

Aging leaders to have tribunal hearing on health issues Kong Sothanarith August 12, 2011

Two jailed Khmer Rouge leaders are expected to appear before tribunal judges later this month, to discuss their health difficulties in the face of an impending atrocity crimes trial.

Nuon Chea, who is now 85 and was the chief ideologue of the regime, and Ieng Thirith, 79, the former social affairs minister, will go before the Trial Chamber.

Two other leaders, Khieu Samphan and Ieng Sary, will not appear, as they have not filed against upcoming hearings on account of health.

The trial of all four leaders, who are accused of atrocity crimes including genocide, is the tribunal's second, its largest and most complex to date. A full trial is expected later this year.