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**The Prosecution attached to the Kandal Provincial Court of First Instance
No. 583 អ.ក/20**



**Press Statement of the Spokesperson of the Prosecution attached to the Kandal Provincial
Court of First Instance on the Passing of Convicted Person Kaing Guek Eav *alias* Duch**

The spokesperson of the prosecution attached to the Kandal Provincial Court of First Instance wishes to inform the national and international public that the Convicted Person Kaing Guek Eav *alias* Duch, former Chairman of Toul Sleng Prison during the Khmer Rouge regime, passed away in Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital on 2 September 2020 at 00:51.

The Convicted Person Kaing Guek Eav *alias* Duch, Cambodian, was born on 17 November 1942 in Poy Veuy village, Peam Bang commune, Stoung district, Kampong Thom province. He was a professor and the former Chairman of S-21. He was arrested and detained on 10 May 1999 and transferred to the Detention Facility of Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) on 30 July 2007. He was charged with **crimes against humanity**, the crimes that carry life sentence.

On 3 June 2013, the Supreme Court Chamber issued an appeal judgment and sentenced Kaing Guek Eav *alias* Duch to life imprisonment. He was transferred to Kandal Provincial Prison on 6 June 2013 to serve his sentence. As of 2 September 2020, he was detained at Kandal Provincial Prison for 7 years, 2 months and 25 days.

Under the prison term at Kandal Provincial Prison, KAING Guek Eav *alias* Duch, a 78-year-old elderly man, was in critical condition, suffering from several chronic health problems. He was sent for treatment in hospitals outside of the prison four times:

First time: On 20 October 2018, he was referred to Chey Chumneah Referral Hospital of Kandal province. Due to his fatigue, the treating physicians of Chey Chumneah Referral Hospital referred him to Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital on 21 October 2018 and sent him back to the prison on 13 November 2018.

Second time: On 20 November 2018, he was referred to Chey Chumneah Referral Hospital of Kandal province and further referred to Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital with a symptom of renal soreness (renal congestion) and sent back to the prison on 17 December 2018.

Third time: On 4 May 2019, he was referred to Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital with puffiness around his feet. Having been examined, he was transferred back to the prison.

Fourth time: On 31 August 2020, he was referred to Chey Chumneah Referral Hospital of Kandal province and further referred to Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital due to his fatigue. Having been treated, he passed away on 2 September 2020 at 00:51.

The spokesperson of the prosecution attached to the Kandal Provincial Court of First Instance wishes to notify that the Convicted Person KAING Guek Eav *alias* Duch passed away. Under the leadership of the prosecution attached to the Kandal Provincial Court of First Instance, and with the participation of the prison and health officials, forensic physicians and the officials concerned, an investigation was launched into the death of the convicted person. As a result, the death was caused by chronic diseases (bronchitis and serious lung disease). After a full examination, all our expert officials handed over the dead body to his family for traditional ceremony.

Therefore, [the spokesperson of the prosecution attached to the Kandal Provincial Court of First Instance] hereby wishes to inform the national and international public accordingly.

Kandal, 2 September 2020

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The Spokesperson of the Prosecution attached to the Kandal Provincial Court of First Instance