

Closed-Door Meeting on Ieng Sary's Health Stuart White November 23, 2012

The Khmer Rouge tribunal held a closed-door meeting to discuss procedures for keeping tabs on the health of co-accused Ieng Sary on Wednesday, shutting out the ex-foreign minister's defence team as well, said Sary co-counsels Ang Udom and Michael Karnavas yesterday.

In a public letter filed to the court, the lawyers write that additional monitoring steps requested by the defence – including allowing Sary's nurse to record her observations with a tape recorder – were quashed.

A press release issued by the defence yesterday said the exclusion was "abhorrent and inconsistent with Mr Ieng Sary's fair trial rights," and further called into question the tribunal's distinction as a "model court".