



## **Chhang Youk sent a clarification letter to Hun Sen Leang Delux translated by Socheata September 7, 2009**

In a comment made today by PM Hun Sen regarding additional cases to be considered by the KR Tribunal, Hun Sen warned Chhang Youk not to interfere in these additional cases. Hun Sen's reaction came after Chhang Youk, the director of the Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam), was quoted by a local newspaper as saying that "they should show the motives to PM Hun Sen if they want to charge other KR leaders." Hun Sen ordered Chhang Youk to clarify his meaning.

Chhang Youk, DC-Cam director, immediately wrote a clarification letter to PM Hun Sen on Monday, a few hours after Hun Sen yelled and told him not to interfere in the accusation against additional KR leaders. In a ceremony to report the latest results for the 2008 census held on Monday morning, Hun Sen directly pointed out Chhang Youk who was quoted by The Kampuchea Thmei newspaper as saying: "The ECCC should show its intention to the prime minister if it wants to accuse additional KR leaders because, in the past, the PM maintained a stance of not wanting to have additional charges because of concerns about social havocs."

In his letter sent to Hun Sen, Chhang Youk told the latter that he never organized a seminar to push for additional charges on other KR leaders. While talking to RFI, Chhang Youk confirmed his stance which [he claimed] that it never changed, i.e. the number of KR leaders brought to face justice does not reflect justice. Furthermore, he added that additional charges are the court's decision. Nevertheless, Chhang Youk claimed that he is ready to go clarify the PM face to face, should Hun Sen wants it.

In his first comment following the ECCC impasse where the judges' disagreement led to the push for additional investigation on KR leaders, Hun Sen raised one more time his concerns that the accusations on additional KR leaders could create social unrest. At the same time, Hun Sen was also trying to defend himself by saying that he was not trying to influence the KR Tribunal. Nevertheless, Hun Sen asked that if the judgments are taking place without concerns for peace and national unity, and that this could lead to 200,000 or 300,000 deaths, then who would be responsible for it? Hun Sen also asked: If there will be more [KR leaders] charged, and some will flee to the forest, who will call them back out?

Hun Sen used to show his stance of not wanting to see additional KR leaders brought up to face justice beyond the current 5 leaders who are now in custody at the KR Tribunal.