

Appeal against Khmer Rouge release November 18, 2011

Prosecutors at Cambodia's Khmer Rouge tribunal said today they have appealed against a decision to unconditionally release a genocide suspect deemed unfit for trial because she has dementia.

Judges on Thursday ordered Ieng Thirith, the only female leader charged by the UN-backed court, to be freed after medical experts said she suffers from memory loss and most likely has Alzheimer's disease.

"We have appealed her immediate release," international co-prosecutor Andrew Cayley told AFP.