



Cambodia denies spying on foreign staff at Khmer Rouge tribunal
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Cambodia's government is denying reports it is spying on foreign staff at the Khmer Rouge tribunal underway in Phnom Penh.

Government spokesman Phay Siphon told Radio Australia that earlier media reports had misrepresented his comments.

He said his office had received files over the past three months naming some foreign tribunal staff as being involved in corruption and wrongdoing - but he stressed the allegations were solely related to professional misconduct.

"That one is the professional working area only.

"We don't want to go to the private life of the people," Mr Phay Siphon said. He said his first step would be to verify the accusations and hopes to reinstall faith in the trial.

If the allegations are verified, he said the government would share the files with its partners in the tribunal process.

Mr Phay Siphon said he would also look at other allegations that named some people and organisations as 'enemies' of the tribunal.

The two sides have had a difficult relationship in the years-long effort to establish the tribunal.

But Mr Phay Siphon stressed Phnom Penh wants a good partnership in its efforts to try and find justice for the genocide perpetrated by the Khmer Rouge.