

Khmer Rouge tribunal plans smaller, faster trials
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Cambodia's war crimes tribunal has announced it will conduct trials of four former leaders of the 1970s Khmer Rouge regime in segments according to separate charges in order to expedite the proceedings.

The U.N.-assisted tribunal said Thursday said that one trial of the four leaders would consider charges involving the forced movement of people and crimes against humanity. It said later trials would focus on other charges including genocide.

The tribunal is seeking justice for 1.7 million people who died of starvation, exhaustion, lack of medical care or torture during the Khmer Rouge's time in power in the 1970s. The tribunal sentenced former prison chief Kaing Guek Eav last July to 35 years in prison for war crimes, crimes against humanity and other offenses.