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Media Alert

Verdict on Khmer Rouge official “Duch” Expected July 26 ICT/July 25 EST

Cambodia Tribunal Monitor website to provide on-the-ground coverage and analysis, full video footage of court proceedings and on-the-ground interviews

CHICAGO – The *Cambodia Tribunal Monitor* (www.cambodiatribunal.org) plans extensive coverage of the much-anticipated verdict in the trial of Kaing Guek Eav (alias Duch). The verdict pronouncement is scheduled for Monday, July 26 at 10:00am (ICT) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (3:00am July 26 GMT; 11:00pm July 25 EST).

Monitor correspondents will provide in-depth analysis of the judgment from Phnom Penh, and will conduct video interviews with key tribunal participants and Cambodian citizens to gauge their reactions on the day of the verdict and in the days that follow. Complete English-translated video footage will be posted soon after the trial adjourns. If technical capacity at the court allows, correspondents plan to liveblog the proceedings. Correspondents will also be tweeting their activities throughout the week at [@CambodiaTribMon](https://twitter.com/CambodiaTribMon). Additional commentary will be provided by a range of Monitor-affiliated experts in human rights and international law.

Monitor Co-Managing Editor David Scheffer will be available as an expert source via phone and email. Scheffer is a law professor and director of the Center for International Human Rights at Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, Illinois. He was the former U.S. Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues (1997-2001) during which time he coordinated U.S. support for the establishment of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), the special court that is trying Duch and other senior members of the Khmer Rouge. A regular contributor to the Monitor’s blog, Scheffer’s most recent post, “On the Eve of the Duch Judgement,” (<http://blog.cambodiatribunal.org>) previews the issues for Monday’s landmark event.

The Monitor has been the leading source of news and information on the ECCC since its inception in 2007. The website hosts a complete archive of footage from the tribunal and a regularly updated blog containing analysis from expert commentators and coverage by Phnom Penh-based correspondents.

Duch is the first of five senior Khmer Rouge officials charged with crimes under the jurisdiction of the ECCC. The ECCC was established through a joint partnership of the United Nations and the Royal Government of Cambodia. Duch allegedly oversaw mass torture and execution in Cambodia’s notorious Tuol Sleng prison, or S-21, resulting in the deaths of more than 14,000 people. An estimated 1.7 million Cambodian citizens died under the Khmer Rouge regime between 1975 and 1979.

To access the Cambodia Tribunal Monitor’s resources, go to www.cambodiatribunal.org

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