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[High-tech court](#)

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A very exciting development for those of us trying to keep up with ECCC developments from abroad: the tribunal has launched a “virtual court.”

"The Virtual Tribunal will be a groundbreaking way for the [tribunal] to digitally make available to the public all trial related materials such as decisions, filings, trial transcripts and video of the court proceedings," [according to Voice of America](#) .

U.S. universities partnering with the effort include Stanford and the University of California, Berkeley.

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[Ambassador says tribunal "worth saving"](#)

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Last week, I had the opportunity to hear Clint Williamson, U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for war crimes issues, speak to a crowd of Rutgers students and professors about international justice efforts in a number of different countries. While it wasn't the sole focus of his presentation, Williamson did discuss the Khmer Rouge tribunal, and I was pleased with what he had to say.

For starters, he thinks corruption problems at the court are currently "under control" and pointed out that a court administrator had been removed from his post due to these concerns. (By this, I

can only assume he was referring to Sean Visoth, former administration head, who went on extended sick leave and never returned.)

He went on to describe the tribunal as having "more of an impact on the population than any court that has been created." Williamson said that 15,000 Cambodians thusfar have attended proceedings and the ECCC has introduced a whole new generation of Cambodians to their history. While handing out Khmer Rouge textbooks on a recent trip, he said, "the kids couldn't take their noses out of the books."

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Jan 15

[The Khmer Rouge in classrooms](#)

Posted by [robbie](#) in [DC-Cam](#)

A feature story on the Genocide Education Project, an effort to train teachers in the use of the first government-sanctioned textbook covering the Khmer Rouge years:

Find it online [here](#) .

On a recent Thursday, a classroom full of high school teachers in Takeo province sat in groups of five sharing survivors' recollections of 20th-century mass atrocities.

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Dec 29

[Incoming prosecutor discusses challenges of new role](#)

Posted by [robbie](#) in [Prosecution](#) , [le](#)
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On his first visit to Cambodia, new international co-prosecutor Andrew Cayley [described in an interview](#) his past international tribunal experience, his prospects for getting along with the government and the legal theories underpinning the charges against regime leaders awaiting trial.

Also recently:

December 17: A Khmer Rouge tribunal staffer [provided estimated death tolls for security centres and execution sites](#) related to the ongoing investigation of five regime leaders, going far beyond what had previously been made public in a presentation (at a civil party forum) that the court later described as unauthorised.

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[Genocide charges against three suspects](#)

Posted by [robbie](#) in [Nuon Chea](#) , [Khieu Samphan](#) , [leng Sary](#) [Kh](#)

The tribunal announced this week that genocide charges had for the first time been brought against three regime leaders: Nuon Chea, leng Sary and Khieu Samphan.

The charges stem from the regime's treatment of Vietnamese and the Cham Muslim minority group.

Brother No 2 Nuon Chea and leng Sary, the regime's foreign minister, were informed of the charges during a meeting with investigating judges on Wednesday. Former head of state Khieu Samphan was informed Friday. A meeting with leng Thirith, former minister of social action, is scheduled for early next week.

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Dec 14

Recent developments at the ECCC

Posted by [robbie](#) in [Wayne Bastin](#) ,
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Several events of note so far this month:

1. The tribunal on December 2 [announced the appointment](#) of veteran war crimes lawyer **Andrew Cayley as international co-prosecutor** , filling a position that was left vacant by the departure of Robert Petit in September.

2. Judges ruled on December 8 that **joint criminal enterprise**, a controversial form of liability under which suspects can be found responsible for crimes committed as part of a common plan, [could apply at the tribunal](#) , setting the stage for further debate on the issue between prosecutors and lawyers for the four regime leaders awaiting trial.

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Dec 04

Americans not following tribunal developments, according to NY Times

Posted by [Elena](#) in [ECCC](#) , [Duch](#)

A [recent commentary in the New York Times](#) describes the general lack of attention the Khmer Rouge tribunal has received in the United States. I have to say that, sadly, since I returned to the U.S. in August, I have found this largely to be the case.

It is particularly inexcusable considering the role America played in decimating the country and

creating circumstances that allowed the Khmer Rouge to come to power in the first place.

As Richard Bernstein writes, the lack of attention is "strange, given that tens of millions of Americans are old enough to remember when Cambodia was a preoccupying and deeply emotional issue for the United States, a tragic sideshow, as the writer William Shawcross put it, to the larger war in Indochina."

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Nov 29

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[Duch closing arguments rundown](#)

Posted by [robbie](#) in [Duch](#)

Recapping a week of closing arguments:

[Monday](#) : Judges should not be fooled by the partial confessions and feigned contrition Kaing Guek Eav, alias Duch, has employed in a bid to downplay the savage crimes he committed as Tuol Sleng prison commandant, civil party lawyers argued Monday during the first round of closing statements in the Khmer Rouge tribunal's first case.

[Tuesday](#) : A lengthy prison sentence for Tuol Sleng prison chief Kaing Guek Eav, alias Duch, would serve as a resounding repudiation of the facility he ran and the sadistic policies he so zealously promoted, prosecutors told the Khmer Rouge tribunal in their closing statements Tuesday.

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[Duch trial enters final arguments](#)

Posted by [robbie](#) in [Closing statements](#)

The Duch trial has entered closing arguments, which are expected to run through the week.

According to the court's schedule, civil parties are scheduled to present their arguments Monday, with the prosecution following on Tuesday. The defense team and Duch himself will speak on Wednesday and Thursday, after which civil parties and the prosecution will be allowed to make rebuttal statements. The defense team and Duch will then be given one hour to make final statements.

This [advancer](#) structured around an interview with Nic Dunlop, the photographer who discovered Duch in Battambang province in 1999, ran in the [Post](#) on Monday, and an accompanying slide-show is shown at the bottom of the article.

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[Cadres face prospect of more arrests](#)

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A [feature](#) that ran in Tuesday's Post.

By Robbie Corey-Boulet and May Titthara

At the age of 14, Out Moeun left her family home in Anlong Veng district, Oddar Meanchey province, to work for Khmer Rouge Central Committee member Chhit Choeun, alias Ta Mok.

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