



Genocide charge for Cambodia's KRouge ex-head of state December 18, 2009

PHNOM PENH — Cambodia's UN-backed war crimes court Friday charged Khmer Rouge former head of state Khieu Samphan with genocide, a tribunal spokesman told AFP.

The 78-year-old former leader was charged over the hardline communist regime's slaughter of Vietnamese people and ethnic Cham muslims during the 1970s, said spokesman Lars Olsen.

"This morning Khieu Samphan has been brought before the court and informed that the charges against him have been extended to include genocide against the Chams and the Vietnamese," Olsen said.