entitled "Amended Guidelines on the Use of Case 003 and 004 WRIs" <E319/7/3>

20 October 2015: Decision on KHIEU Samphan Defence Motion Regarding Co-Prosecutors' Disclosure Obligations <E363/3>

20 October 2015: Senior Legal Officer memorandum entitled "Request for Access to Two Confidential Documents" <E375>



ECCC Outreach

The Public Affairs Section of the ECCC hosts Khmer Rouge Tribunal Study Tours, bringing groups of 200-300 villagers from areas throughout Cambodia twice a week to the ECCC, the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the Choeung Ek killing fields for a guided tour and briefings. During the trial recesses, the Public Affairs Section also conducts school visits to give briefings, as well as hosting community video screenings across Cambodia. It also welcomes international group visitors and provides briefings and court tours.

Past Events

November 20 – Members of the Judicial advisors at the County Court of Zagreb, Croatia, visited the court visited the ECCC with the purpose of learning not only the court’s processes, but also the political and international history of its inception.

November 20 – Members of the ECCC’s Public Affairs Section travelled to Kampong Cham Province to speak to local villagers about the functions and proceedings of the court. Educational court documents were also distributed to members of the community.

November 16 – The ECCC hosted members of the Japanese Ministry of Justice prior to the Appeal Hearings on 17 November.

November 13 – Chief of Public Affairs Mr. DIM Sovannarom, accompanied by members of the Public Affairs Section, gave a brief lecture followed by a Q&A session at Beltei University in Phnom Penh. The lecture focused on the more technical and nuanced aspects of the court, and informative documents were afterward distributed to the students.

November 4 – Mr Léo Laporte, Editor at the Sub-direction of South East Asia in charge of Cambodia, Thailand and Laos at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International development, visited the court for an informational tour.

November 4 – Muslim villagers Kampong Kes Commune, Teok Chou District, Kampot Province visited the court to learn more about its processes. They were also briefed on the ongoing testimonies on the treatment of the Cham people under the Khmer Rouge Regime.

October 21 & 20 – The ECCC hosted nearly 300 members of the military and government in order to promote education and understanding of the court’s proceedings. Although no public hearings were held, the tour consisted of presentations from staff members and was followed by tours of Tuol Sleng and Cheung Ek.

October 8 – ECCC Weekly radio program on WMC FM 102 with Guest speaker Mr. Kong Sam Onn, Khieu Samphan National Co-lawyer

October 7 – Nearly 150 civil servants from Cambodian courts across the country visited the ECCC to have an in-depth look at the court and its functions. These civil servants ranged in status from lawyers to judges, presidents, and vice presidents of their respective institutions.

Recurring Events

ECCC Weekly radio program on WMC FM 102 from 6PM to 7PM every Thursday.

Note to the Reader

An article published in the original November 2015 issue of The Court Report entitled “Exploring transgenerational justice at the ECCC” made certain representations on facts that are currently being adjudicated in the judicial proceedings before the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC). Although the article did not make any specific representations with regards to individuals being prosecuted by the ECCC, some of its content may nevertheless be perceived as prejudicial to the outcome of ongoing judicial proceedings. These representations should not have been published, and the article and the representations contained therein are hereby retracted.

The Public Affairs Section wishes to remind the readers of The Court Report and the general public that any suspect, charged or accused person before the ECCC has the right to be presumed innocent of all charges until proven guilty through a final judgement

November in photos



Lars Olsen, DIM Sovannarom, and Volker Nerlich give a press briefing prior to Case 002/01 on 16 November



University and Court Officials during visit to Beltei University on 13 November



More than 300 students attend the Appeal Hearings for Case 002/01 on 17 November



Stephen Matthias, assistant to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in charge of legal affairs, meets with Sok An, head of the Cambodian Task Force for the Khmer Rouge Tribunal on 17 November



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