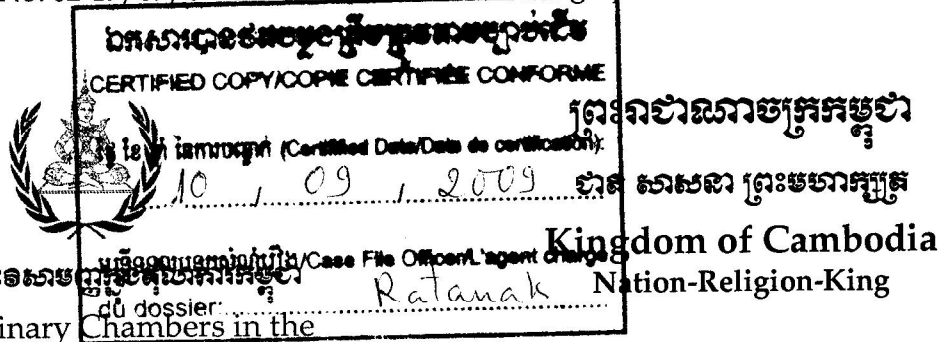


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**Site identification Report
Rapport de situation géographique**

PURSAT REGION

"Tuol Pochrey"
- Execution/Grave Site
Chay Chandaravan
Thomas Kuehnel

N12 41.592 E103 58.189

Pargr. 62
DC-Cam Report entitled *Mapping Project,*
Pursat dated 23 May 1997, ERN 00068300-
00068300,0078057-0078065,
Mapping the Killing Fields of Cambodia dated
23 May 1997, ERN 00068300-00068300

26 May 2008

NORTH WEST ZONE – "TUOL PO CHREY" EXECUTION SITE

37. CPK officials at Tuol Po Chrey executed as many as 10,000 people throughout the period of Democratic Kampuchea. The killing fields of Tuol Po Chrey are located near a former Khmer Republic military base in Kandieng District, Pursat Province, Northwest zone. There was no detention center at this site ; people were brought to the site in large trucks, marched to the killing fields and immediately executed. The undisturbed mass graves at the site may contain the remains of 10,000 or more victims.

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OCIJ Investigation results:

(for convinience see map on page 6)

(Specific Tuol Pro Chrey results see under site 3)

The site Tuol Prochrey – as mentioned in the paragraph 62 of the IS – was identified and located by the OCIJ.

It is the finding of the OCIJ investigation that Tuol Prochrey is a mayor killing site. At an individual event of a period of days, short after the fall of Pursat, hundreds up to more then thousand former Lon Nol soldiers and Lon Nol associated were killed in a planned, organized and systematic way.

The IS summarizes the events under the site name Tuol Prochrey and the killing fields around this site in the Kandieng district in a brief paragraph and names around 10000 persons being killed.

The main course of the event –the event of the mass killing at Tuol Prochrey- is sufficiently investigated. The site is known, the events prior during and after (preparation of killing and disposal of bodies) have been recorded in OCIJ statements. Lack of knowledge exists for the act of the killing since no witness/participant spoke (so far) about this. Little is known about the extent of the killings and the deposal of bodies in the course of events of death and killing of the "regular" security centers work of Pursat after the mass killing Lon Nol associates in 1975. The Tuol Prochrey site may have been used indiscriminately to dispose bodies over the years after the peak of the killing of Lon Nol soldiers.

OCIJ has not found any evidence so far that any event of similar magnitude happened after the killing in 1975 at the particular site of Tuol Prochre.

It is the findings of the OCIJ investigation – at this stage – that in fact several other important events in Pursat region differ in time, location and victim origination may have contributed to the high victim numbers and the summary as mentioned in the IS (see below).

Three important sites in the Pursat region have been identified so far by OCIJ, many others not yet. As a tentative investigation result it can be said that the area of Pursat as such was the scene of at least three dominant events of killings in relation to victims categories and in relation to events which high killing rate.

1. Killing of Lon Nol soldiers
2. Forced transfer ¹and killing of people from East Zone ²³ (not part of this report)
3. Regular security center apparatus and forced labor (not part of this report)

¹ See site report about the train station **Beng Khnar**

² “ “ killing site **Rum Lech**

³ Seun Sim indicated that in a few km distance north of Tuol Prochrey another big killing site is located with thousands of alleged East Zone people –this site was not identified at the time this repot was written

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Subject of this report are the killings of former Lon Nol soldiers at the Tuol Prochrey site and the events at two sub-location in reference prior to the killing:

- 1.) The Pursat provincial headquarter
- 2.) The former Po military camp
- 3.) Tuol Prochrey execution site

The **Killing of former Lon Nol associates at Tuol Prochrey as the first mayor event after the “liberation of Pursat town”**, the killing of several hundreds (minimum 200⁴) up to ONE thousand⁵ or more former high ranking Lon Nol soldiers and other Lon Nol soldiers, officials in the phase directly after the “liberation” after 07-Apr-1975. This event happened on either one or two days at that time at the former Tuol Prochrey base which became as such a killing site. Trucks with Lon Nol soldiers and officials were driven from the provincial HQ and transported the later victims to the execution site inside the former camp where the victims were according to witnesses killed by gun fire. According to witness accounts the bodies were one to two days later put together with excavators or caterpillars and covered with soil, more than one hundred of those bodies were believed to be thrown in the lake, many others (hundreds) were covered with soil at the site. The site was not exhumed so far but was in parts affected by some private looting and by the construction of a dirt road through the compound. The lake is believed to be intact and still hold skeletal remains.

- It is to assume that other small scale killings happened around Tuol Prochrey but neither the individual events nor the graves could be identified any more by OCIJ without further investigation actions.

Other sites in this area existed also but are not mentioned in this report. Their victim number does not appear in this report.

OCIJ witness to Tuol Prochrey:**CHOK MOLI**

The witness testifies that he was an oxcart driver and has seen on one day that Lon Nol soldiers were loaded down from army trucks by Khmer Rouge at the site of Tuol Prochrey. He then saw on the next day that caterpillars covered piles of dirt over what he believed were the bodies of the Lon Nol soldier he had seen the day before

SIEM SEUN

The witness testifies that he was a teenager at that time and monitored from a place close to the site the Lon Nol soldiers being transported on army trucks towards the execution site. On the next day he was allowed to go to area of the execution site and could see by this occasion the bodies still in situ of their death. The witness described that had seen only man and one women.

⁴ UNG CHHAT(U.C.) saw at least 200 former Lon Nol soldiers arriving at the provincial HQ

⁵ U.C. mentioned more came later, other witnesses Chok Moli, Seun Sim refer to hundreds of people being transported or being buried

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The victims were tied by themselves and too each other, some were laying face down, some were half seating, half lying. The witness described a similar scenario that the KR used machines to pile up the bodies and cover them with dirt. The witness also said that more then 100 bodies were thrown into the lake. The witness participated and identified the site to OCIJ investigator.

UNG CHHAT

The witness was a platoon leader at the time Pursat fell in April 1975 in to the KR. He was then ordered to guard the entrance and outside of the Pursat regional HQ. By that occasion he monitored that around 200 Lon Nol soldiers came to a negotiation with the KR to this site. More Lon Nol affiliated person joined or tried to join them in Pursat HQ. The witness identified the former battalion commander of the Lon Nol base. The witness learned from the later victims that they were told that they will go to study, meet with prince Shinanouk and then will be re-installed with their former ranks. The witness then saw the later victims leaving the compound in a convoy and one or two days later in a waiting position sitting in numerous cars outside site 2 the former PO army camp. From this place the victims were transported in a 20 min rhythm by one by one car to the execution site of Tuol Prochrey. The witness later managed by foot to go to this place in order to search for two of his relatives believed to be among the victims.

The witness described the person being killed in their situation found and identified the site to OCIJ.

The credibility of witness UNG CHHAT in one part of his statement is questioned. It is the impression of the investigators that the witness does not disclose the full alleged participation. His detailed knowledge gives reasons (but not positive proofs) that he might have been closer to the events when he testified so far. In areas where he describes the basic locations, the course of the events prior and after the execution, the burial of the bodies his testimony is very credible and matches with the accounts of the other witnesses.

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The witness was Lon Nol soldiers by 1975. He testifies that Tuol Pochrey is near Tonlesap lake located in Sresdock Commune, Kandieng district. Tuol Pochrey was the place where KR soldiers took Lon Nol soldier, civil servant and provincial governors to be killed after the fall of Pursat Town in 1975.

Suy Sengchhorn

The witness was a chief of Camando at Kbal Choepuk village from 1973 until the KR took control over Pursat Province in 1975. The witness testifies that Tuol Pochrey was a killing site for Lon Nol's army officers, provincial governor and civil servants. After the KR took control over Pursat, when he arrived at Kandieng Bridge, he saw the trucks transporting Lon Nol soldiers, provincial governor and civil servants and turned towards Tuol Pochrey. He saw about one hundred trucks and people were standing densely in each truckload. He knew they were transported to Tuol Pochrey when he asked the villagers there. He further testifies that KR soldiers with guns escorted those trucks all the way. Tuol Pochrey was not a detention office, but it was a killing site.

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REFERENCE TO OTER PURSAT SITE IDENTIFICATION REPORTS:**The other relevant sites or events in Pursat (This report DOES NOT refer to see additional reports):**

- The **second mayor event group** is the arrival and subsequent forced labor and/or the killing of the deported persons from the former East Zone – Svay Rieng – and Kampuchea Kraum People. Estimations from DCC sources and OCIJ PV give reasons to the estimation that several thousands of these people were killed in the Pursat region. One mayor killing site-burial site is suspected to be in a few kilometer distance (less then 10) away from Tuol Prochrey) – Please see the site reports for the **Train station** and the site report **Rum Lech**
The railway station **Beng Khnar** where large numbers of deported east zone people arrived. Other deported persons were transported by trucks or walked in convoys (sector 2)
Rum Lech village as an execution site and burial site for around 700 (minimum) up to over a thousand people killed (sector 2)
- **Third** Apart from these mayor events **the regular security center** apparatus with detention and killing facilities on commune, district and Zone level was operational in Pursat region in general, including Tuol Prochrey.
- An un-identified location a few kilometers away from Tuol Prochrey. This site was repeatedly named as a place where allegedly thousands of “east zone people – Svay Rieng people” were killed. OCIJ has not yet approached this site

Disclaimer:**This report is one of a series continuation report of sites relevant to IS and OCIJ interviews.**

This report is only a **site identification report**, it is not a forensic or crime scene report or a comprehensive report about the crimes and events occurred, since only preliminary inspections and fact findings measures were done (photos, measures, GPS, description, sketches, locating of graves). No consecutive measures were done.

This report only covers sites referred in the IS for this region and/or additionally mentioned or identified in the consecutive PV's done.

Thus the region quoted in this report may have much more sites (event sites and grave location) as being mentioned here.

Information to this site report may be added in a follow up or updated version if new information is revealed

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Aerial description:

The above mentioned Tuol Prochrey site is located in the area of north-east 18 km air distance of the regional city Pursat, Pursat Region, former KR NW Zone, Sector 14.

The main site Tuol Prochrey (killing site nr. 3) is located in the flat land between north of the Pursat town and the western shore of the Tonle Sap. Depending to the rainy season and the expansion of the lake the site is generally located in the half of the distance between Pursat and the Tonle Sap lake as the position would be depicted on geographical maps. The only road leading to this site is coming from the center of the Pursat (site nr 1- assembles area) in generally straight north direction to the site passing site 2 (holding area for victim's prior execution -the Po Village Army Fort)

Coming from Phnom Phen on National Highway 5 in northwest direction entering the town of Pursat and following the main town road along the river Pouthisat in north direction to road will lead to the first sub-side (the former/current provincial HQ – assembly area for arrested Lon Nol soldiers).

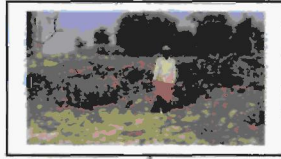
Following this road along the river in north direction for 5,6 km air distance it leads to the junction of a minor dirt road which leads after 13.3 km air distance from the first site to the second site (former Po Village Army Fort). Just a few hundred meter behind this fort in north direction is a canal built by the KR. Crossing this canal the only road in north direction will lead at the beginning through densely populated villages. The density of population will decline as the road continues in north direction.

After around 3.1 km from the north end of the fort the dirt roads leads to the south entrance to Tuol Prochrey – or around 17 km air distance from the provincial headquarter in Pursat –

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**OVERVIEW MAP OF THE
TUOL PROCHREY SITES**

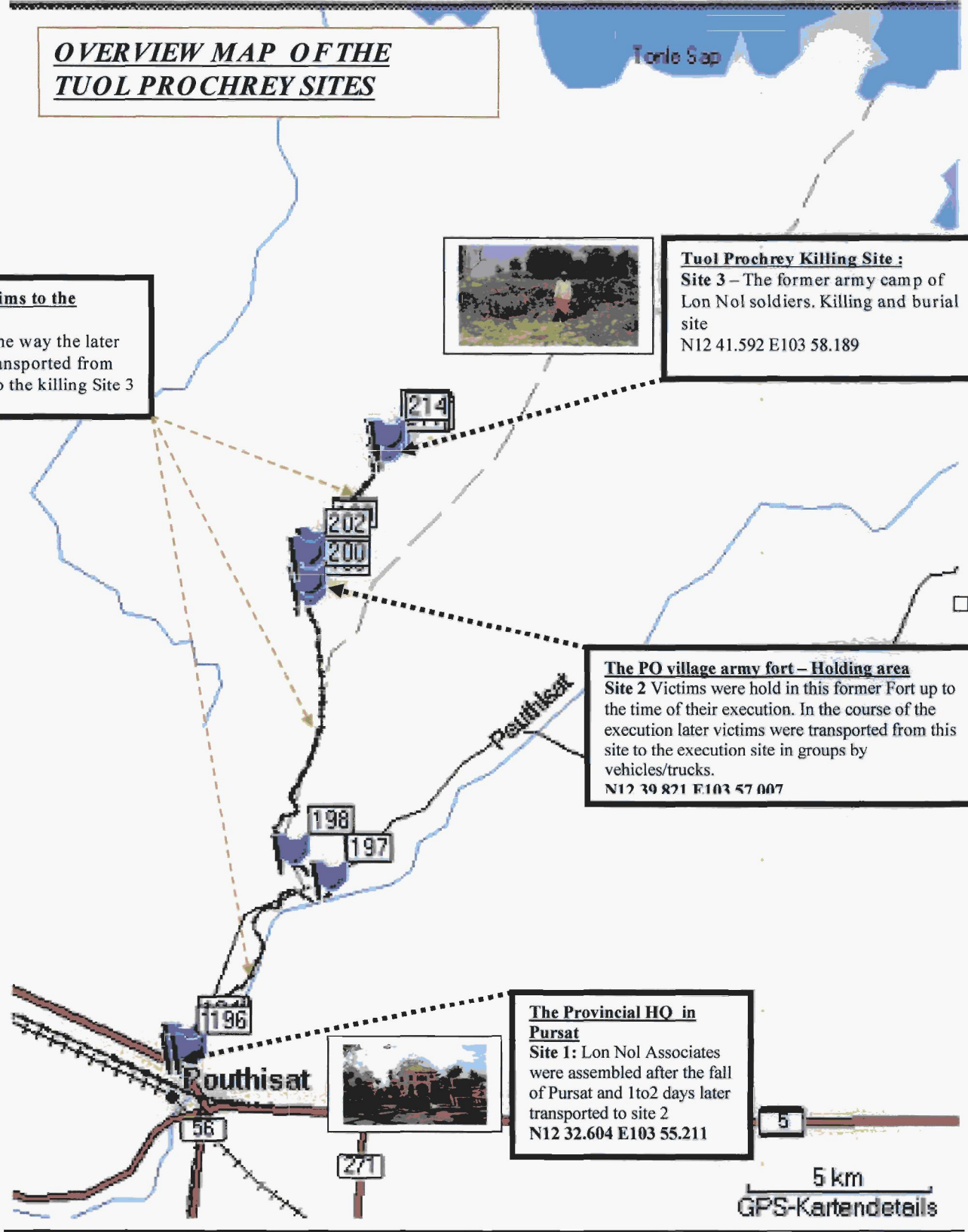
**Way of the victims to the
killing site:**
Line indicates the way the later
victims were transported from
Site 1 to Site 2 to the killing Site 3



Tuol Prochrey Killing Site :
Site 3 – The former army camp of
Lon Nol soldiers. Killing and burial
site
N12 41.592 E103 58.189

The PO village army fort – Holding area
Site 2 Victims were hold in this former Fort up to
the time of their execution. In the course of the
execution later victims were transported from this
site to the execution site in groups by
vehicles/trucks.
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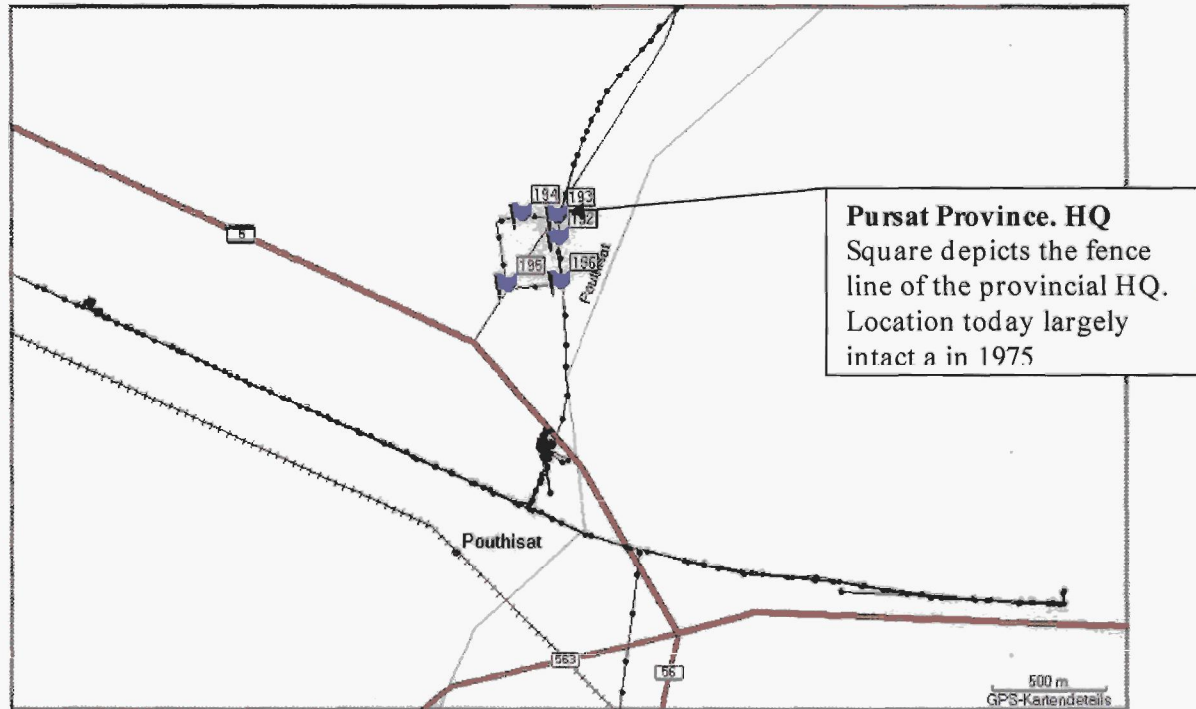
**The Provincial HQ in
Pursat**
Site 1: Lon Nol Associates
were assembled after the fall
of Pursat and 1to2 days later
transported to site 2
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Tuol Prochrey 1 - The Provincial HQ in Pursat

Location of site: N12 32.604 E103 55.211

Description of site: Pursat Provincial Government Head Quarter

Investigator on site: Thomas Kuehnel, OCIJ - Chandaravan Chay, OCIJ

Date: Sunday 31-Jan-2009

Witness for site identification: UNG CHHAT (PV taken)

Aerial Context description:

The Pursat provincial headquarter HQ was the first site when Lon Nol soldiers and Lon Nol officials were gathered by KR troops in the compound on this site. From this compound the later victims were transported in a convoy in north direction to a former Lon Nol base, **the PO village fort** (Site 2), from there directly to the killing site a **Tuol Prochrey** (Site 3)

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Event Context description:

(At any time the only valid evidence is the originally signed version of the PV of the witness/es being quoted in this context here)

With the fall of Pursat town into the hands of the KR in April 1975 the KR took the provincial HQ in their possession and had their own provincial headquarter installed.

The unit of witness UNG CHHAT⁶ was deployed to secure the outer perimeter of the HQ. The witness was according to his statement a platoon leader and was posted on the main entrance gate of the HQ.

The witness testified that he had seen that Lon Nol soldiers and Lon Nol officials arrived by their own and by own cars or by foot at this compound and were admitted. Inside the compound there was talks-negotiation between the KR leaders TA SAN-deputy secretary district 21; TA MAO-1st secretary district 21; TA SOTH; TA TOY – leader sector 7. On the Lon Nol side former Battalion commander TA PAL (stationed in Tuol Prochrey) participated. According to witness UNG CHHAT in particular to this meeting and to other witnesses (CHOK MOLI⁷) as a more general explanation, Lon Nol soldiers and officials were told that the have to go through re-education and then will get their ranks back.

According to witness UNG CHHAT, the participants from the Lon Nol side left this meeting “happy and undisturbed” – allegedly because of the promise that they will be transported to study and to meet with King Shianouk. This was the given reason by the witness why the Lon Nol soldiers came voluntarily to the HQ in Pursat and remained calm and quiet. The witness described that a lot of people were outside while the Lon Nol soldiers were in the compound. The witness described that even more people did enter the compound to join the gathered Lon Nol soldiers. The witness said originally 200 Lon Nol soldiers and official arrived at the HQ – how many were later admitted and/or additionally detained at site 2 could not be verified any more.

Investigators finding on site:

Witness UNG CHHAT identified the site to OCIJ. Today the whole area is still the provincial (government) headquarter and described as such.

According to the witness the outside wall, the yard and the main house are in the same condition as during the events.

The outside length and width of the compound was measured.

The width of the riverfront is 293 meters long.

The length of the compound is on the south side 235 meter long and on the north side 158 meter long.

⁶ OCIJ witness statement UNG CHHAT

⁷ OCIJ witness statement CHOK MOLI

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It seems plausible that the area was big enough to hold then 200 soldiers which have entered the compound.

The witness took the position at the spot he had at the time when he guarded the compound. The wall and the fence –stipulated being the same at the time as claimed by the witness – allowed at all time a view to the compound and the events in the yard.

It can be assumed that the witness could see and monitored the events he described while he was the platoon leader of the platoon guarding the compound.

The site is located in the center of town along the river . There is only one road from this compound to the site 2 and the killing site 3-

Event context:

- See PV of witness UNG CHHAT

Forensic findings:

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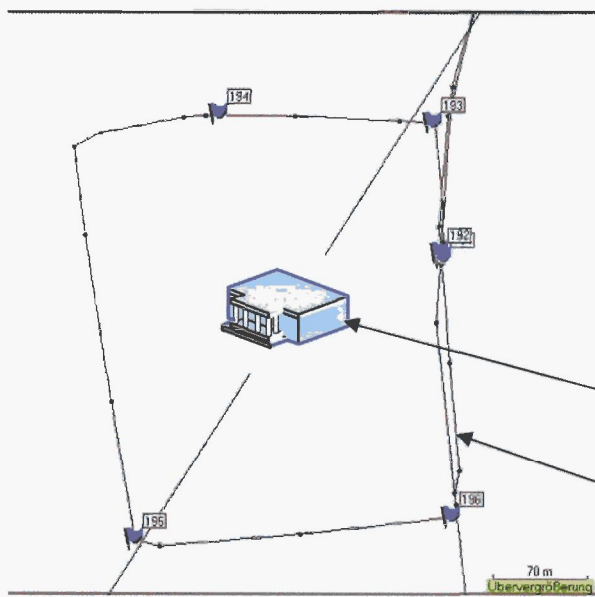
GPS co-ordinates of the provincial government HQ of Pursat:

192	N12 32.604 E103 55.211	-	Main gate of the Pursat provincial HQ
193	N12 32.656 E103 55.208	-	North East corner of the compound
194	N12 32.660 E103 55.121	-	North West corner
195	N12 32.489 E103 55.086	-	South West corner
196	N12 32.499 E103 55.215	-	South East

Disclaimer: The co-ordinates were taken on the corner of the wall leading around the compound today. The compound today is separated in the several smaller compounds. Maximum extension of the compound is along the riverside in north south direction between WP 193 and 196 – and is according to the witness UNG CHHAT still in the same condition as 1975

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Attachments:



GPS way points and shape of the compound as being depicted today

Provincial HQ

Fence line

PHOTOS:



View through the gate to the building and yard. According to witness UNG CHAT the house and yard are in the same structure as they were during the time of the events when the Lon Nol soldiers were present on the compound

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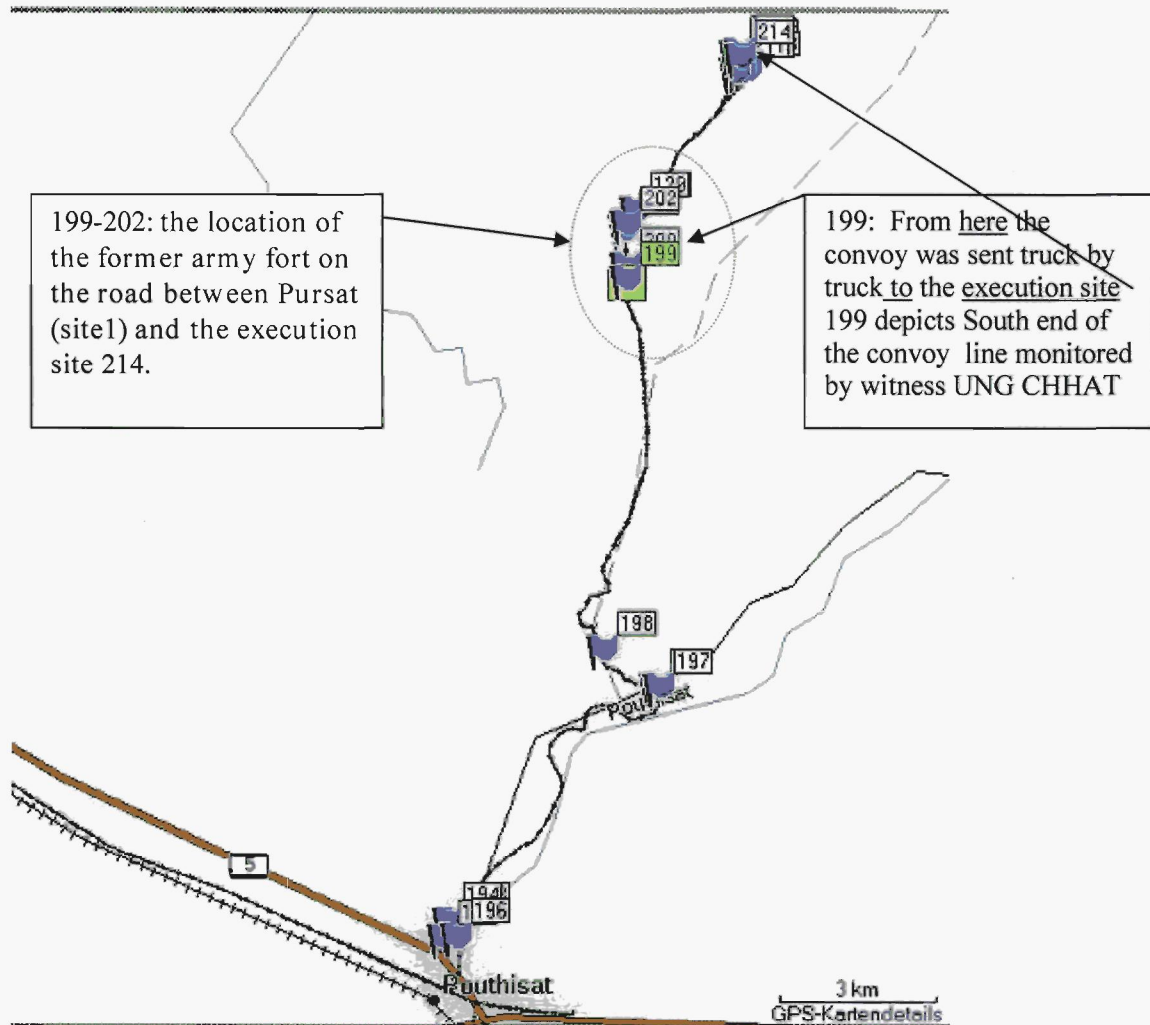


View on the outside and wall/ gate of the provincial HQ. Witness UNG CHHAT is depicted on this position in the same position which he had during the time of the events when he guarded the compound and monitored the Lon Nol soldiers



Witness UNG CHHAT depicted in the same position he had when he and his unit were guarding the compound

Tuol Prochrey 2 - The PO village army fort (and water channel)



Location of site: N12 39.821 E103 57.007

Description of site: Located in Po village

Investigator on site: Thomas Kuehnel, OCIJ - Chandaravan Chay, OCIJ

Date: Sunday, 31-February-2009

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Investigators finding on site:

Witness UNG CHHAT identified this site to OCIJ. Today nothing reminds to the old fort or to the pagoda which was here at the times of the event.

The witness is self confident, knows the area well and refers to nature land marks to identify this site. The location of the site in-between the only way from the Pursat HQ to the execution site fits with the description of the other OCIJ witnesses.

UNG CHHAT explained that at the same location as the fort an old monastery/pagoda was located. This information seems relevant because other sources/witnesses refer in their explanation that the later victims were transported from a pagoda by truck⁸.

Event reference:

From UNG CHHAT and concluding information of other statements this location was identified as the one from where the actual transport by truck started which brought the later victims to the execution site Tuol Prochrey.

Witness for site identification: UNG CHHAT(PV taken)
SIEM SEUN (PV taken)

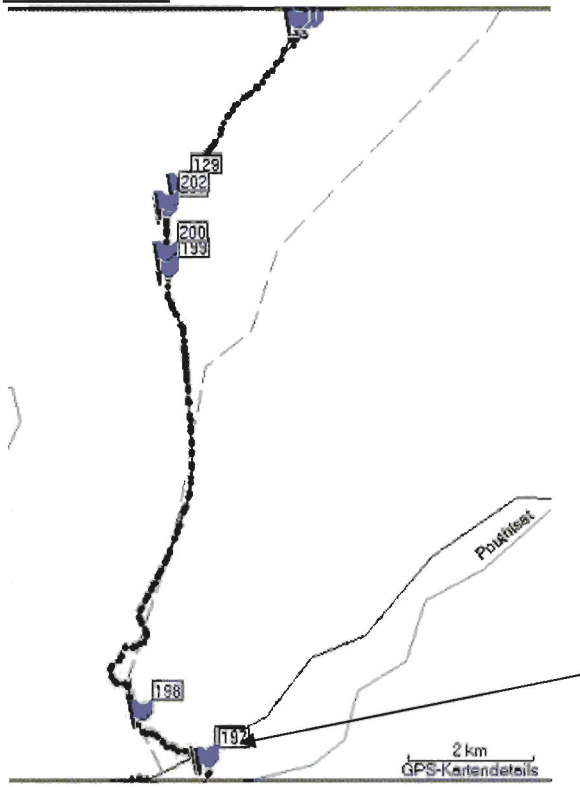
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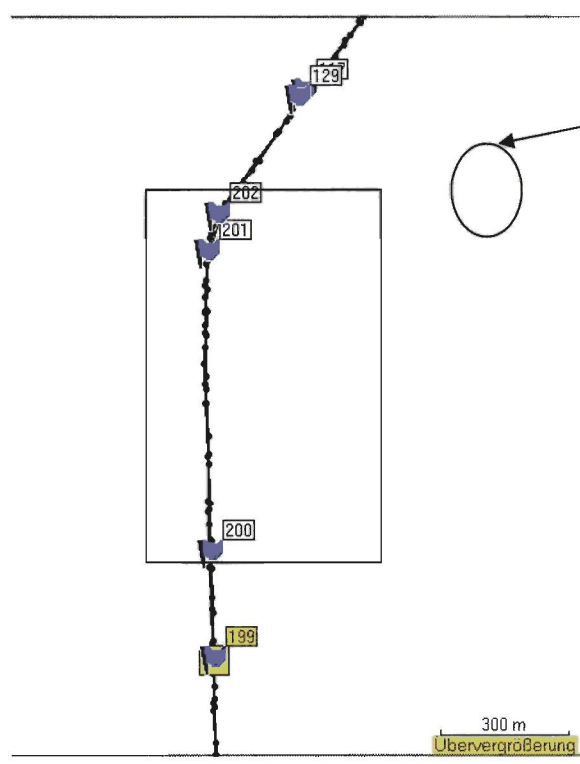
197	N12 35.082 E103 57.362	-	Access point, junction from the road of Pursat following the river to the site 2 and the execution site
199	N12 39.301 E103 57.013	-	South end of the convoy line monitored by the witness
200	N12 39.438 E103 57.010	-	Road point symbols the former south fence of the fort which does not exist any more, spot identified by witness UNG CHHAT
201	N12 39.821 E103 57.007	-	Former headquarter of the base – today a school building on the spot
202	N12 39.867 E103 57.021	-	North end of the of the fort
117	N12 40.024 E103 57.133	-	North – Water channel constructed during KR time, north of the former military fort
129	N12 40.016 E103 57.125	-	South - -“-

⁸ SIEM SEUN refers to a pagoda from where he was watching when the later victims were transported

Attachments:



Access point, junction from the road of Pursat following the river to the site 2 and the execution site



Estimated location of the former pagoda acc. to witness UNG CHHAT see also SIEM SEUN

200 and 201 depicts the south and north end to the camp. Line depicts the estimated dimension of the camp. The road would cut through the compound

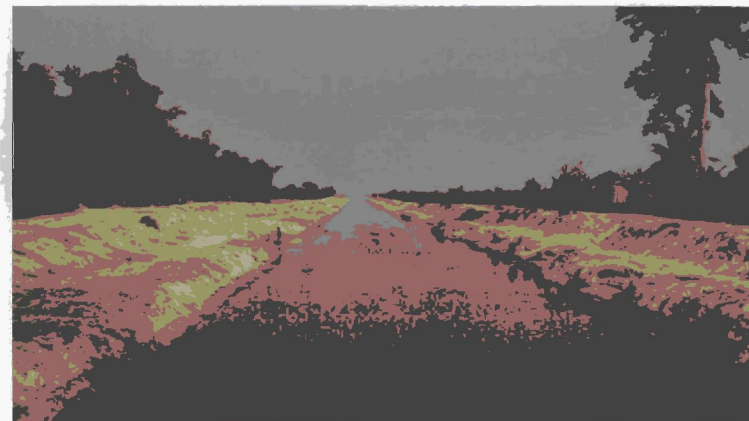
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199 N12 39.301 E103 57.013

- South end of the convoy line monitored by the witness reference point: tree
- Picture also depicts the former south end (tree) of the camp facing North direction to Tuo Prochrey

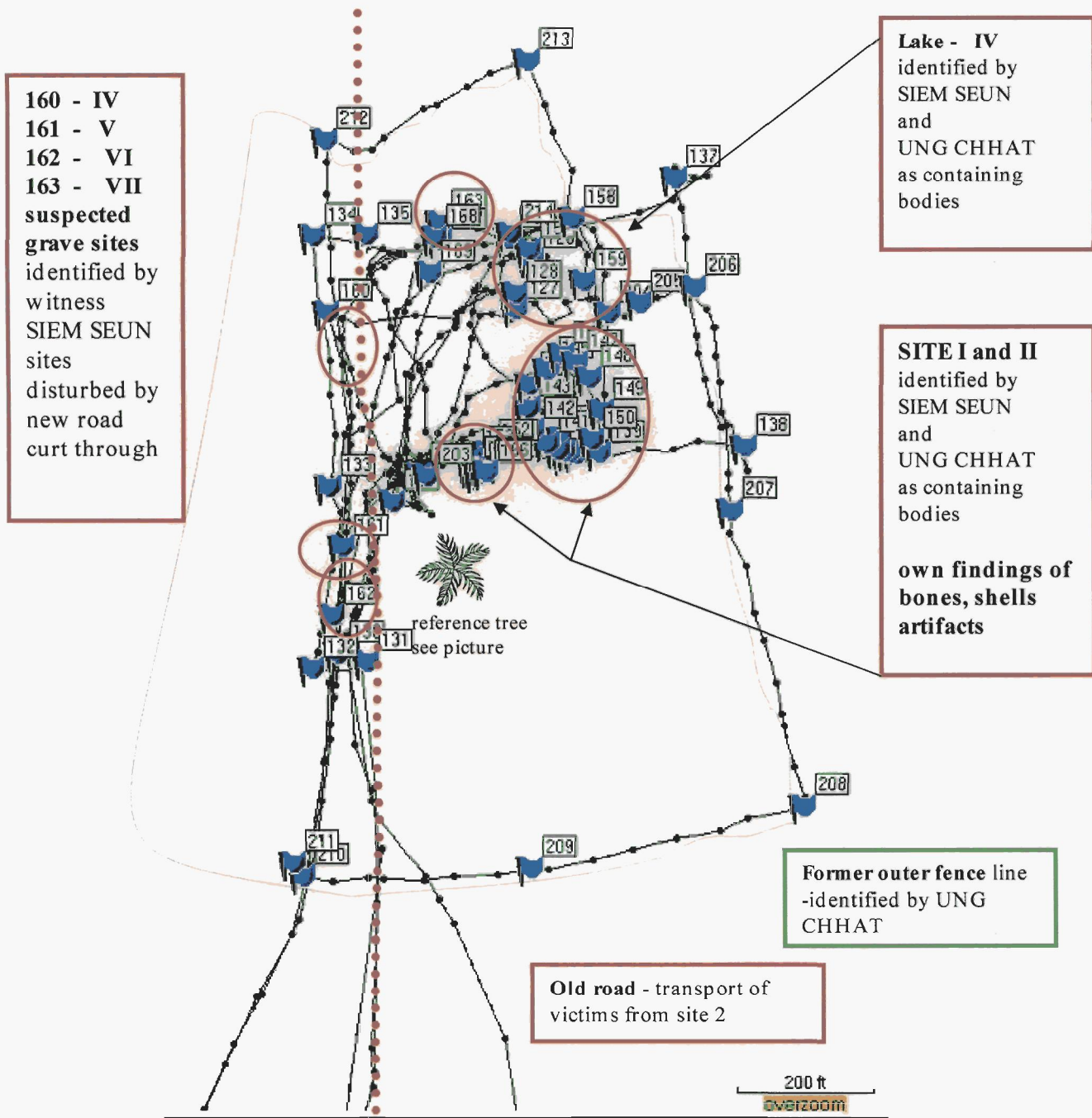


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- North – Water channel constructed during KR time, north of the former military fort

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Tuol Prochrey 3 - Tuol Prochrey Execution Site



Location of site: N12 41.592 E103 58.189 - reference point – tree

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Investigator on site: Kuehnel, Thomas, OCIJ investigator
Chandaravan Chay, OCIJ investigator

Date: 15-Jan-2009, 31-Jan-2009 (et al.)

Witness for site identification: 1.) SIEM SEUN (PV taken)
2.) UNG CHHAT (PV taken)

Summary of the results of the OCIJ findings:

Tuol Prochrey as a site was introduced by 2 OCIJ witnesses and other persons matches today with the description of the PV obtained by OCIJ.

OCIJ have no doubt left that it was the site identified which relates to the statements the witnesses gave about Tuol Prochrey. The site visited by OCIJ was the former army camp of Lon Nol soldiers which -according to the IS and statements - was used as an execution site.

The location of the camp was verified, the former shape of the camp was reconstructed and the distance and to the two other sites was examined,

Seven suspicious sites for possible containing human remains were identified either by witnesses to OCIJ or by own identification of OCIJ or by both.

What appeared to be human remains was only found in the area of site I and II, while on all other sites (except the lake) cloths were found.

On some and in the soil of some suspicious sites (especially site I and II) shell cases were found.

Over the all compound surface founds of shell cases can be made - it must be emphasized that the site was beside an executions site (by shooting) the site was also a combat site,

The area today can be still identified by witnesses and obvious surface findings (bones, cloth etc) give indications to a possible crime scene. Beside that nothing remained from the old structure of the camp. However a positive proof of numbers of killed person the presence of human remains in the soil can't be done without opening the soil.

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Aerial Context description:

Tuol Prochrey is 13.3 km located in air distance from the Provincial HQ in the center of Pursat town.

- See Arial Context description at the introduction part –

Outer site**Current appearance in 2009:**

Tuol Prochrey is today a flat piece of land in the plain delta of the Tonle Sap expansion area – north-north/east of Pursat. During KR there was more trees- forest around. Today it is mainly a rice field area.

Following the connecting road from the site I and II which mainly leads thoroughly densely populated area of villages and settlements through a vegetation zone of high tree or partially forest type area, the vegetation opens up around 3-4 km (est.) before reaching the actual site. It is grass and rice fields with some individual trees which makes the site recognizable from farer distance. Especially the reference point a high and big tree can be seen from far and did a landmark exist already in 1975.

The old dirt track which was connecting the sites from Pursat and which was used to transport the later victim's subject of the execution still exists. However after leaving the last settlement prior to Tuol Prochrey (TPC) there is nowadays a new road and a water channel which goes parallel to the old. The road and the channel affect the integrity of the site at least to the extent that it is believed that the road goes over/through some of the human remains believed to be buried there.

Nothing can be today seen anymore which was described in association with the former Lon Nol base. No fence and no structure of a building or construction are there.

There are marked graves / tomb stones (2) which have according to one of the village leaders are not in relation to the killed persons. There is another individual grave of one person – also not related to the events –under the landmark tree.

Previous - historical reference:

According to the information received from several PV and persons spoken on the site, TPC was a former Lon Nol military base of the seize of a battalion.

The last commander of that battalion who was also among the later executed Lon Nol soldier was TA PAL.

The dimension of the camp was measured as around 350 meters in north south direction and around 240 meters in east west direction (measure points were taken according to the precise or indicated spots witness UNG CHHAT stated). However the witness indicated that the shape of the camp was not rectangle but polygon shape of a fence line around the camp.

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The fence was barb wire which was reinforced or in parts only thorn bushes. There were actually three lines of fences around the inner site.

Inner site

The inner site of TPC is not recognizable in any form as the former army camp. The surface is nearly completely assimilated in to the normal farm land of the surrounding area, including the two roads and the water channel which go through the area.

What remain in the identical with the site from 1975 are the lake and the reference tree.

Relevant spots in the inner site are I – VIII suspected alleged grave sites/pits, among them the lake which may contain still undisturbed skeletal remains of around 100 bodies.

Investigators finding on site:

These site either have been identified by a witness as such and/or have additionally findings which indicate the alleged presence of a pits or graves with human remains.

Site I is close to the lake and is a small hillside, which is together with the lake the only two sites which can be described as not being disturbed on their general surface structure or location. The origin of the small elevation is being explained by the witnesses and out of the context of the events as being the result of piling up the bodies and covering them with soil.

The other sites have mainly suffered –on the surface- that tracks are going over them, farm land covers them or the new build road goes over them.

Two site visits have been done in the recent time with investigator Chay Chandaravan and Thomas Kuehnel. Additionally a site visit was done by investigator Mike Dixon and Chay Chandaravan.

The inner area of the site was walked together with witnesses mentioned in this report which indicated the event location and described the locations mentioned in their PV.

By this GPS co-ordinates, pictures and measures were taken in order to map out the site and to identify specific location of suspected or alleged sites of pits, graves and possible find indications for human remains present.

Based on the guidance of the witnesses and on own findings of the investigator this report was compelled.

In summary it can be said that Tuol Prochrey site as being found today fits into the description of the witness PV's . The sites mentioned, the lake, the pile up areas and the roads leading from the center of Pursat, from the first assembly area, via the second site, the fort are in harmony with the

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findings of the witnesses. There is no doubt left to the investigators that the site visited is in fact the Tuol Prochrey execution site.

Several indicators described below were found which suggest to the presence of a number of human body remains at this site.

These are:

- fragments-debris of bones which give the impression being of human remains
- fired shell cases and one bullet head
- several metal artifacts such as belt buckle, zippers
- an noticeable presence of cloth mixed into the soil

Forensic findings:

A random superficial screening was done over the alleged/suspected sites I, II, VIII with a metal detector in order to find indicating material to find human remains and or to find ballistic evidence.

Forensic condition of the sites:

OCIJ inspected the site just to evaluate forensic findings. No exhumation was done, no entire crime scene work was or could have been done. Only the information of the witnesses at the site were secured and own observations taken to either support or examine the information of the witnesses.

During the site inspection a metal detector was used and the soil was disturbed at the site were either the detector showed a signal or artifacts were already appeared at the surface such as cloth and bones.

OCIJ investigators inspected the surface condition of the site, especially at the locations identified as alleged graves or pits with human remains.

The entire surface area (including 30-40 cm) of soil is literally contaminated with cloth and artifacts, occasionally bones appear on the surface(peaking on alleged grave sites). While the area surrounding the site is mainly intact and not polluted by artifacts of obvious human descent or human use.

The surface of this site is today used as farm land. no old structure remains from the military camp, except the old tree (landmark) and the old track or road leading to the site.

Relevant surface condition is today:

- rice fields
- cattle land
- two dirt tracks leading through the site

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one channel
 one lake/swamp
 Tress and bushes

Only the alleged grave site I (small elevation of soil) and IV (lake) are not assimilated by nature or farming or road construction and are as an individual location identifiable.

However (all) both sites are affected by cattle walking through these sites. The soil at this location is extremely hard and compressed. The artifacts at the surface level are broken, in debris and mixed in hard soil, partially sticking in the soil, partially exposed to the surface condition.

All sites show at least on the surface signs of being disturbed by either looters, farmers or animals over the years

However witness evidence stipulates that the graves deep in the soil may still be intact, especially the lake site (site IV)

Ballistic evidence:

Multiple fired shell cases and one bullet head were found at the surface or in the soil of Tuol Prochrey site. An accumulation of empty shell cases was found in and around the spots which were described as the pits for human remains. It is significant that these shell cases were found in the soil not deeper than around 30 cm, mixed with all the other findings like, human bone remains, cloth, equipment and accessories used by humans.

It must be emphasized that the entire Tuol Prochrey site was an army camp at Lon Nol times and the scene of several attacks and defensive action when the KR tried to take the Lon Nol positions prior to the fall of Pursat. With the fall of the KR fighting's were again present in this region.

It must be therefore stipulated that the presence of ammunition at the surface of the site can also originated from fighting's in the area and can not in a definitive way be brought in causality with the executions.

Human remains:

Several bone artifacts have been seen by eye or being found by a test digging at site I. These findings appear of typical human appearance to the investigators, but because of the absence of a pathology expertise or experts at the seen and because of the fact that the bones found are in debris, fragments and in very bad condition, no reliable conclusion can be made without a proper exhumation and examination by an anthropologist or pathologist.

OCIJ witness SIEM SEUN et al. state that skeletal remains are still in the lake (currently a swamp). Because of the conditions, the lack of logistic and means OCIJ could not find any human remains in the lake.

It needs to be noted that the soil at this site is off extreme hard and compressed consistence. Much harder than any bone material found. This suggests that an exhumation at this later period of time might -except for the lake- might be difficult in order to retrieve intact skeletal remains.

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119	N12 41.527 E103 58.196	-	TPC access point from the main road in Pursat
120	N12 41.586 E103 58.230	-	Lake
121	N12 41.561 E103 58.241	-	hill with unconfirmed indication for grave
122	N12 41.538 E103 58.238	-	spot with cloth in soil – see also picture
123	N12 41.539 E103 58.240	-	spot with bone material on the surface, appears to be of human origin - see also picture
124	N12 41.539 E103 58.239	-	shell case found - see also picture
125	N12 41.539 E103 58.238	-	remain of cloth - see also picture
126	N12 41.543 E103 58.237	-	shell case
130	N12 41.491 E103 58.182	-	Start of bodies laying on ground
131	N12 41.489 E103 58.189	-	+5m to east former east boulder line of camp
132	N12 41.487 E103 58.176	-	+5m to east former east boulder line of camp
133	N12 41.531 E103 58.179	-	+5m to east former east boulder line of camp
134	N12 41.591 E103 58.176	-	+5m to east former east boulder line of camp
135	N12 41.592 E103 58.189	-	OLD TREE – reference point – tree was existing in 1975
136	N12 41.591 E103 58.224	-	Lake circumference point
137	N12 41.605 E103 58.265	-	east circumference of camp
138	N12 41.541 E103 58.282	-	east circumference of camp
139	N12 41.539 E103 58.246	-	Bushline close to site II reference point
140	N12 41.540 E103 58.236	-	WP 140 to WP 150 – Circumference of the

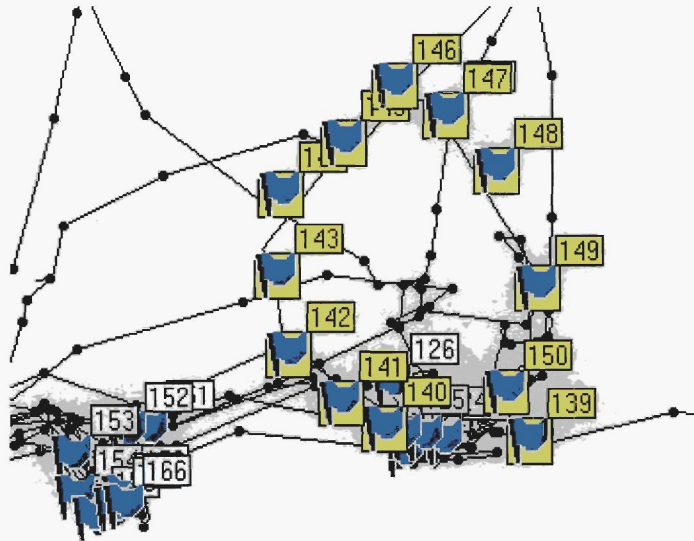
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alleged **grave site I**

141	N12 41.542 E103 58.233	-	Circumference
142	N12 41.545 E103 58.230	-	Circumference
143	N12 41.550 E103 58.229	-	Circumference
144	N12 41.556 E103 58.229	-	Circumference
145	N12 41.559 E103 58.234	-	Circumference
146	N12 41.563 E103 58.237	-	Circumference
147	N12 41.561 E103 58.240	-	Circumference
148	N12 41.557 E103 58.244	-	Circumference
149	N12 41.549 E103 58.247	-	Circumference
150	N12 41.542 E103 58.245	-	Circumference



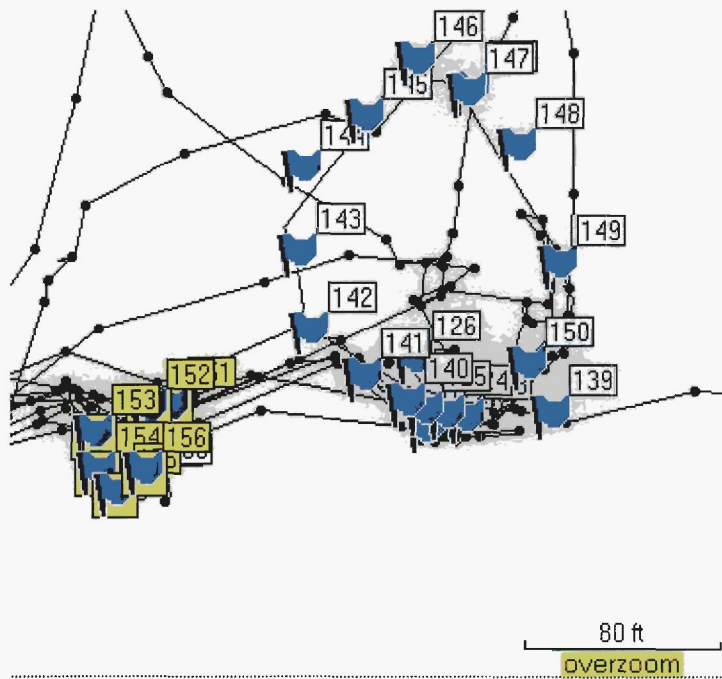
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Alleged grave site II

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| 164 | N12 41.535 E103 58.218 | - | described by witness SIEM SEUN et al. |
| 165 | N12 41.534 E103 58.218 | - | Shell case found at alleged grave site II |
| 166 | N12 41.535 E103 58.218 | - | Bullet found at alleged grave site II |
| | | - | Shell case found at alleged grave site II |
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| 151 | N12 41.540 E103 58.220 | - | Potential, suspected grave location – |
| | | | circumference point-no proof found this |
| | | | stage, 151 to 156 |
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| 152 | N12 41.539 E103 58.219 | - | 115 to 156 Circumference |
| 153 | N12 41.538 E103 58.215 | - | 151 to 156 Circumference |
| 154 | N12 41.535 E103 58.215 | - | 151 to 156 Circumference |
| 155 | N12 41.534 E103 58.216 | - | 151 to 156 Circumference |
| 156 | N12 41.535 E103 58.218 | - | 151 to 156 Circumference |



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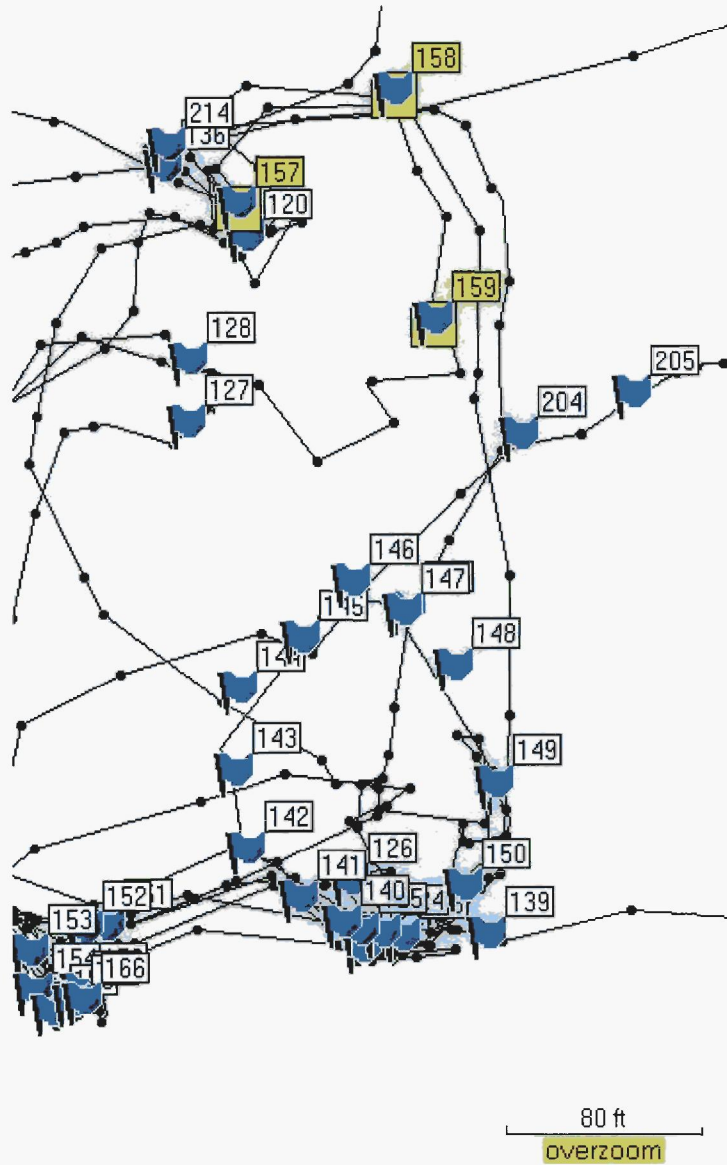
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Grave site III - THE LAKE

described by witness SIEM SEUN, UN CHHAT, mentioned in PV of CHOK MOLI et al.

- 157 N12 41.588 E103 58.229 - Lake circumference point –
- 158 N12 41.596 E103 58.240 - Lake circumference point
- 159 N12 41.580 E103 58.243 - Lake circumference point



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160 **N12 41.573 E103 58.179** - alleged pill up place for bodies, potential
grave location V – site shows cloth
mixed in the soil, site is disturbed on
the surface due to a recent build dirt road passing through – therefore no reliable indication can
be made at this stage without an exhumation
described by witness SIEM SEUN

Suspicious Site V

161 **N12 41.517 E103 58.183** - alleged pill up place for bodies, potential
grave location VI – site shows cloth
mixed in the soil, site is disturbed on
the surface due to a recent build dirt road passing through – therefore no reliable indication can
be made at this stage without an exhumation- waypoint taken for further verification
described by witness SIEM SEUN

Suspicious Site VI

162 **N12 41.500 E103 58.181** - alleged pill up place for bodies, potential
grave location VII – site shows cloth
mixed in the soil, site is disturbed on
the surface due to a recent build dirt road passing through – therefore no reliable indication can
be made at this stage without an exhumation-waypoint taken for further verification
described by witness SIEM SEUN

on/close under surface, site is disturbed on the surface due to be used as cattle field, no further
indication on the surface can support any conclusion – therefore no reliable indication can be
made at this stage without an exhumation waypoint taken for further verification
described by witness SIEM SEUN

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Suspicious Site VII

- 163 N12 41.595 E103 58.207 - alleged pile up place for bodies, potential
grave location VIII– site shows cloth
mixed in the soil and shell cases
- 167 N12 41.590 E103 58.207 - Shell case found at suspicious or grave
site VIII
- 168 N12 41.591 E103 58.206 - Shell case found at suspicious or grave
site VIII
- 169 N12 41.583 E103 58.205 - Cloth-trouser found at suspicious or
grave site VIII – trouser was partially in the soil – removed from soil for picture being taken

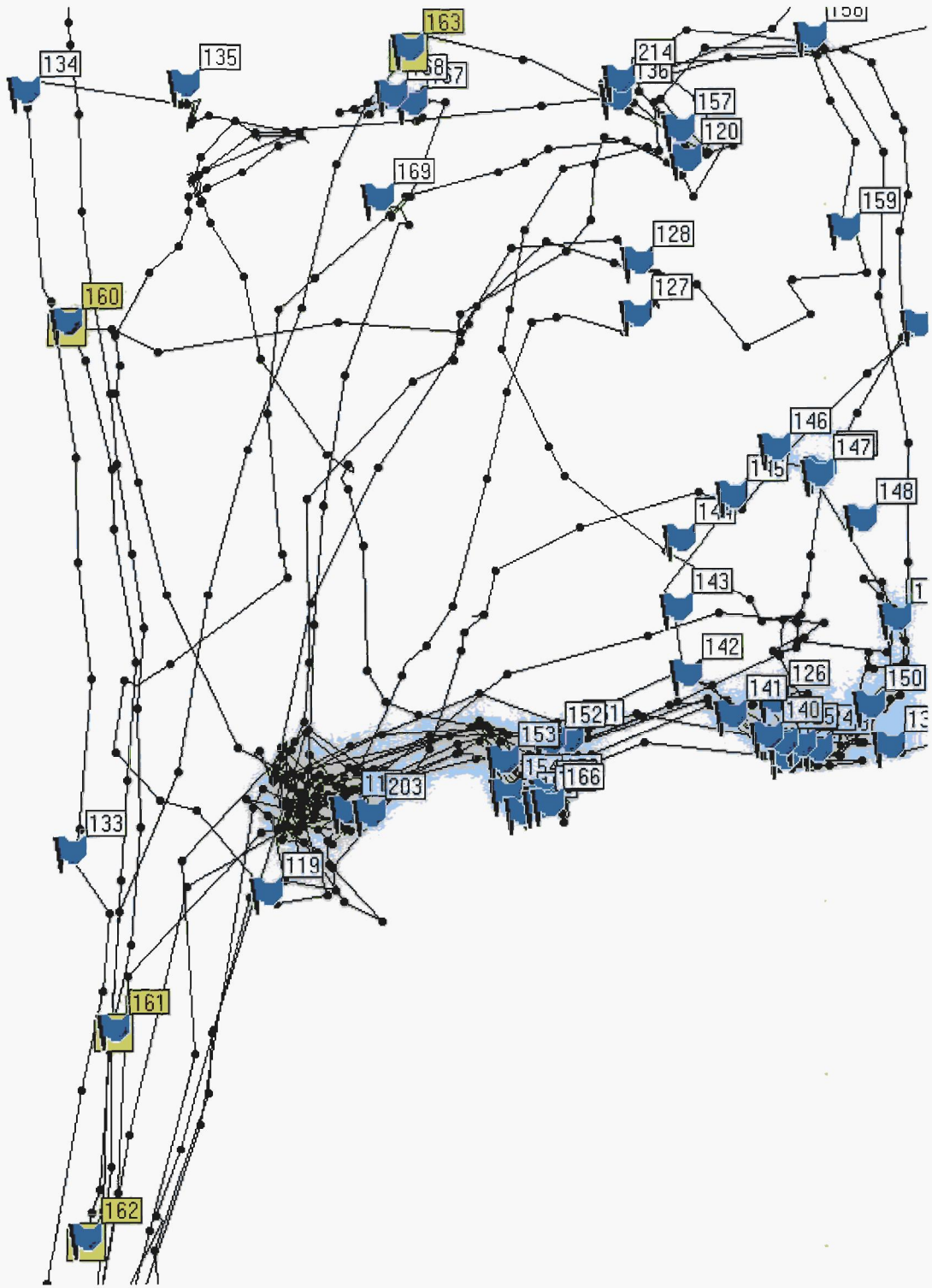
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- 203 N12 41.534 E103 58.204 - Reference point TREE – witness
confirms that the tree existed already during KR
times in 1975
- 204 N12 41.573 E103 58.249 - inner Ring of fence bush around camp
described by witness UNG CHHAT
- 205 N12 41.575 E103 58.256 - middle Ring of fence bush around camp
described by witness UNG CHHAT
- 206 N12 41.579 E103 58.270 - outer Ring of fence bush around camp
described by witness UNG CHHAT
- 207 N12 41.525 E103 58.279 - circumference point
- 208 N12 41.454 E103 58.297 - South east end of the outer ring around
the camp described by witness UNG
CHHAT
- 209 N12 41.439 E103 58.230 - South east end of the outer ring around
the camp – reference point (tree) South
West point of the outer fence line
around the camp
- 210 N12 41.437 E103 58.173 - recently built dirt road which goes along
a recently built channel – original line
of fence from south to north on the west
side of the camp would go around +5
meters along WP 211 to WP 212
- 211 N12 41.440 E103 58.171 - South West point of the outer fence line
around the camp
- 212 N12 41.615 E103 58.179 - South West point of the outer fence line
around the camp
- 213 N12 41.634 E103 58.229 - Most northern point of the camp South
West point of the outer fence line
around the camp

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Attachments:**SITES**

Tree – reference point – tree was in place in 1975. Marks the Tuol Prochrey site as a landmark. The landscape changed since KR times to the extent that it was a forest before. A new water channel and a new dirt road lead now through the compound. No fence and no building remaining can be seen any more



Wp 130 in front of the bush in the center of the picture. From viewer depicted on the right side the new built road and water channel are visible. The old fence would have been around 5 meters right to the water channel. The road depicted on the left side of the picture is the old road leading into the site and is the road which connects the site 1 and 2 coming from Pursat HQ to the execution site. Witness SIEM SEUN and others explained that the dead bodies started from this point into the premise of the camp. Viewer position is on the south end of the camp looking into south direction to Pursat.

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Same position as above but view ankle 180 degree in to north direction –from the entrance of the site into the direction of the former camp.

Big tree on the right depicted is the above mentioned reference-landmark tree WP 135.

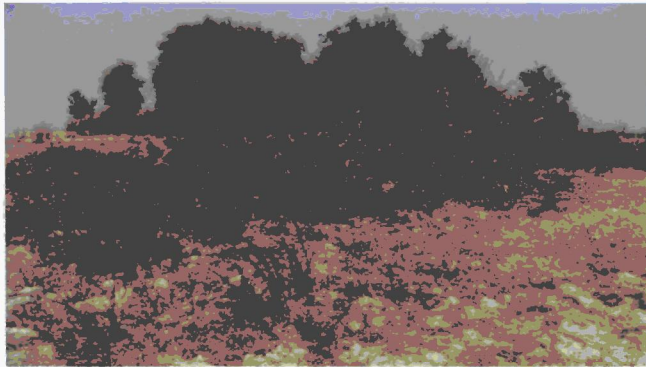


Witness UNG CHHAT stands at the most south east corner of the camp – WP 208.

The line of trees on the horizon indicate the reference tree-landmark and to the right the trees around the lake



Witness UNG CHHAT stands at WP 212 the most north eastern extend of the fence-compound – on the new build road which was not similar to the situation in 1975.



In front:
Small hill elevation which indicates the location and dimension of the alleged grave sit I.

Back:
Tree line surrounds the lake – alleged grave site IV



Witness SIEM SEUN points to alleged grave site I – where he saw bodies being piled up – prior they were covered with mud. Witness indicates that bodies are still buried there.



Witness SIEM SEUN at the same location

WP 164 to 166 are positioned at this location

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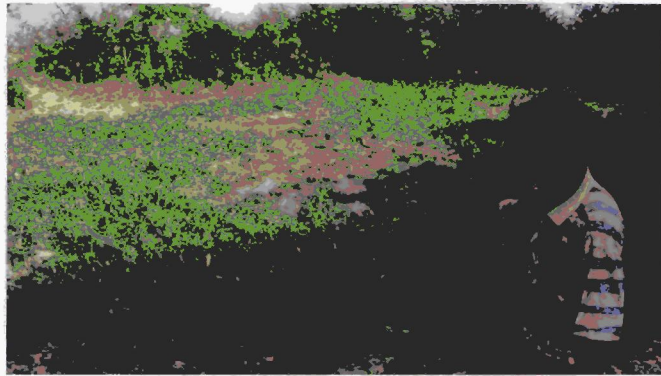
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Witness UNG CHHAT at WP 213 the northern extend of the fence-camp. Witness stand with his back towards the line of trees surrounding the lake – alleged grave site IV



Alleged grave site IV the lake



Witness UNG CHHAT points on the center of the lake and explains that he has seen bodies being pushed in this lake and that he is sure that there are still skeletal remains there. Witness said that at the time of events the lake was around 3 meters deep. Currently the lake is a swamp.



Witness SIEM SEUN is indicating along the south north axis of the camp the alleged location of piles of bodies he has seen – later allegedly covered with soil. Today a new built dirt road disturbs the surface. Witness shows clothing parts in the soil and said that previously bones were found while building the road.



Same location as above WP161 , 162 shows at the location indicated by the witness that parts of cloths are partially in the soil.

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122 - spot with cloth in soil at alleged grave site I



WP 123- spot with bone material on the surface, appears to be of human origin -

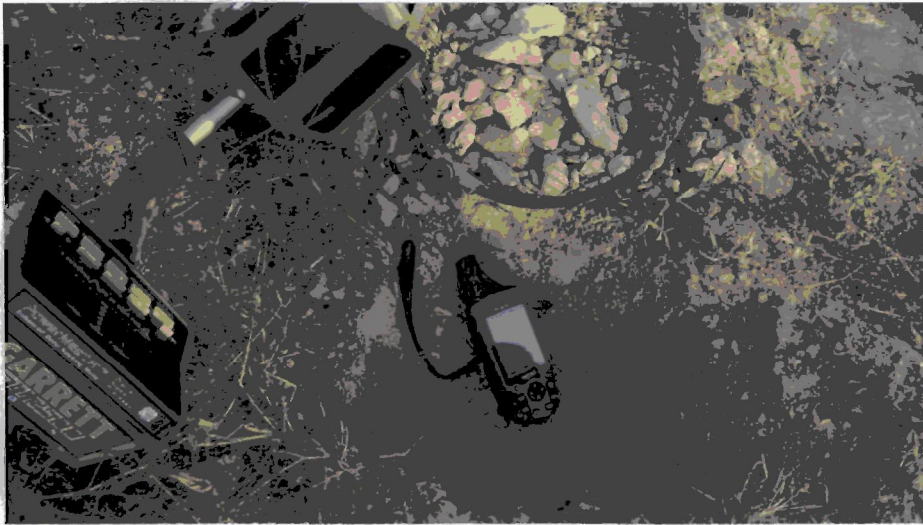
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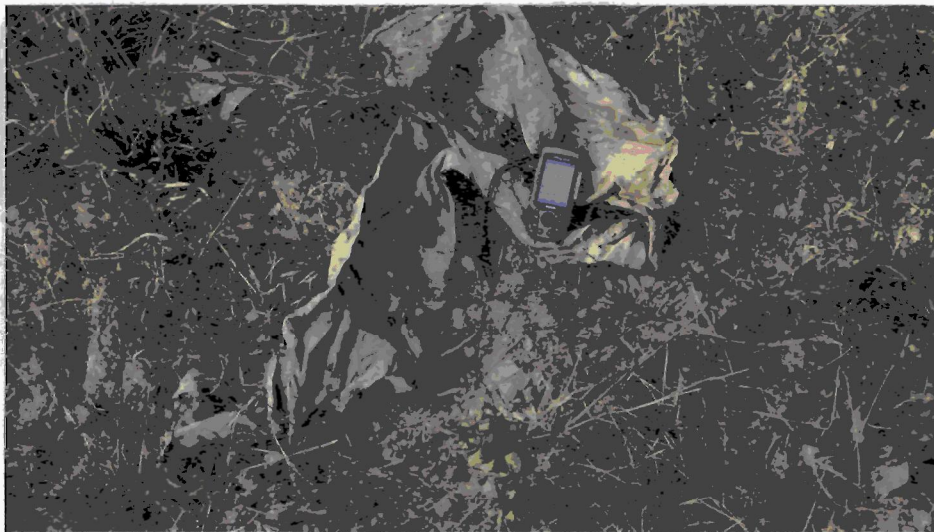
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WP 124 -shell case found alleged grave site I



WP 125- remain of cloth at alleged grave site I

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WP 126- shell case at alleged grave site I

Alleged Grave site II



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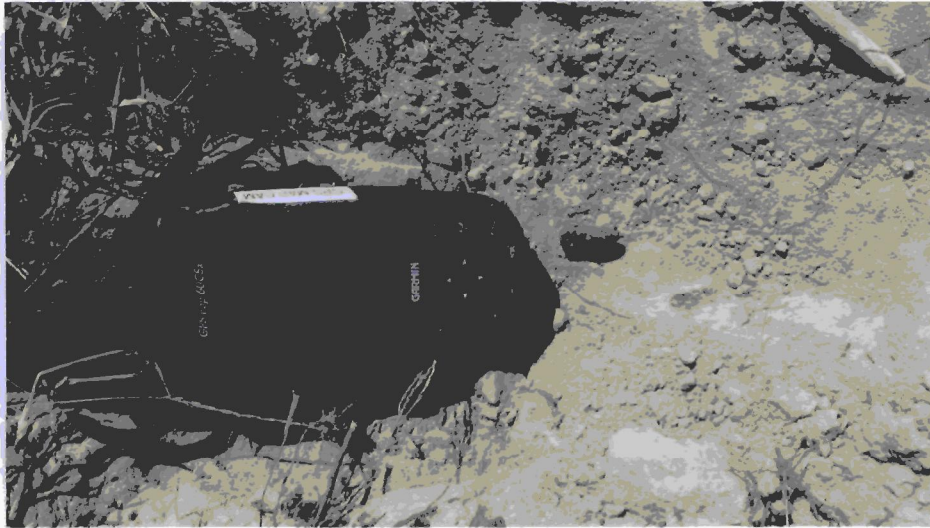
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164 - Shell case found at alleged grave site II



165 - Bullet found at alleged grave site II



166 - Shell case found at alleged grave site II

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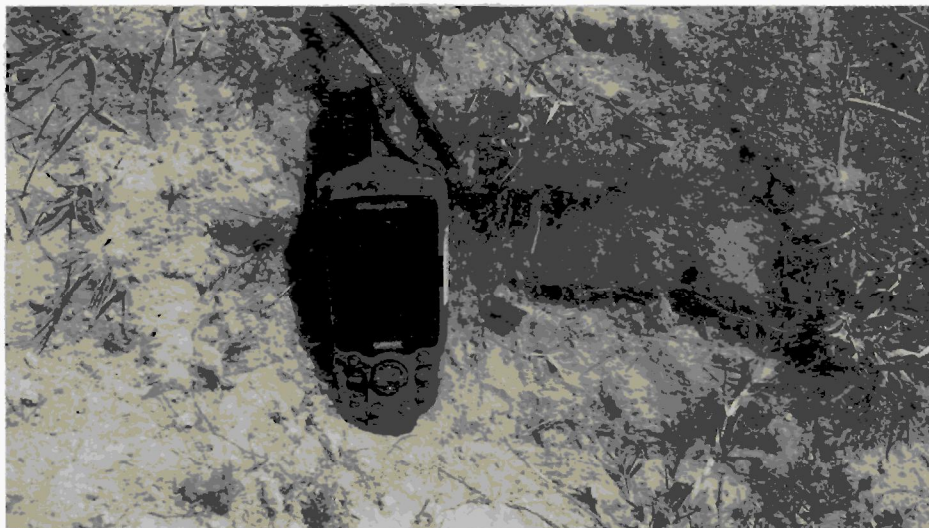
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Alleged suspicious/grave site VIII



167 - Shell case found at suspicious or grave site VIII



168 - Shell case found at suspicious or grave site VIII

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169 - Cloth-trouser found at suspicious or grave site VIII – trouser was partially in the soil – removed from soil for picture being taken

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