

STORY FROM THE FAMILY OF THE KHMER ROUGE VICTIMS: El Limah

My name is El Limah, and I am 40 years old. My current address is Thmei Village (Kampong Cham Province). I am a Cham Muslim.

In 1970, my brother, Ismael Ahmad, moved to Egypt in order to further his education. My family has never seen him since. Ten years ago, I learned from staff members at the Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam) that my brother had been imprisoned at Tuol Sleng. They provided me with my brother's confession.

While my brother was studying in Egypt, he wrote to us asking about our health and also sent two necklaces as gifts. Two years after the Khmer Rouge took power, a lady named Atikah (deceased), who was living in Kroch Chhma District, visited my house and informed us that my brother, Ahmad, had lived with her in Kroch Chhma District for three months before he was relocated. She did not know where he was taken. I have never received any information from him other than the letter from Egypt. I never knew precisely what happened to my brother until I discovered that he was killed at Tuol Sleng (S-21).

My mother, Sari Fah, often heard other people mention that my brother was living in a refugee camp. She faithfully waited for her son to return home. She wept miserably for her son, who remained missing until her death in 1996. My father also experienced extreme sorrow while waiting for his son to return home. He died two years before my mother. If my brother had survived, he would have been able to improve our family's living conditions and social standing. My brother was the oldest child and took responsibility for looking after all other members of the family; therefore, his death had very severe consequences. I grieve deeply for the loss of my brother. Whenever I think about his death, I feel extremely despondent.

On August 19, 2008, considering the suffering I have long endured since the Khmer Rouge regime, I decided to file a Victim Information Form requesting Civil Party status before the ECCC in order to seek justice for my older brother. I do not request reparation, but want justice for my brother and other Cambodian people who were killed by the Khmer Rouge.