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**Feud threatens Khmer Rouge trial funding: monitor**

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An international observer at Cambodia's Khmer Rouge war crimes trials has warned the stalemate over two cases could jeopardise the tribunal's funding.

One judge quit in October last year citing government interference in Cases 3 and 4, and his replacement has still not been officially appointed.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and other senior government officials say they will not allow Cases 3 and 4 to go ahead.

Claire Duffy, who is monitoring the trial for the Open Justice Society Initiative told Radio Australia's Connect Asia the feuding between the court's Cambodian and United Nations-appointed staff could make international donors think twice.

"There have been a lot of problems in that particular office trying to push these investigations forward," she said.

"But when the United Nations, a party to the agreement, can't even get a judge appointed I really think the donors and the UN need to sit down and talk about what the serious options available to them are."