

## VICTIM OBLIGATION TO TRUTH AND JUSTICE:

"It is important for the victims to be a party,  
a voice equal to the Cambodian and International sides [of the ECCC]."  
Youk Chhang

The Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) is a special tribunal with the mandate to try senior Khmer Rouge leaders and others deemed most responsible for serious crimes during the Democratic Kampuchea era (1975-1979). It began work in 2006 and is run jointly by the Cambodian government and the United Nations. It will only be in existence for a limited period of time. It has two prosecutors – one Cambodian and one international. The Co-prosecutors have charged and detained the top five surviving Khmer Rouge leaders. One of these will be tried in a few months. The other four are still being investigated and have not yet been indicted.

The international Co-Prosecutor wants the Court to investigate five to ten more people who were not as senior as the five now in custody, but who held leadership positions and are believed to have committed serious crimes. The national Co-Prosecutor opposes charging any more people, because she believes that the Court's limited time and financial resources should be devoted to bringing the five detained senior leaders to trial. She has also expressed concern that charging more than these five could lead to public disturbances and violence.

The following questions are designed to survey public opinions about additional prosecutions by the ECCC:

### 1) Have you heard about the ECCC? If so, how much do you know about it?

never heard       heard a little     heard medium amount       heard a lot

### 2) Do you think former KR leaders should be tried by the ECCC?

Yes, I do.       No, I don't.

If "Yes", how strongly do you feel about this?

a little       medium amount       a lot

### 3) Do you think that the ECCC should only try the 5 KR leaders they have in custody or should they also try another 5-10 of the subordinates?

existing 5       5-10 others

How strongly do you feel about your answer?

a little       medium amount       a lot

### 4) Do you think the cost of the trials should be an important factor in the ECCC's decision on how many people to prosecute?

Yes       No

**5) Do you think there would be public disorder or violence if the ECCC prosecuted more than the 5 already charged?**

It would de-stabilize society.                       It would not de-stabilize society.

**6) Do you think the ECCC should try the five people in custody before deciding whether to conduct additional prosecutions?**

Yes     No

**7) Do you think the ECCC will help bring justice sufficiently to Cambodia if only the 5 existing defendants are prosecuted?**

sufficient                                       not sufficient

End.  
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