



Cambodian genocide tribunal expects next Khmer Rouge trial by mid-2011
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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — Cambodia's U.N.-backed genocide tribunal expects to begin its second trial of former leaders of the Khmer Rouge before the middle of next year.

But Tribunal spokesman Reach Sambath said Wednesday that the court has set no exact date to try Nuon Chea, the group's ideologist; former head of state Khieu Samphan; former Foreign Minister Ieng Sary; and his wife Ieng Thirith, ex-minister for social affairs. They are all charged with war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

Their 1970s communist regime is believed responsible for the deaths of 1.7 million people.

The group's chief jailer, Kaing Guek Eav, was convicted this year of war crimes and crimes against humanity and will serve a 19-year sentence.

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