

Khmer Rouge Tribunal to Hold Forum in Siem Reap on Saturday August 23, 2012

PHNOM PENH (Cambodia Herald) - The Khmer Rouge tribunal announced Thursday a regional forum in Siem Reap for 200 civil parties in the case against three former senior leaders of the Pol Pot regime.

The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia said the forum would be held on Saturday and would include updating the civil parties and discussing the court's decision to divide the case into a series of smaller trials.

"The civil parties will also be informed about how their individual cases will be involved in the proceedings, depending on the different crimes addressed in each smaller trial," a statement said.

The statement said the 200 civil parties from Bantay Meanchey and Siem Reap provinces had not been able to attend hearings in the case since January.

Eight such forums are planned for Khmer Rouge victims in 2012 and 2013, the statement said, noting that Saturday's event would be the third regional forum this year.