

Independent counsellor holds press conference

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During his first press conference as the Khmer Rouge tribunal's independent counsellor, Uth Chhorn [said Wednesday that he would forward](#) , not resolve, well-founded complaints brought to him by tribunal staffers.

Describing how he would approach his new role, he said he was "to be informed of anything that happens in the court". He said he would collect information about all complaints and forward it to Deputy Prime Minister Sok An and Peter Taksoe-Jensen, the UN's assistant secretary general for legal affairs.

The press release announcing the appointment [said Uth Chhorn would be "empowered to address" corruption complaints](#) .

Court spokesman Reach Sambath told reporters that questions about Uth Chhorn's work as auditor general of the National Audit Authority were "not relevant for him to answer". The NAA has been criticised for not releasing its reports, and [observers have expressed concern that this lack of transparency might carry over to his new position](#) .