



**UN: Cambodia Breaches War Crimes Agreement
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Phnom Penh - Cambodia's refusal to appoint an international judge to the Khmer Rouge war crimes tribunal Saturday is 'a matter of serious concern,' United Nations said Saturday.

UN spokesman Martin Nesirky said Secretary General Ban Ki-moon had been informed Thursday of Cambodia's decision not to appoint Laurent Kasper-Ansermet to the vacant post of co-investigating judge.

Nesirky called it a breach of a 2003 agreement between the UN and the government regarding Khmer Rouge prosecutions.

A government spokesman said the judiciary had a right to choose whether to approve the UN-nominated judge or not.