

Cambodia war crimes court concludes 2011 hearings December 19, 2011

The UN-backed war crimes court in Cambodia has concluded its hearings for the year against three surviving leaders of the Khmer Rouge movement.

The accused deny charges of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity in relation to the deaths of an estimated two million people during Khmer Rouge rule between 1975 and 1979.

Three weeks of testimony have to date shown that the most senior surviving leader, Nuon Chea, is prepared to engage with the court even if his continued denials of what happened sound implausible to many.