

Brother No. 2's Courier Says Nuon Chea 'Was Not Cruel' Kong Sothanarith April 20, 2012

The courier of jailed Khmer Rouge leader Noun Chea took the stand for a second day on Friday, telling the UN-backed tribunal his boss had been a "good person."

The courier, Sot Troeung, linked Nuon Chea to the torture center Tuol Sleng in testimony Thursday.

But he said Friday that Nuon Chea, who faces charges of atrocity crimes that include genocide, "was not cruel."

"He educated the public to be good," Sot Troeung said.

Nuon Chea, who is on trial alongside two more leaders, Khieu Samphan and Ieng Sary, has denied any responsibility for the atrocities of Tuol Sleng.

The prison's chief, Duch, who was given a life sentence by the court earlier this year, has testified against Nuon Chea, saying he gave orders for executions there.