



## **Cambodians know little about Khmer Rouge trial June 8, 2011**

PHNOM PENH - NINE out of 10 Cambodians are unable to name the Khmer Rouge suspects held by Cambodia's UN-backed war crimes court, a survey showed on Wednesday, just weeks before the start of a major genocide trial.

The study by American academics found that only 11 per cent of respondents could correctly say how many regime members had been arrested and were awaiting trial for atrocities committed during the movement's brutal 1975-79 rule.

And just one in 10 (or 11 per cent) could correctly name the detainees, according to researchers from the University of California, Berkeley, who questioned 1,000 Cambodians about their knowledge of the court.

Five ex-Khmer Rouge members are currently in detention, one of whom has already been sentenced in the tribunal's landmark first trial.

A second trial is to start on June 27 and involves the regime's four most senior surviving leaders - including 'Brother Number Two' Nuon Chea - who face a string of charges for the deaths of up to two million people.

A quarter of respondents reported knowing nothing at all about the tribunal, researchers said, down from 39 per cent in 2008 when the first survey was carried out, thanks largely to media coverage of the first case.