



**Khmer Rouge defendant denied release  
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Cambodia's UN-backed war crimes tribunal has ruled against freeing the Khmer Rouge's ailing former "First Lady" on health grounds, saying she will undergo medical treatment instead.

The court's highest appeal body overturned a decision by judges last month to unconditionally release Ieng Thirith after medical experts said she was unfit for trial because she suffers from dementia.