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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 (Court opens at 0904H)
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Please be seated.
- 5 The Court is now in session.
- 6 Today the Chamber will continue to hear the testimony of the
- 7 civil party, Say Sen, who will be questioned by the defence teams
- 8 and if time permits we will hear the testimony of a reserve civil
- 9 party that is, 2-TCCP-303. The Greffier, could you report the
- 10 attendance of Parties and individuals to today's proceedings.
- 11 [09.05.20]
- 12 THE GREFFIER:
- 13 Mr. President, for today's proceedings all Parties to this case
- 14 are present, except Counsel Arthur Vercken, the Defence Counsel
- 15 for Khieu Samphan, who is absent due to his health, and Pich Ang,
- 16 the National Lead Co-Lawyer for Civil Parties is absent due to a
- 17 personal commitment. As for Nuon Chea, he is present in the
- 18 holding cell downstairs as he waives his right to be present in
- 19 the Court. The waiver by the Accused, Nuon Chea, has been
- 20 delivered to the Greffier. The civil party, Say Sen, is ready and
- 21 present in the courtroom. Today we also have a reserve civil
- 22 party that is, 2-TCCP-303. Thank you.
- 23 [09.06.45]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Thank you. Before I hand the floor to the defence team, we decide

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1 on the request by Nuon Chea. The Chamber received a waiver from

- 2 Nuon Chea to be present in the courtroom, dated 6 February 2015,
- 3 who states that he has health problems, namely headache, backache
- 4 and cannot concentrate for long, and for effective future
- 5 participations in the trial he waives his right to be present
- 6 directly in the courtroom. Today -- that is, the 6 February 2015,
- 7 and he also confirms that his counsel informs him of the of the
- 8 waiver which does not mean that he waives his right to a fair
- 9 trial or rights to oppose any evidence to be put before this
- 10 Court. The Chamber also received a medical report by duty doctor
- 11 at the ECCC, dated 6 February 2015, who notes that the health
- 12 situation of Nuon Chea remains unchanged. He still has headache
- 13 and dizziness and he has pain when he sits for long and
- 14 recommends that the Chamber shall allow Nuon Chea to follow the
- 15 proceedings from the holding cell downstairs.
- 16 [09.08.31]
- 17 As aforementioned, and pursuant to Rule 81.5 of the ECCC Internal
- 18 Rules, the Chamber grants Nuon Chea's request to follow the
- 19 proceedings remotely from a holding cell downstairs via audio
- 20 visual means. And as he waives his right to be present in the
- 21 courtroom, the Chamber instructs the AV unit to link the
- 22 proceedings to the holding cell downstairs so that the Accused
- 23 can follow the proceedings remotely and that applies for today's
- 24 proceedings.
- 25 And the Chamber would like now to hand the floor, once again, to

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- 1 Nuon Chea's defence to continue putting questions to this civil
- 2 party.
- 3 And the Chamber would also like to remind the Parties that
- 4 questions shall be in accordance to the instructions from the
- 5 Chamber yesterday, in pursuant to the request by this civil party
- 6 and the Lead Co-Lawyers. You have the floor now, Defence Counsel.
- 7 [09.09.23]
- 8 QUESTIONING BY MR. KOPPE RESUMES:
- 9 Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Your Honours. Good
- 10 morning, counsel.
- 11 Mr. Say Sen, I will continue my questioning which I started late
- 12 last afternoon with you. Yesterday I asked you some questions
- 13 relating to five different people. I asked you questions about
- 14 Grandma Nha, also known as Hun Kimseng, and her husband, Meas Kun
- 15 and about their two children, Meas Sarat and her brother Meas
- 16 Sokha and about their son-in-law, the husband of Meas Sarat, a
- 17 man called Mom Boeun. I asked you whether you know the reasons
- 18 for their arrest and your answer was that you didn't know. Maybe,
- 19 between my questions yesterday and now you have been able to
- 20 think a little bit about it some more. Would you be able to tell
- 21 us now if you know the reasons for their arrest?
- 22 [09.10.54]
- 23 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 24 The Deputy International Co-Prosecutor, you have the floor.
- 25 MR. DE WILDE D'ESTMAEL:

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- 1 Thank you and good morning, Mr. President, Your Honours. Good
- 2 morning to all Parties. That question was already asked at least
- 3 three or four times yesterday. The civil party was very clear.
- 4 This is a repetitive question which aims to compel the civil
- 5 party to speculate. The civil party said that he was unable to
- 6 remember in response to a question put by the President. I think
- 7 it's time to move on to another subject.
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 The objection raised by the Deputy Co-Prosecutor is sustained as
- 10 the question is repetitive and the question intends to draw
- 11 speculation from the civil party. And of course, if you really
- 12 want to know the real reasons, you have to ask those people who
- 13 did the arrest. And Counsel Koppe, please move on and civil
- 14 party, you do not need to respond to the last question put to
- 15 you.
- 16 [09.12.24]
- 17 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 18 Very well, Mr. President. Mr. Say Sen, I was referring just now
- 19 to Grandmother Nha, Hun Kimseng, did you have some special
- 20 relationship with her?
- 21 MR. SAY SEN:
- 22 I didn't have any special relationship with her. It was just a
- 23 normal, casual relationship.
- 24 Q. What do you mean with that?
- 25 A. There was no special relationship. It was a normal

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- 1 relationship as I treated her as a mother and she treated me as a
- 2 son.
- 3 [09.13.30]
- 4 Q. Did that relationship continue after 1979; her treating you
- 5 like a son and you treating her like a mother?
- 6 A. Yes, and that relationship continues till today and if we have
- 7 any religious ceremony to celebrate, for example, we would invite
- 8 one another to attend.
- 9 Q. When was the last time you saw Grandmother Nha?
- 10 [09.14.16]
- 11 A. I haven't gone to visit her at her house for about a year now,
- 12 due to the fact that I'm busy doing my own living as well.
- 13 Q. Do you know if she knows about the rape of her daughter?
- 14 A. I cannot say for certain whether she knew about it or not.
- 15 Q. Have you ever spoken to her, after 1979, about the rape of her
- 16 daughter, Meas Sarat?
- 17 [09.15.12]
- 18 A. From the time the regime fell until today, I have never spoken
- 19 to her about that. It was lucky enough for us to survive and we
- 20 only talked about that and I didn't want to talk about the misery
- 21 that we went through during the regime.
- 22 Q. So would I be correct if I would tell you that you wouldn't be
- 23 able to tell why she, in her statement to the investigators,
- 24 never said anything about the rape of her daughter. Would that be
- 25 correct? You don't know that?

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- 1 [09.16.00]
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 Civil Party, please wait and the Deputy Co-Prosecutor, you have
- 4 the floor.
- 5 MR. D'ESTMAEL:
- 6 I believe this question is twice as speculative which would
- 7 invite the civil party to speculate even further and I believe
- 8 that it is inappropriate.
- 9 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 10 Fine, I'll move on. Mr. Witness, do you know whether Meas Sokha,
- 11 the brother of Meas Sarat, knows about the rape of his sister?
- 12 MR. SAY SEN:
- 13 I don't know whether he knew about that or not because we never
- 14 talked about it.
- 15 Q. Mr. Say Sen, yesterday you said that Meas Sarat is still
- 16 alive, living in the United States. Was she still in Cambodia in
- 17 2004, the year that you gave a statement to DC-Cam?
- 18 [09.17.40]
- 19 A. I did not know whether she was here at that time as Sokha and
- 20 their parents have met each other frequently at Angk Ta Saom
- 21 market. As for Sarat, I have not seen her for a long time and I
- 22 only know about her situation through her brother and her mother.
- 23 Q. Would you be able to tell us if, through whichever source,
- 24 Meas Sarat considered herself to be a victim of rape, considered
- 25 herself to be a civil party, wanting to file for compensations

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- 1 for being raped at Krang Ta Chan? Do you know anything about
- 2 that?
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Civil party, please wait and the International Lead Co-Lawyer for
- 5 civil parties, you have the floor.
- 6 [09.18.54]
- 7 MS. GUIRAUD:
- 8 Thank you Mr. President. Once again, counsel for Nuon Chea is
- 9 asking a civil party to speculate. We are not to rise
- 10 systematically each time to make such an objection and I would
- 11 hope that the Chamber will grant our objection and indicate as
- 12 such to the counsel.
- 13 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 14 Mr. President, I wouldn't dare ask the witness to speculate. I'm
- 15 just asking if he has knowledge. If he doesn't, that's fine as
- 16 well. Does he have any knowledge from other sources, somebody who
- 17 told him, maybe he has heard something as to whether or not Meas
- 18 Sarat intended to file any claim for compensation or wanted to be
- 19 a civil party as to the rape that she allegedly experienced?
- 20 MR. SAY SEN:
- 21 No, I do not know anything about that. It was her mother who said
- 22 that thing, but as for her I did not know. And personally, I knew
- 23 that they play around with her fool her around but I did not
- 24 know for sure whether she was raped, sexually raped at the time.
- 25 [09.20.38]

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- 1 Q. Are you now saying you're not sure?
- 2 A. I was not sure about sexual rape but the facts that she they
- 3 played around with her physically or sexually, then I saw that,
- 4 but not the rape.
- 5 BY THE PRESIDENT:
- 6 I think there is a misunderstanding in answering and question at
- 7 this moment. We want to get it clear from you. You stated that
- 8 two women were sexually raped by the security guards and also
- 9 they used M79 bullet head to insert into their vagina. And that
- 10 is a separate event from the events dealing -- or involving Meas
- 11 Sarat or is it the same event? To me, in the Khmer channel the
- 12 two women who were sexually raped were those from the mobile unit
- 13 and they were not Meas Sarat and that two women died. Is my
- 14 understanding correct, Mr. Say Sen?
- 15 MR. SAY SEN:
- 16 Yes that is correct, Your Honour. The women from the mobile unit
- 17 were sexually raped and also they used M79 bullet heads to insert
- 18 into their vagina and after they were killed I was ordered to
- 19 drag their bodies into the pit and buried. And as for Meas Sarat,
- 20 what I saw was only the physical playing around by those people
- 21 with her, not a sexual act.
- 22 [09.22.48]
- 23 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 24 But, Mr. Civil Party, yesterday I read an excerpt from your
- 25 statement from DC-Cam to you and there, literally, in that

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- 1 statement, you said that an unknown person a guard raped her.
- 2 That is, ERN 00527774; Khmer ERN 00527724. So again, my question
- 3 is about Meas Sarat. You testified or you gave a statement to
- 4 DC-Cam saying that you saw her or that she was raped. But now
- 5 you're saying well my question is what are you saying now?
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Counsel, could you repeat the ERN number again and as well as the
- 8 quote from that, you said about an unknown person involving in
- 9 your extract. Please make it very precise but you mentioned Meas
- 10 Sarat and an unknown person whom you refer to when you refer to
- 11 an unknown person?
- 12 MR. KOPPE:
- 13 Well I'm not allowed to tell that name anymore, so I'm happy to
- 14 call him Mr. X but all of a sudden I'm not allowed to mention
- 15 that name although well, OK.
- 16 (Judges deliberate)
- 17 [09.25.21]
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 If that is the case, it is permissible but in the previous
- 20 question you just read, I heard through the Khmer channel that
- 21 she was raped by a security guard whose identity was unknown. But
- 22 in this case, that a group of security guards raped her and that
- 23 is different. And of course, the instruction from the Chamber
- 24 yesterday is first not to reveal the identity of some
- 25 individuals. And please, whenever you follow such a pattern of

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- 1 questions, maybe it's better to use the word 'X', something
- 2 rather than unknown, because when you say 'unknown' in the Khmer
- 3 translation it means the person was not identified and that leads
- 4 to a misunderstanding. And I notice the International Lead
- 5 Co-Lawyer for Civil Parties on her feet and you may proceed.
- 6 [09.26.35]
- 7 MS. GIRAUD:
- 8 Thank you, President. I have a concern. I don't necessarily have
- 9 a response to this concern but since yesterday afternoon, and
- 10 more particularly this morning, we are talking about the identity
- 11 of a person who allegedly was the victim of sexual violence. This
- 12 morning we were told that the person likely never spoke. We don't
- 13 know if the person launched a proper complaint. We don't know if
- 14 this person is even known. I'm rather concerned of this. I wonder
- 15 if the Chamber understands what the potential repercussions are
- 16 on the life of this person. This person has been referenced
- 17 several times this morning. I don't know if an in camera session
- 18 is merited, however, how can we cite people who may have been
- 19 victims during the period and yet these people have never
- 20 revealed themselves, publically. Is it useful to identify by
- 21 their names or not? I don't know. I'm putting that question to,
- 22 Your Honours, and I would respectfully request a clear
- 23 indication.
- 24 [09.27.19]
- 25 MR. KOPPE:

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- 1 Mr. President, I cannot even begin to comprehend this objection.
- 2 I'm asking a question about --
- 3 JUDGE FENZ:
- 4 My understanding is it wasn't an objection. Counsel was raising
- 5 an issue of privacy when it comes to mentioning potential victims
- 6 of sexual violence, if I understood that correctly.
- 7 MS. GUIRAUD:
- 8 Yes, absolutely, Judge Fenz.
- 9 (Judges deliberate)
- 10 [09.33.51]
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Judge Fenz, you have the floor.
- 13 JUDGE FENZ:
- 14 Regarding the issue raised by the Co-Lead Lawyers, the Chamber
- 15 acknowledges that there is an issue with the privacy of victims
- of sexual violence in a public trial.
- 17 As to the case at hand the person has been identified, so nothing
- 18 much can be done here. For future cases the Chamber advises as
- 19 follows. If a Party wishes to publically identify, or have the
- 20 witness to publically identify, a victim of sexual violence he
- 21 should pass the name on a piece of paper to the person who is on
- 22 the stand for identification. If this leads to more questions,
- 23 meaning if it goes beyond identification, the Chamber will
- 24 envisage closed sessions, which are possible for these cases
- 25 under Cambodian procedural law.

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- 1 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 2 Mr. Witness, did you watch, observe the rape of Meas Sarat or you
- 3 didn't?
- 4 [09.35.43]
- 5 MR. SAY SEN:
- 6 A. No, I did not.
- 7 Q. My follow up question would be, how did you know that she was
- 8 raped?
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Witness, you do not need to provide your answer because you have
- 11 already given your answer.
- 12 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 13 Whatever, Mr. President. Mr. Witness I'll move on to the
- 14 execution of Meas Kun and Mom Boeun. I'm not quite clear on your
- 15 answer about these events from yesterday. Did you or did you not
- 16 observe, witness the execution of Meas Kun and Mom Boeun?
- 17 [09.36.36]
- 18 MR. SAY SEN:
- 19 A. For Ta Kun, I observed that he was interrogated and tortured.
- 20 A month later Kun passed away. So, Kun had passed away before
- 21 Boeun.
- 22 Q. Although I was forbidden to ask you that question because it
- 23 was a repetitive question, it seems that you now remember the
- 24 interrogation and possibly even the torture of Meas Kun. Would
- 25 you be able to tell us now what the interrogation was about and

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- 1 what the accusations were against Meas Kun?
- 2 [09.37.23]
- 3 A. He was taken to be interrogated and I could not go there to
- 4 listen to the interrogation. After interrogation and torture I
- 5 was asked to carry him back to the detention cells and I did not
- 6 know about the content of interrogation.
- 7 Q. And you didn't ask him afterwards? Maybe, the next day or the
- 8 day after?
- 9 A. He was in prison in the west side of the building and I was at
- 10 the east. So we were in different cells. So I could not have any,
- 11 you know, relations or I did not discuss with him the content of
- 12 interrogation.
- 13 Q. And has the memory come back as to the reasons for the arrest
- of Mom Boeun? I know Judges that you don't want to hear it, but
- 15 I'm allowed to ask that question.
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 Mr. Civil Party, the question is repetitious. You do not need to
- 18 give your answer because you might have been asked to speculate,
- 19 so you do not need to respond to the question.
- 20 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 21 Mr. Witness, do you know two people called Sok Soth and Sok San?
- 22 [09.39.39]
- 23 MR. SAY SEN:
- 24 A. I did not know them.
- 25 Q. Mr. Witness, do you have the names, do you know the names of

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- 1 any of the prisoners in Krang Ta Chan?
- 2 A. Prisoners at Krang Ta Chan, I know some of the names. And
- 3 almost all of them passed away. Only children of Yeay Nha and I
- 4 survived the period.
- 5 Q. But could you give us even one name, any name, of prisoners
- 6 that you knew in Krang Ta Chan?
- 7 A. Yes, I could. Ta Chin was one of the prisoners. And he passed
- 8 away.
- 9 Q. I mean other than the ones that you discussed already, others
- 10 than Ta Chin or the ones that I mentioned this morning and
- 11 yesterday. Can you give me any name of any prisoner in the period
- 12 that you were detained?
- 13 A. As for others, they are deceased and it was a long time ago
- 14 and I forgot all those names. And Ta Norn was one prisoner in
- 15 Krang Ta Chan.
- 16 [09.41.26]
- 17 Q. Mr. Witness, in answer to a question by a DC-Cam investigator
- 18 you said that you know most of the prisoners. What does that
- 19 mean? Do you know them by face? Or because you grew up with them?
- 20 Do you know their names? What is exactly your knowledge when it
- 21 comes to prisoners that were detained in Krang Ta Chan?
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 Please hold on, Mr. Civil Party. International Co-Prosecutor, I
- 24 notice you are on your feet.
- 25 MS. SONG CHORVOIN:

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- 1 Mr. President, Counsel refers to the statement from DC-Cam. I
- 2 would like to request Counsel to refer exactly to which page and
- 3 which ERN number.
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 The observation is correct, so please Counsel, specify the
- 6 identity of the document during the period you put questions to
- 7 this civil party. Please specify the ERN number and also the
- 8 document number.
- 9 [09.42.50]
- 10 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 11 Fine, Mr. President. I refer to E3/4846, English ERN 00527775. It
- 12 is actually the fifth page of the interview. The investigator
- 13 asks the witness: "Where did the prisoners come from?" Answer:
- 14 "Most came after the defeat of the Lon Nol army and I know most
- of them".
- 16 Q. My question, Mr. Witness, would be, what do you mean, you know
- 17 most of them? Do you know them by name? Do you know them because
- 18 you grew up with them? Could you explain what you meant?
- 19 MR. SAY SEN:
- 20 A. I knew that they were in prison together with me. That's what
- 21 I knew.
- 22 [09.44.34]
- 23 Q. Mr. Witness, you said that there were thousands of people,
- 24 hundreds of people or prisoners. You said that you know most of
- 25 them. The only thing that I'm trying to do, except for Ta Chin

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- 1 and the close -- and the five people that I mentioned this
- 2 morning, to give me one name of a Lon Nol officer that you know?
- 3 A. I knew the senior people from the former period who were
- 4 killed. Ta Het (phonetic) Pann, he was one of the senior military
- 5 officials.
- 6 Q. I didn't quite get that. What's his name? And when was he
- 7 detained?
- 8 A. His name was Ta Sokreach (phonetic) Pann. He was one of the
- 9 senior Lon Nol officers in Takeo.
- 10 Q. Would you be able to tell us his real name, and his function,
- 11 and even better the reason of his arrest?
- 12 A. I could not tell what his position was. I was too young at
- 13 that time. I knew that he was brought into Krang Ta Chan security
- 14 office and he was considered a prisoner of war. He was killed
- 15 later on.
- 16 [09.45.59]
- 17 Q. Maybe, maybe my questions are confusing. I'm trying to find
- 18 evidence that would corroborate your statement. I'm trying to
- 19 find a name of a prisoner, the reason of his arrest, any
- 20 knowledge of you as to that. So that I can maybe, possibly check
- 21 whether this person was detained. Some details as to how you know
- 22 him, what his name is, possibly what his function was in the Lon
- 23 Nol army. Anything.
- 24 A. I cannot tell you because I was a prisoner as well. I did not
- 25 have rights to go to ask as that person. The period lasted for

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- 1 three years, eight months and twenty days. So I had no rights to
- 2 ask the details from that person. If I was asked to carry If I
- 3 was asked to do something, I had to do it.
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Counsel, please specify clearly your question and from the answer
- 6 of civil party he said he did not know about that. So, he said
- 7 that he was also the prisoner in that security office. And civil
- 8 party also stated that during the period of Democratic Kampuchea
- 9 specific pseudonym was used, for example they used the names such
- 10 as Grandmother Nha or Ta 105. This civil party was not
- 11 responsible for keeping the entry list of prisoners.
- 12 [09.48.11]
- 13 MR. KOPPE:
- 14 Thank you Mr. President. But I have heard the Witness testify
- 15 that he had been counting prisoners who were executed; that he
- 16 was unshackling prisoners before their execution; advising
- 17 prisoners before their execution that they would go back to the
- 18 cooperatives. He was playing music, he was digging the burial
- 19 pits, unshackling and removing corpses, stripping clothes off
- 20 corpses post execution, carrying and burying corpses. In all
- 21 respect, Mr. President, a handyman within the prison. So I don't
- 22 think it would be too farfetched for me to ask only one name of
- 23 any of the alleged victims that he saw either being tortured or
- 24 executed. I think that's a very fair question. And if he cannot,
- 25 then that's fine and I'll move on.

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- 1 [09.49.14]
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 You are not allowed to put such confusing and repetitious
- 4 questions. I understand that you need to get the answers from the
- 5 civil party, particularly concerning the names of prisoners. And
- 6 you the civil party already provided the name of a person
- 7 called Ta Chen and you insisted on other names. And I heard from
- 8 civil party, he provided two names already. And what he said was
- 9 clear enough. And we do not need to get all the names. There are
- 10 no documents specifying all the names. And for his task, he was
- 11 asked to do some minor things in the prison and he did not need
- 12 to get all the names and all the details of prisoners to do his
- 13 job. Lead Co-Lawyer, you now have the floor.
- 14 [09.50.38]
- 15 MS. GUIRAUD:
- 16 Thank you, Mr. President. I understand that the defense needs
- 17 some latitude, but what I am concerned about are the insinuations
- 18 of the defense who is trying to say that the civil party is
- 19 testifying to things that are not corroborated by the records.
- 20 The civil party has identified a number of persons as prisoners
- 21 at Krang Ta Chan. The approach used by the defense to present us
- 22 a scenario such as to challenge the evidence given by this civil
- 23 party is improper. I find the questions out of place. And may I
- 24 point out for the record that my learned friend has badly
- interpreted the DC-Cam testimony, E3/4846. Our learned friend,

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- 1 Koppe has insinuated that Say Sen had said that the person whose
- 2 name we are not going to give was raped is not accurate. That is
- 3 not what we find in that DC-Cam record of interview E3/4846. Once
- 4 again this is a tactic by the defense to distort the evidence of
- 5 the civil party. We have the record of interview and we can read
- 6 for ourselves what is written there. It is a lot more difficult
- 7 for people outside of this courtroom and journalists included, to
- 8 ascertain those facts. So, I understand that the defense needs
- 9 the latitude to ask questions, but he should not persistently
- 10 insinuate that all the civil parties and the witnesses who appear
- 11 here before this Chamber are liars.
- 12 [09.52.42]
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 Thank you very much. You may now proceed International
- 15 Co-Prosecutor.
- 16 MR. D'ESTMAEL:
- 17 Thank you Mr. President. I would like to clarify something
- 18 because Counsel Koppe has mentioned a number of roles that the
- 19 civil party played at Krang Ta Chan, and there's at least one he
- 20 claims is false. The civil party never said that he was the
- 21 person who told the prisoners that they were going to go back to
- 22 the cooperative. He said it was always Pen. And I would like this
- 23 error to be corrected so that we shouldn't be misled into
- 24 believing that it was the prisoners who played that role.
- 25 [09.53.33]

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Thank you for the observations of Lead Co-Lawyer and
- 3 International Co-Prosecutor on the matter. There is one more
- 4 thing I would like to clarify. There is a clear rule, Rule 93
- 5 (sic) of Internal Rules. Counsel, every Party can pose objection
- 6 to the question and if they consider that the answer provided
- 7 from the witness and civil party are not truthful. So again, Rule
- 8 91.3. And I understand that Parties need to hear the answers, and
- 9 they have rights to pose their objection to the questions by
- 10 other Parties. And the Chamber has the discretion to decide on
- 11 some questions as well.
- 12 [09.55.05]
- 13 So please, I understand that each Party has the right and tactics
- 14 in putting questions, and as for the assessing of evidence it is
- 15 the discretion and duty of the Chamber to decide. The Chamber is
- 16 here to expedite the hearing and the process. And I remind you
- 17 about this matter again, and I have always repeated what I have
- 18 just said. And I could see that the same thing happens. You may
- 19 now continue your questioning Mr. Victor Koppe.
- 20 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 21 Q. I will phrase my question somehow broader. Mr. Witness, again
- 22 would you be able to give, except for the names you already
- 23 mentioned, Ta Chin and the family Meas Sokha, can you give me any
- 24 details of prisoners? Not necessarily the names, but maybe the
- 25 function, birthplace, reasons for their arrest, anything that you

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- 1 can help me with so that I can find corroborating evidence?
- 2 [09.56.40]
- 3 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 4 Civil Party, you are, you do not need to provide your answers to
- 5 the question. You already stated that you did not know. Counsel,
- 6 please do not insist on the answers from the civil party. And
- 7 please avoid from asking any question which leads to speculation
- 8 from civil parties. So, if you've run out of questions, please do
- 9 not try to delay the time of the proceedings.
- 10 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 11 Fine, Mr. President. Mr. Witness, did you witness the execution
- 12 of your father in Krang Ta Chan?
- 13 [09.57.38]
- 14 MR. SAY SEN:
- 15 A. I did not see, I did not witness.
- 16 Q. Mr. Witness, to DC-Cam you said that you saw it with your own
- 17 eyes. Are you now withdrawing that statement?
- 18 MS. GUIRAUD:
- 19 This is not an objection. Can we, again, see the reference to
- 20 that document your using?
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 Thank you Lead Co-Lawyer. And Mr. Koppe, I already reminded you
- 23 that specific page and ERN numbers should be mentioned by you and
- 24 you should cite correctly from which page and which ERN number in
- 25 three languages. So, we would like to have the ERN numbers from

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- 1 three languages. You should do the same as International and
- 2 National Co-Prosecutors. They always mention ERN number and
- 3 identity of documents repeatedly so that everyone can follow. I
- 4 believe that what we are doing here is to expedite our
- 5 proceedings, so we should avoid such matters again and again. You
- 6 may now proceed, Civil Party Lawyer.
- 7 [09.58.56]
- 8 MS. JACQUIN:
- 9 Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to point out that our
- 10 learned friend Koppe has asked a purely repetitive question.
- 11 Since I had asked that question --
- 12 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 13 I already reminded everyone that if the questions are repetitive,
- 14 you should have posed your objection.
- 15 MR. KOPPE:
- 16 I am not sure if I asked before about the execution of his
- 17 father, but I'm happy to read part of the witness statement to
- 18 DC-Cam that is, E3/4846, English ERN 00527785. The question
- 19 is: after you saw him -- that is, his father --
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 Please also mention ERN in Khmer and in French.
- 22 MR. KOPPE:
- 23 Khmer ERN 00527744. It talks about his father being killed and
- 24 then --
- 25 [10.00.29]

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Do you have any matters to raise? You may now proceed, National
- 3 Co-Prosecutor.
- 4 MS. SONG CHORVOIN:
- 5 The ERN in Khmer, or in English, I could not find in the
- 6 documents. There's one digit missing.
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Again, Mr. Koppe you are required to mention the ERN numbers
- 9 twice, and also in three languages.
- 10 [10.01.12]
- 11 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 12 ERN 00527744, and the question of the investigator of DC-Cam
- 13 about your father being killed: "After you saw him being killed
- 14 you wanted to see more?"
- 15 "Yes, I climbed a tamarind tree that was on the west side of the
- 16 prison to observe it."
- 17 "How did you see it?"
- 18 "When they took my father to the east side of the prison, that
- 19 was when I climbed the tamarind tree. I saw three people, my
- 20 father, Reach Pann (phonetic), and I don't know the name of the
- 21 third person. They blindfolded them near the kitchen and then
- 22 brought them to the killing fields and butchered their heads with
- 23 a grub-hoe axe."
- 24 "Did you see it?"
- 25 "I witnessed it. In the evening I went to where they killed my

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- 1 father and took his father's sarong and shirt to use as a blanket
- 2 to cover him. I saw Ta An took my father's hat. From that day on
- 3 he wore it all the time."
- 4 Q. Now Mr. Witness, the question is, did you see or did you not
- 5 see the execution of your father?
- 6 [10.02.22]
- 7 MR. SAY SEN:
- 8 A. I did not see the execution. What I did was to go there to
- 9 collect the sarong and the hat. But the hat was taken from me by
- 10 the deputy chief of the prison.
- 11 Q. Fine, Mr. Witness. I have some questions regarding another
- 12 person that you've mentioned yesterday, Kev Chandara. You said
- 13 that you knew him and that he was detained in Krang Ta Chan
- 14 prison. Would you be able to give some detail as to when you
- 15 think he was detained?
- 16 A. Which person, which Kev Chandara? Could you elaborate a bit
- 17 further?
- 18 Q. The question was asked to you yesterday whether you know a
- 19 person called Kev Chandara, and you said yes, he was detained.
- 20 Now my follow up question is, do you know when he was detained?
- 21 A. I cannot recall the day or the month. As I stated earlier, I
- 22 only focused on my own act.
- 23 Q. I understand that you wouldn't be able to tell the exact
- 24 dates. But was it, for instance, before the liberation in April
- 25 '75? Was it after? Was it a year later? Any indication?

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- 1 A. I cannot recall it. People were brought in and were taken out
- 2 and because I am also illiterate, so I didn't know much about the
- 3 date or time.
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 Mr. Civil Party, do you know a man by the name of Kev Chandara?
- 6 [10.04.59]
- 7 MR. SAY SEN:
- 8 No, I don't.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Defence Counsel, could you refer to the transcript yesterday so
- 11 that you can use it as a base to put questions to this civil
- 12 party. If I am not mistaken I did not hear about any question or
- 13 answer in regard to Kev Chandara yesterday. Please refer to
- 14 yesterday's transcript.
- 15 [10.05.33]
- 16 MR. KOPPE:
- 17 Mr. President, I am sure Judge Lavergne will confirm that he was
- 18 the one who asked that question.
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Judge Lavergne you have the floor.
- 21 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 22 Perhaps it would be helpful to give the alias of Mr. Kev
- 23 Chandara. I believe that Kev Chandara was also known as Sok Yav,
- 24 or Krou Yav based on these documents. But I understand why this
- 25 can pose a problem. Perhaps the witness could identify Mr. Kev

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- 1 Chandara.
- 2 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 3 National Co-Prosecutor, you have the floor.
- 4 MS. SONG CHORVOIN:
- 5 For transcript for a proper transcript in fact the persons is
- 6 name Kev Chandara and his alias is Krou Yav.
- 7 [10.07.13]
- 8 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 9 Mr. Witness, again do you know when this person, Kev Chandara,
- 10 who you identified yesterday, with the alias, about when he was
- 11 detained in Krang Ta Chan?
- 12 MR. SAY SEN:
- 13 A. I didn't know Kev Chandara but I knew Krou Yav. In the
- 14 previous regime he was not "Krou" or teacher but only after the
- 15 liberation. And in fact he was detained prior to the liberation
- 16 of Phnom Penh.
- 17 Q. Maybe we're not talking about the same person. I am referring
- 18 to Kev Chandara who was a doctor and who was, according to him,
- 19 detained for a short while at Krang Ta Chan. And my question is,
- 20 do you remember a doctor with the name Kev Chandara or the
- 21 aliases mentioned? You said yesterday that this person was
- 22 detained. So my question is a follow up question.
- 23 MS. GUIRAUD:
- 24 To assist the Chamber I was just going through my notes and at
- 25 3.13 p.m. the alias that you referred to Judge Lavergne was Kev

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- 1 Yev (phonetic), which was the alias name of Kev Chandara. You
- 2 asked the civil party if Kev Yev (phonetic) was the alias of Kev
- 3 Chandara and the witness replied "yes".
- 4 [10.08.43]
- 5 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 6 If I could just clarify, I read the record and I had read Krou
- 7 Yev. Once again, I am not sure how the name was interpreted. I
- 8 simply read aloud what was written in the French version of the
- 9 PV, so perhaps that's where and how the problem emerged.
- 10 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 11 Mr. President, unless we are all having massive amnesia here,
- 12 we're talking about the person at the end of the afternoon
- 13 yesterday who was mentioned to you, Mr. Witness. Do you remember,
- 14 you said that you saw this person detained? I believe you said 10
- 15 days, but I'm not sure about that. My question is Kev Chandara,
- 16 or something like that, do you know the time of year -- in the
- 17 year when he was detained?
- 18 MR. SAY SEN:
- 19 A. I cannot recall the year, but I knew he was there. And as I
- 20 said, I was illiterate and could not read. I only remember that
- 21 he was there.
- 22 Q. I will ask a very simple question then to you, Mr. Witness. Do
- 23 you remember whether he was detained before the liberation in 17
- 24 April '75, or after the liberation?
- 25 [10.10.22]

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 Civil Party, please wait. And the Deputy International
- 3 Co-Prosecutor, you have the floor.
- 4 MR. D'ESTMAEL:
- 5 Thank you, Mr. President. I believe that everybody in this Court,
- 6 with the exception of defence counsel heard the civil party say
- 7 that he was placed in detention before the liberation of Phnom
- 8 Penh. Perhaps the answer was not satisfactory for defence counsel
- 9 and now he feels compelled to ask the question again. Be that as
- 10 it may, the question is repetitious.
- 11 [10.11.22]
- 12 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 13 I missed that completely. But if it was before 17 April '75, then
- 14 I am sure you will be able to tell how long before 17 April '75?
- 15 MR. SAY SEN:
- 16 A. I cannot recall the exact period. I didn't pay much attention
- 17 to that. I was also a prisoner at the time.
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 Civil Party, if you say that you cannot recall it, please say I
- 20 cannot recall it and don't add anything else. Otherwise it will
- 21 just keep dragging on and dragging on outside the scope of the
- 22 trial. And then you will be bombarded by other questions based on
- 23 your unnecessary responses to the questions. Please remember that
- 24 in Khmer we have a saying: only answer to what you are asked for
- 25 and don't make any prolonged comment, otherwise you just put

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- 1 yourself in a hot seat.
- 2 [10.12.47]
- 3 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 4 Mr. Witness, Kev Chandara testified in this Court and he told the
- 5 story about how he witnessed the mutilation and torture of women.
- 6 Does that ring any bell to you? He was forced -- I will add that
- 7 -- he was forced to watch that. Do you remember any such scene?
- 8 MR. SAY SEN:
- 9 A. No, I didn't know anything about that.
- 10 Q. Last question in relation to Mr. Kev Chandara. Do you know a
- 11 young woman who was imprisoned with him at the same time? A woman
- 12 of whom he says she was the only survivor together with him? A
- 13 woman of around 30 years old. A woman named Keo Sam At.
- 14 A. No, I don't know any woman by the name of Keo Sam At.
- 15 Q. I'll move on to the next topic, Mr. Witness. Do you remember
- 16 anything about a release of around 40 to 50 prisoners at the same
- 17 time as the liberation of Phnom Penh, 17 April '75?
- 18 A. No, I did not see it.
- 19 [10.14.12]
- 20 Q. Did you give a statement to investigators of the Investigating
- 21 Judges that 50 prisoners were released around that day?
- 22 A. No, I did not make such a statement about the release of 50
- 23 prisoners.
- Q. Mr. Witness, there is a witness, involved in the
- 25 administrative structure, who said that -- who testified that

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- 1 around that time there were indeed 40 to 50 prisoners being
- 2 released, and that you were actually one of them. Could you react
- 3 on that please?
- 4 A. No, I did not see any such release.
- 5 Q. So to be clear, you yourself never testified --
- 6 (Short pause)
- 7 [10.16.46]
- 8 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 9 Counsel Koppe, please mention the reference documents that you
- 10 use in your questioning to the civil party as instructed by the
- 11 Chamber in order to make your questions clearer so that everybody
- 12 knows that your question is based on a certain reference and not
- 13 a presumption or something like that.
- 14 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 15 Well, we should, anyway, no, never mind. I'm referring to
- 16 E3/5214, the English ERN 00225505. That's the written record
- 17 interview of this witness. On page six, I am sorry I don't have
- 18 the Khmer ERN right now, but on page six it says: "From what I
- $19\,$ $\,$ noted 50 or less than 50 of the prisoners held prior to 17 April
- 20 1975 were released". And the other statement that I am referring
- 21 to is, well, it's a person that I cannot call by name now. But he
- 22 said about the same thing, and then he adds that this witness was
- 23 one of the released prisoners. Actually, I'll give the ERN number
- 24 for you. It's document E3/5522, English ERN 00426286; Khmer, I
- 25 have this time, it's 00414488 to 89.

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- 1 [10.18.57]
- 2 "Question: Who appointed you as function (sic) of Krang Ta Chan
- 3 office?"
- 4 "Answer 41: "The district, but I want to clarify that I was not
- 5 the chairman. I was the commune chairman. That's all. I released
- 6 40 persons".
- 7 And then he mentions a few names. Muok, Chhong, Oar and Say Sen."
- 8 Q. So my question is; did you give testimony to the investigators
- 9 that there was a release of 40 to 50 prisoners, and can you react
- 10 on the particular statement of this district chairman that you
- 11 were one of the released prisoners?
- 12 [10.19.59]
- 13 MR. SAY SEN:
- 14 A. No, I did not see such a big release. I saw a release of about
- 15 four or five prisoners.
- 16 Q. So is it now your testimony that what you said to the
- 17 investigators is not correct?
- 18 A. What you said is incorrect because I never saw a release of 40
- 19 prisoners. I only saw a release of four or five prisoners.
- 20 [10.20.07]
- 21 Q. Well, Mr. Witness, I didn't -- I just quoted your own
- 22 statement. If you are saying now it's four or five that's fine.
- 23 But my question is could you react to this other statement saying
- 24 -- coming from someone in the hierarchy, using the same amount of
- 25 prisoners being released, and that you were one of them. Is that

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- 1 a correct statement or an incorrect statement of this witness?
- 2 A. I didn't see a release of 30 or 40 prisoners, no, not at all.
- 3 Q. Mr. Witness, I have to establish whether this other witness,
- 4 who apparently had a function that he was authorised to release
- 5 prisoners, I have to try to verify it, and he's saying you were
- 6 released, probably around the day of liberation. Now my question
- 7 is simple. Is he incorrect and are you right in your statement?
- 8 [10.21.17]
- 9 A. To this point I cannot accept it, because personally I was
- 10 freed in 1979.
- 11 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 12 Counsel Koppe, please wait. And the Deputy International
- 13 Co-Prosecutor, you have the floor.
- 14 MR. D'ESTMAEL:
- 15 Thank you Mr. President. I believe there seems to be some
- 16 ambiguity in response 41, which was only partially read aloud by
- 17 Counsel Koppe. It can be understood by reading the following
- answer. The person says, "I recall 3 or 4 names. Muok, Chhong,
- 19 Oar and Say Sen. They now live under the pagoda of Ponnareay, Kus
- 20 commune. I released Say Sen when I returned from Prey Kduoch and
- 21 saw him imprisoned at Krang Ta Chan. At the time he was very
- 22 young, and I asked An and Phi to release him to look after the
- 23 water buffaloes. They agreed."
- 24 I believe just that piece of information should be enlightening.
- 25 [10.22.43]

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- 1 MR. KOPPE:
- 2 What, the release or the buffaloes? I mean I see the word
- 3 release, so I'm just asking was he released, yes or no? And
- 4 tending the buffaloes is something else than being detained. Or
- 5 maybe not, but he can explain I am sure. A follow up question,
- 6 Mr. President, would be relating to -
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Counsel Koppe, please wait. And Judge Lavergne you have the
- 9 floor.
- 10 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 11 Just to clarify what was indeed said to the investigators, at
- 12 response number 42 it reads as follows. "At the time Say Sen was
- 13 about 12 or 13 years old. I met him in late 1974 when I returned
- 14 from Prey Kduoch. He saw me and walked up to me and asked me to
- 15 help him. I felt sorry for him and made a request that they have
- 16 him tend the water buffaloes."
- 17 [10.24.20]
- 18 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 19 I have seen that answer, but tending the buffaloes and being
- 20 released, or tending the buffaloes and being a prisoner is not
- 21 necessarily the same thing. So, I'm just asking for
- 22 clarification.
- 23 My follow up question, Mr. President, would be relating to this
- 24 person but I'm not allowed to ask that question. So, I would like
- 25 to note for the record that I would like to ask these questions,

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- 1 but then in camera, and I will move on now to another topic. Is
- 2 that fine? Okay.
- 3 Q. Mr. Witness, did you ever speak to authorities on the events
- 4 that took place in Krang Ta Chan after 1979? 1997, excuse me.
- 5 MR. SAY SEN:
- 6 A. For the year of the liberation I can talk about those events.
- 7 Q. My question is, did you give testimony like you are doing now,
- 8 or you have done before to investigators of the OCIJ, but then to
- 9 authorities here in Cambodia after 1979?
- 10 A. Of course, I have spoken to my neighbors, to former Krang Ta
- 11 Chan survivors, and of course I would probably have spoken to
- 12 some of those people who were the local authorities.
- 13 Q. Let me be more specific, Mr. Witness. Have you talked to
- 14 representatives of the governor of Tram Kak district in or around
- 15 1995, 1996?
- 16 A. I think I have done that, because I was asked by the local
- 17 authorities of the events and my experience during the time.
- 18 [10.26.55]
- 19 Q. Do you remember specifically, the things that you told
- 20 investigators of the authorities in 1996?
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 Civil Party, please wait. And Deputy International Co-Prosecutor,
- 23 you have the floor.
- 24 MR. D'ESTMAEL:
- 25 Thank you Mr. President. I think we have some difficulties with

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- 1 the French interpretation because in each question it is prefaced
- 2 with: did you tell the authorities in 1976 etc. I don't think
- 3 that was the original question. I think there is some confusion
- 4 and I'm not following the questions. Perhaps matters could be
- 5 reformulated and interpreted accordingly.
- 6 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 7 If the prosecutor would know the document that I am referring to.
- 8 I am of course referring to a document called E3/2062, an
- 9 investigation that apparently took place in March 1996 by the, it
- 10 seems to be the Tram Kak district hall, Culture and Fine Arts
- 11 office. So, if something went wrong with the translation, I mean
- 12 1996.
- 13 Q. Do you remember speaking to them, and do you remember what you
- 14 told them?
- 15 [10.29.02]
- 16 MR. SAY SEN:
- 17 A. I cannot recall the details because I have been interviewed by
- 18 many, many sources and I cannot recall any one in detail.
- 19 Q. Do you remember that you spoke to them about the killing of
- 20 your father? The event that we just briefly discussed.
- 21 A. As I said I cannot recall it because I have been questioned by
- 22 several individuals.
- 23 Q. I would like to read this a brief passage from this 1996
- 24 report. That would be, as I said, E3/2062, English ERN 00301369;
- 25 Khmer 00679441, 442. I read and I quote, as follows.

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- 1 [10.30.14]
- 2 "At the site which they later expanded through questioning a
- 3 surviving prisoner they sent out to work the palm trees, the palm
- 4 trees, named Say Sen, son of the former sub-district chief, Say.
- 5 He clearly saw his father being killed with many other people
- 6 while he was climbing a palm tree to collect palm juice."
- 7 Mr. Witness, does this revive your memory? Did you talk to the
- 8 local authorities or the national authorities in 1996 about the
- 9 killing of your father?
- 10 [10.31.02]
- 11 A. I cannot recall it, as it has been many, many years ago.
- 12 Q. Did you maybe speak to the authorities about the arrest,
- 13 detention, possible execution of two Cambodian movie stars,
- 14 actors, film actors?
- 15 A. Yes, I recall that I spoke about the two film stars.
- 16 Q. Do you remember what you told them?
- 17 [10.31.38]
- 18 A. I recall that I was interviewed, maybe by a journalist, about
- 19 Kim Nova and Nop Nem, who were the movie -- the former movie
- 20 stars.
- 21 Q. Sorry, Mr. Witness, do you remember the detention, the arrest,
- 22 maybe even the interrogation of these two movie stars? Or these
- 23 film actors, I prefer to use the word neutral, actually.
- 24 A. As for the two film stars, I saw them arriving in one
- 25 afternoon and later on they were taken out and executed.

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- 1 Q. Let's take it step by step, Mr. Witness. What do you remember?
- 2 When was it -- which year was it around, that they were brought
- 3 in?
- 4 [10.32.53]
- 5 A. The two film actors were brought in but I cannot recall the
- 6 year. However, it was after the liberation of Phnom Penh. They
- 7 were not detained. They were brought in and then the husband was
- 8 taken out and killed immediately. And then wife was being played
- 9 around by the people who were in charge there. And after that,
- 10 she was taken out and killed.
- 11 Q. Let's take it step by step. Do you remember witnessing the
- 12 interrogation of the female actor or the actress?
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 Civil Party, please wait. And Deputy Co-Prosecutor, you have the
- 15 floor.
- 16 MR. D'ESTMAEL:
- 17 I do not object to any questions being asked on these events. But
- 18 yesterday and today, the civil party said there was never
- 19 executed. And that issue didn't come up in the
- 20 examination-in-chief. The defence counsel is misleading the
- 21 witness and getting him to say that there was an interrogation;
- 22 because he never said that.
- 23 [10.34.49]
- 24 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 25 Fine. I'll ask an open question to the witness.

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- 1 Q. Do you remember when this female actor, this actress, came in?
- 2 She came in, what happened?
- 3 MR. SAY SEN:
- 4 A. I didn't know about that.
- 5 Q. Mr. Witness, I'm not from this country as you can see, but
- 6 I've been told that the person that you're referring to, that
- 7 we're speaking about now, was a very famous actress in the
- 8 beginning of the '70s. So maybe if you think some more, you will
- 9 be able to remember what happened when she was brought in.
- 10 A. At that time, I didn't know much about what was happening.
- 11 [10.36.02]
- 12 Q. But apparently, you knew she was an actress. Can you explain
- 13 then to me how you know that the woman that we are speaking about
- 14 was an actress?
- 15 A. I knew it because the office of the chief there asked me
- 16 whether I knew the two people, and I said I did not know. And
- 17 they told me that they were Nop Nem and Kim Nova.
- 18 Q. Okay. So we are clear on people that we're speaking. My
- 19 question is: did you actually see the actress enter Krang Ta
- 20 Chan? And if yes, was she detained? Was she then maybe
- 21 subsequently interrogated? What happened with this actress? I
- 22 would like to have some details.
- 23 A. As I stated, they were not imprisoned. First, they took the
- 24 husband out and killed. And the husband was -- the wife was taken
- 25 to Ta An's office. And after a while, she was taken out and also

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- 1 killed.
- 2 [10.36.58]
- 3 Q. But, step by step, Mr. Witness. They came in or she came in.
- 4 Was she put in detention? Was she shackled; do you know? If yes,
- 5 how long did she stay in detention before she was interrogated,
- 6 if at all?
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 The International Lead Co-Lawyer for Civil Parties, you have the
- 9 floor.
- 10 MS. GUIRAUD:
- 11 Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I am following up the objection by
- 12 the -- of the Co-Prosecutor. He said that the civil party never
- 13 said that the actor was ever interrogated. And we would agree
- 14 that these questions are unfounded because the civil party never
- 15 said she was interrogated. And the defence counsel is continuing
- 16 to ask these questions for the third time. The civil party said
- on three occasions that there was no interrogation.
- 18 [10.38.12]
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Counsel Koppe, the observation by the Lead Co-Lawyer for Civil
- 21 Party is partly correct. And Counsel Koppe, you should re-arrange
- 22 your question. I think part of your question has been answered by
- 23 the civil party, and you should only put question to him
- 24 regarding the other part. And don't try to put a question in a
- 25 way that is to intimidate him. Of course, you know that there are

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- 1 two parts to your question, and one part is not yet answered by
- 2 your civil party. For example, whether she was handcuffed upon
- 3 her arrival. But on the issue of detention and torture, this
- 4 civil party clearly responded to that.
- 5 MR. KOPPE:
- 6 Well, Mr. President, what is interesting about this actress is,
- 7 she's not only being described as being detained at Krang Ta
- 8 Chan, she apparently was a very famous actress. But on top of
- 9 that, it seems that in the documents that you have, the Krang Ta
- 10 Chan documents, she's referenced. She's described as being
- 11 detained, interrogated, etc. So there is actual possible
- 12 confirmation from the Krang Ta Chan document. So I will be happy
- 13 to guide you to the relevant document, D157.7. ERN English
- 14 00866461. So I'm trying to help this witness a little bit by
- 15 talking not about an unknown Lon Nol official, but about a famous
- 16 actress. So maybe that would trigger his memory, and that's what
- 17 I'm trying to do.
- 18 [10.40.12]
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 You should understand, Counsel, that not everyone is familiar or
- 21 is interested in all well-known film actors. As in my case, I'm
- 22 not interested in any film actors or know any of the famous film
- 23 actors. And that is the reality. So you cannot consider everyone
- 24 as you. If you're interested in film actors, not everyone is
- 25 interested in film actors. And of course, when you put the

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- 1 question to the civil party already, then you are not allowed to
- 2 repeat your question. And as I have heard, it is clear that the
- 3 civil party responded to part of your question. That's why I
- 4 advise you to re-arrange your question, probably to make it into
- 5 parts. For the part that he's not yet responded, you should put
- 6 that to the civil party. And of course, you cannot put the
- 7 question where he already replied.
- 8 [10.41.23]
- 9 MR. KOPPE:
- 10 Mr. President, I fully appreciate it that you are not interested
- 11 in movies. I am myself am interested. But it seems that the
- 12 witness remembers very well, talks about it as well. That a
- 13 witness -- an actress, a famous actress, entered Krang Ta Chan.
- 14 He spoke to local authorities. He spoke in his statement about
- 15 this. I think he testified to it yesterday or the day before
- 16 yesterday. So my question really is: if he's not interested in
- 17 film at all, it's not really relevant, I would imagine; my
- 18 question to him is what does he remember from this actress being
- 19 brought in Krang Ta Chan.
- 20 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 21 Deputy Co-Prosecutor, you have the floor.
- 22 [10.42.20]
- 23 MR. D'ESTMAEL:
- 24 Thank you. I must object again, Mr. President. Because we have
- 25 cross-checked the contents of this document, ERN 00866561 (sic),

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- 1 and the D number, D157.7, and in English: "an actress arrived at
- 2 Krang Ta Chan. Her name was Nauk Lina. That actress was born in
- 3 Kampot". There is no mention of an actress called Kim Nova to our
- 4 knowledge. Again, it would appear that the defence is trying to
- 5 mislead this Chamber, and that must be corrected.
- 6 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 7 Civil Party, you do not need to respond to the last question by
- 8 defence counsel for Nuon Chea. The time is appropriate for a
- 9 short break. We will take a break now and return at 11.
- 10 And court officer, please assist the civil party and the TPO
- 11 support staff during the break, and have them return to the
- 12 courtroom at 11 a.m. The Court is now in recess.
- 13 (Court recesses from 1044H to 1104H)
- 14 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 15 Please be seated. The Court is now in session. I hand over the
- 16 floor to counsel for Nuon Chea to resume questioning if you still
- 17 have further questions.
- 18 [11.05.18]
- 19 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 20 Thank you, Mr. President. Just responding to the objection to the
- 21 Prosecution on this particular actress. The document that I'm
- 22 referring to D157.7 refers to an actress; correct. But on the
- 23 same page, it says that she acted in two movies entitled one:
- 24 "Time to Cry", and the second movie was "Will any Woman Not
- 25 Cry?". Now, it turns out that the movie "Crying Time" or "Time to

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- 1 Cry" was a very famous movie in Cambodia. And there were two
- 2 actresses starring in that movie: Kim Nova and a woman called
- 3 Vichara Dany, Vichara Dany, I hope I pronounce it well. And as
- 4 you can see, there's a name, at least Vichara her husband's name.
- 5 There are only two actresses or leading actresses in that movie.
- 6 So whether we are dealing with Kim Nova or her co-supporting
- 7 star, we don't know. But that's something I would like to try to
- 8 find out. So the objection saying that I'm talking about some
- 9 random actress, that's not correct. She's a leading actress
- 10 together with Kim Nova, possibly in that movie. So I think my
- 11 questions are no longer irrelevant because of this document, but
- 12 also because this witness has testified as to the detention and
- 13 execution of a very famous actress starring in that particular
- 14 movie. So could I please continue?
- 15 [11.07.34]
- 16 Q. Mr. Witness, you --
- 17 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 18 Please wait, Counsel. You now proceed, Judge Lavergne.
- 19 [11.07.25]
- 20 JUDGE LAVERGNE:
- 21 I believe that we'll have to read in more detail this document
- 22 because if the names of the films in which this actress starred,
- 23 one can deduce that in fact it is a Nauk Lina who was referred
- 24 to. Her husband is called Prak Vichara. I don't know but Counsel
- 25 Koppe, there seems to be no uncertainty over this. And in fact,

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- 1 it is Kim Nova that is referred to. So if you have any doubts,
- 2 perhaps you can express them more explicitly. However, the manner
- 3 in which you are asking your questions is highly problematic.
- 4 MR. KOPPE:
- 5 Well, I haven't actually seen the movies but it seems there are
- 6 two starring actresses in this movie and I'm just trying to
- 7 figure out which one of the two actresses he in fact claimed he
- 8 saw at Krang Ta Chan. Was it Kim Nova or was it the other
- 9 actress, Vichara Dary? I think -- to be honest, I wasn't even
- 10 referring to the document. I was asking the witness open
- 11 questions as to what happened to that film actress.
- 12 [11.08.50]
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 You have the floor Lead Co-Lawyer.
- 15 MS. GUIRAUD:
- 16 Thank you, President. Just before the break, I think the civil
- 17 party was very clear. He did not recognise the actress because he
- 18 wasn't well versed in cinema. However, somebody told him of the
- 19 identities of the actors. I do not know what the relevance of
- 20 that line of questioning is because the civil party didn't
- 21 recognise the actress. I'm not sure why we need to continue on
- 22 this avenue.
- 23 [11.09.34]
- 24 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 25 Please listen to the question posed by counsel. You are required

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- 1 to raise your objection specifically to the question. Otherwise,
- 2 it is a kind of disturbance to the time for counsel.
- 3 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 4 Q. So, again I'm not referring to the document but I'm asking a
- 5 question again as to the actress -- the female actor that you saw
- 6 entering Krang Ta Chan. I would just again like you to describe
- 7 what you saw with this female prisoner. What happened to her?
- 8 I'm being sabotaged, Mr. President. Enough is enough. Really.
- 9 [11.10.36]
- 10 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 11 Civil Party, please do not respond to the question. I reminded,
- 12 before the break already, that you do not need to give your
- 13 answers to the questions which have already been asked. Please be
- 14 seated, Lead Co-Lawyer. And Mr. Koppe, you may now proceed with
- 15 your questioning.
- 16 MR. KOPPE:
- 17 Mr. President, it's your ruling that I'm not allowed to ask
- 18 questions about the executioner of this actress.
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 I decided already that your last question is a repetitious one
- 21 because you have already asked before the break. I recall that
- 22 question. And I have already reminded you that you should
- 23 separate your question into parts. And you are allowed to ask
- 24 only the questions which have not provided the answers from the
- 25 civil party. And I observe that you insisted on asking the same

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- 1 question from civil party. So, I asked civil party not to respond
- 2 to your last question. Your repeated question is not leading to
- 3 ascertaining the truth.
- 4 [11.12.09]
- 5 MR. KOPPE:
- 6 I'm not sure which questions I am repeating. I'm asking questions
- 7 about the execution of a apparently, very famous actress.
- 8 Everybody -- a lot of people in Cambodia would like to know
- 9 exactly what happened to this woman. So I'm asking a general
- 10 question. I haven't asked that before, what exactly happened when
- 11 he saw this actress come in. He hasn't answered that question
- 12 yet. So my very simple question is: did you see that actress come
- 13 in? Was she detained? How long was she detained? Was she
- 14 interrogated? Was she then brought back? Was she executed? Did
- 15 you see the execution? All those questions I haven't been able to
- 16 ask yet.
- 17 [11.12.54]
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 Civil Party, you do not need to provide your answer to the
- 20 question. You have already answered to all the questions I have
- 21 been -- which have been just asked. Mr. Koppe, you may put other
- 22 questions. Otherwise, I assume that you've run out of question.
- 23 [11.13.18]
- 24 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 25 Fine, Mr. President.

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- 1 Q. Mr. Witness, do you know what the official name was of Krang
- 2 Ta Chan?
- 3 MR. SAY SEN:
- 4 A. I did not know. I know only the name Krang Ta Chan.
- 5 Q. Have you ever seen papers, documents, anything on it --
- 6 anything with the name of the place that you were detained on it?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Do you agree that the place that you say that you were
- 9 detained was a re-education office? Or a re-education centre, or
- 10 a re-education site?
- 11 A. No, I did not know about this. What I knew is that it is named
- 12 as Krang Ta Chan security office or prison.
- 13 [11.14.43]
- 14 Q. So you never heard anybody, not even one of the guards, speak
- 15 about the name of the place that you say you were detained?
- 16 A. No, I never heard.
- 17 Q. Do you know if people who were sent to Krang Ta Chan were
- 18 re-educated?
- 19 A. No, I also did not know about this.
- 20 Q. Just to be sure, you never heard from any of the guards or
- 21 from Ta An or from anybody that the purpose of this place was to
- 22 re-educate people?
- 23 A. I never knew about it, and I have also never heard about it.
- 24 Q. Mr. Witness, you said -- you testified that you know Ta An,
- 25 that you spoke to him. I can mention the name because Ta An is

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- 1 dead. Can you say something more about your conversations with Ta
- 2 An?
- 3 [11.16.45]
- 4 A. I did not say anything with Ta An. Ta An asked me to bring the
- 5 sour palm juice and to tend water buffalo. And I talked with him
- 6 only the duties I worked in that place.
- 7 Q. Maybe you can explain something to me, Mr. Witness. This
- 8 Chamber has ruled in its judgement that CPK shrouded itself in
- 9 secrecy, people were lured into doing things, there was --
- 10 everything was being kept secret. Re-education camps were being
- 11 kept secret. However, you were allowed to enter this re-education
- 12 centre at your free will. You were allowed to tend the cows, the
- 13 buffaloes, go outside of the premises and come back. Did that not
- 14 surprise you?
- 15 [11.17.53]
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 The question appears to be incorrect. You misrepresented the
- 18 testimony of that civil party. Civil party stated already that he
- 19 did not hear people refer Krang Ta Chan as re-education office. I
- 20 advise counsel to put a proper question, not to confuse the civil
- 21 party. So please re-arrange your last question.
- 22 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 23 Well, let me then just quote a passage from your judgement, Mr.
- 24 President. "It seems that the DK shrouded itself in secrecy,
- 25 especially when it comes to the policy of internal and external

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- 1 enemies." However, you were allowed to be in prison, walk out of
- 2 prison to tend the cows and the buffaloes, come back.
- 3 Q. My question to you: did that never surprise you in those days?
- 4 [11.18.42]
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 International Deputy Co-Prosecutor, you have the floor.
- 7 MR. D'ESTMAEL:
- 8 Thank you, President. It goes without saying that not only does
- 9 this civil party not have access to the findings of the Chamber
- 10 at the time, he certainly didn't understand what was happening
- 11 throughout the country from a broader perspective. He didn't
- 12 understand what was happening. He's not an expert, he cannot
- 13 speculate, he can only rely on what he knows and what he
- 14 remembers and what happened at Krang Ta Chan. He cannot be
- 15 expected to be confronted with facts that he was simply unaware
- 16 of.
- 17 [11.19.57]
- 18 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 19 International Co-Prosecutor, you had a proper basis. The question
- 20 seems to ask the civil party to speculate, particularly on any
- 21 event that the civil party did not know. So you are not required
- 22 to answer to the question, Civil Party.
- 23 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 24 Mr. Civil Party, did you observe yourself that the guards, that
- 25 the leaders of the prison at Krang Ta Chan security centre,

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- 1 re-education centre, were being secretive; that they were trying
- 2 to hide what was happening in that camp, that they were trying to
- 3 hide the fact that people were being executed, that people were
- 4 being interrogated and even possibly tortured? Was that the
- 5 things that you saw yourself with your own eyes?
- 6 [11.20.32]
- 7 MR. SAY SEN:
- 8 A. I did not see with my own eyes.
- 9 Q. But you saw barbed wire around the premises, loud music was
- 10 being played to prevent people from seeing executions. Was there
- 11 anything that you could observe when you were there that
- 12 indicated that they were being secretive about what they were
- 13 doing?
- 14 A. I saw barbed wires. Three levels of barbed wires. And as for
- 15 other information, I did not know.
- 16 Q. My question to you is without any reference to anything. Were
- 17 you not yourself, those days, surprised that you were allowed to
- 18 walk in and out of the prison and tend the cows and buffaloes?
- 19 [11.22.13]
- 20 A. I was fearful at the time while I was tending water buffaloes.
- 21 So there were three levels of fences and I was tending the water
- 22 buffaloes outside the fence.
- 23 Q. But did Ta An, or any of the guards tell you, you are not
- 24 allowed to speak to people outside of the premises of Krang Ta
- 25 Chan?

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- 1 A. There were no people living around the prison. So I could not
- 2 see any people living in that area.
- 3 Q. Is your testimony that nobody lived, in let's say a parameter
- 4 of five to ten kilometres around Krang Ta Chan between '75 and
- 5 '79?
- 6 [11.23.02]
- 7 A. Outside the parameters of Krang Ta Chan security office, I did
- 8 not see a resident living outside the parameters -- in the
- 9 parameter of five or six kilometres away from the prison. And I
- 10 did not see people walk in and out of the prisons.
- 11 Q. But Mr. Witness, you have testified to the investigators of
- 12 the Investigating Judge. You have indicated where you lived in
- 13 the years after, very close by to Krang Ta Chan. I've seen a map,
- 14 I've been there. There are many little villages around Krang Ta
- 15 Chan; is that not correct?
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 Counsel, please quote exactly the specific information you have
- 18 just raised. And I remind you again, please quote or mention ERN
- 19 numbers and document numbers so that we can follow what you have
- 20 just asked and whether or not you have the basis for your
- 21 question.
- 22 [11.24.28]
- 23 MR. KOPPE:
- 24 Mr. President, I'm asking the witness general knowledge, not
- 25 necessarily based on any document; just about the villages that

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- 1 are surrounding Krang Ta Chan. My question to him is: is he
- 2 saying now that there are no villages between '75 and '79 around
- 3 Krang Ta Chan? That is --my question is not based on any document
- 4 it's just based on his experience and his knowledge.
- 5 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 6 You said very clearly that you refer to the statement before
- 7 OCIJ. You have referred to the question in -- you have referred
- 8 to the document in your question. That is why we observe that you
- 9 sometime misrepresented the information in documents. As a
- 10 result, there is confusion in questioning.
- 11 MR. KOPPE:
- 12 Fine. Mr. President, I will look up for you the site
- 13 identification report from the investigators of the OCIJ. That
- 14 is, document D125/220, English ERN 00363337. It's a document
- 15 extensively citing Mr. Say Sen. And attached to this site
- 16 identification report is a map. And on this map, it says that
- 17 very close by -- that is, map D125/220.36, ERN 00363332. I'm
- 18 sorry I don't have the Khmer number right now. It's a map showing
- 19 Krang Ta Chan two kilometres away, three kilometres away what it
- 20 appears to be the home of this witness, the home of Say Sen it
- 21 says. And around it, even closer by sometimes, there are numerous
- 22 villages between Road 3 and Road 33. So my question again is:
- 23 isn't it true, Mr. Witness, that there are villages around Krang
- 24 Ta Chan? And weren't they afraid that you might talk to people?
- 25 [11.27.12]

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- 1 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 2 International Co-Prosecutor, you have the floor. I once again
- 3 remind you to mention specifically the map. I guess the map has
- 4 just been drawn. And I understand that the question should be
- 5 involved with the period of DK that the civil party had
- 6 experienced. You have the floor now, International Co-Prosecutor.
- 7 [11.28.19]
- 8 MR. D'ESTMAEL:
- 9 Thank you, Mr. President. You are right. Nowhere on the map is
- 10 there any specification of the date at which the map was drawn
- 11 up. In any event, when Counsel Koppe states that we see Say Sen's
- 12 house is about two or three kilometres from Krang Ta Chan. If you
- 13 look at the scale which is noted at the bottom of the map, there
- 14 seems to be -- one can safely assume that the house was located
- 15 much further than five kilometres from there. Counsel Koppe also
- 16 says that there were also number of villages surrounding Krang Ta
- 17 Chan, and according to this map, I think that Counsel Koppe is
- 18 confused and fails to see that there are some phrums, there are
- 19 hills, there are at least five or six hills surrounding Krang Ta
- 20 Chan. There are not a great number of villages. There is some -
- 21 there is perhaps a couple of villages that are located some ten
- 22 kilometres away from the security centre. I would ask that the
- 23 reality as depicted on this map not be distorted.
- 24 [11.29.13]
- 25 MR. PRESIDENT:

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- 1 Counsel, please re-arrange your question. Based on the Document
- 2 D125/220, the map was drafted by OCIJ in 2008. So it perhaps does
- 3 not reflect the real location at the time of Krang Ta Chan, which
- 4 civil party had experienced in the period of 1975 to 1979.
- 5 BY MR. KOPPE:
- 6 Mr. President, I surely don't-- I'm not claiming to be an expert
- 7 on Cambodian typography. However, I see numerous villages in the
- 8 circle of two three kilometres around Krang Ta Chan. I'd be happy
- 9 to mention them for you but I find that a rather useless way of
- 10 going ahead.
- 11 Q. My question is: are you now saying there aren't villages in
- 12 the direct surroundings of Krang Ta Chan, and if he says yes or
- 13 no, then that's fine. But there are in fact, I have been there
- 14 myself, numerous villages very close by.
- 15 [11.30.35]
- 16 MR. SAY SEN:
- 17 A. At the present time, there are numerous villages surrounding
- 18 that area.
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 Q. What about during the period of DK period? Were there any
- 21 villages surrounding Krang Ta Chan security office? And how many
- 22 villages were there?
- 23 A. In that period, there were no villages living surrounding the
- 24 security office. There was only security office in that place.
- 25 BY MR. KOPPE:

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- 1 Thank you for that answer. Then I go back to my question before
- 2 that. Were you told by any of the quards or the leaders of the
- 3 centre not to speak to anybody in a range of maybe ten kilometres
- 4 or 15 kilometres?
- 5 A. As I said, there were no villages living surrounding that
- 6 area. And as for whether or not other people suggested me
- 7 anything, like what I said, only some guards there suggested that
- 8 I should have talk only, that we were the same prisoners.
- 9 [11.32.10]
- 10 Q. Mr. President, I see it's almost 11.30. I will have a last
- 11 question to this witness. The question I think I'm entitled to
- 12 ask and I should ask this witness. It's mandatory for a defence
- 13 lawyer. Having said that Mr. Witness, I put it to you that if you
- 14 were detained at Krang Ta Chan centre at all, that was very
- 15 briefly before 17 April '75, that you were released and never
- 16 were, after the liberation in 1975, in that camp; is that
- 17 correct?
- 18 A. That is not correct. I escape from the security office in
- 19 1979.
- 20 [11.33.35]
- 21 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 22 It is now time for lunch break. So the Court will resume at 1.30
- 23 p.m. in the afternoon.
- 24 Court officer, please find a proper place for support staff from
- 25 TPO and for this civil party and have them returned before 1.30

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- 1 in the afternoon.
- 2 Security personnel, you are instructed to bring Mr. Khieu Samphan
- 3 to the waiting room downstairs and have him return into the
- 4 courtroom before 1.30.
- 5 The Court is now adjourned.
- 6 (Court adjourns from 1133H to 1352H)
- 7 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 8 Please be seated. The Court is now in session.
- 9 And the Chamber will give the floor to the Defence Counsel for
- 10 Mr. Khieu Samphan to have an opportunity to put question to the
- 11 civil party. Now Counsel, you may proceed.
- 12 [13:52:37]
- 13 QUESTIONING BY MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 14 Thank you, Mr. President, Your Honours. Good afternoon, Civil
- 15 Party. I have a number of questions in relation to Krang Ta Chan,
- 16 especially your experience and what you have heard, you witnessed
- 17 during DK regime and a bit before and a bit after that regime.
- 18 [13:53:06]
- 19 Q. My first question will be on your response testifying on the
- 20 5th of February 2015, at 9.38 and a bit about this hour. You told
- 21 the Chamber that you fled from a military unit and you stay in a
- 22 cooperative, and you also said that you do you did collecting
- 23 wood, firewood to earn a living. My question for you, how long
- 24 have you been a member in a militiaman before you fled away or
- 25 you went away from that unit?

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- 1 MR. SAY SEN:
- 2 A. It was in the year it might be in a year where there was a
- 3 bomb plane, B-52 bomber flying, and I was assigned to do to be
- 4 on guard duty, and there was a bombardment at the main road, and
- 5 then I fled to my house, my village, but I was not assigned as a
- 6 militiaman.
- 7 Q. So you were not one of the members of the militia. You were
- 8 simply assigned or allowed to take possession -- did you take any
- 9 possession of any rifle or any weapon during that time?
- 10 A. Yes, we use the wooden bell with other group and if you heard
- 11 anything, any incident you ring you ring the wooden bell to
- 12 signal so, and then I left the place where I was assigned to
- 13 signal the bad situation, and then I returned to my village.
- 14 Q. When you say Thdouv (phonetic) in Khmer, was it a wooden bell
- 15 kind of thing when you made sound to signal about something? Is
- 16 it correct, Civil Party?
- 17 A. Yes, you are correct. It is -- it' a kind of wooden bell. It's
- 18 like a bell when you ring to signal something.
- 19 [13:56:04]
- 20 Q. Thank you. Can you indicate for the Chamber the year when you
- 21 were there, if you -- if you can recall?
- 22 A. I'm not quite sure whether it was 1973 or 1974.
- 23 Q. Thank you, Civil Party. Talking about the transfer of yourself
- 24 to Krang Ta Chan, you described the incident in which you were
- 25 arrested, and you responded to the Court already, and were there

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- 1 anyone else or other people brought to Krang Ta Chan on the same
- 2 trip as yours?
- 3 A. There was another person who is adult, and he was detained in
- 4 the western prison in the western building. And later, after
- 5 that, I did not see him any longer because I was also detained.
- 6 [13:57:39]
- 7 Q. Thank you. You have already told before the Trial Chamber that
- 8 you don't remember the month you were arrested, but you indicated
- 9 that it was in 1974. I would like to get a clarification from you
- 10 that when you were travelling, was it a rainy season, or a dry
- 11 season, and was the ground wet or dry? Can you tell the Court
- 12 about that?
- 13 A. Yes, when I was travelling the paddy field was growing, and I
- 14 could see fish jumping on the paddy dike.
- 15 Q. Thank you. Can you tell the Court that it was a rainy -- rainy
- 16 season?
- 17 A. Yes, it was a rainy rainy season.
- 18 Q. Thank you. Mr. President, I would like to hand document,
- 19 D125/122.32, to the civil party, and this document has been used
- 20 for questioning by the Co-Prosecutor, and we request to have it
- 21 shown on the screen.
- 22 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 23 Your request is granted. Court officer is instructed to hand over
- 24 the document to the civil party for examination, for review.
- 25 BY MR. KONG SAM ONN:

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- 1 [13:59:34]
- 2 Q. Before I ask you questions about this map, can you read the
- 3 letter or the text on the map?
- 4 MR. SAY SEN:
- 5 A. No, I cannot read.
- 6 Q. Thank you. So I would wish to read for you, and you can look
- 7 at the the image on the map on the top left far far left in
- 8 the box say -- reads 'the west house for light offense
- 9 prisoners'. Can you see that image on the map, Civil Party, on
- 10 the far left of the page?
- 11 A. Yes, I do.
- 12 [14:01:14]
- 13 Q. Thank you. And next to it, there was a small oval, round
- 14 shape. It's called a guard post. And then there's the middle
- 15 house for serious offense prisoners. Do you see these three
- 16 images on the map?
- 17 A. Yes, I do.
- 18 Q. And further to the right there is a box with the title 'house
- 19 of prison chief', then 'middle house for serious offence
- 20 prisoners', and then there is a 'quard post' and further on to
- 21 the right is 'east house for light offence prisoners', and the
- 22 last box is a quard post. Can you see all the boxes that are just
- 23 described, there are nine total? So, the nine boxes that I just
- 24 described, can you see them all?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. Also, I described the wording in those boxes, for instance, to
- 2 the further left it's a 'west house for light offence prisoners',
- 3 and the third box is the 'middle house for serious offence
- 4 prisoners'. My question to you is the following; was there a
- 5 categorisation of the prisoners?
- 6 A. No, I did not see any categorisation of prisoners for people -
- 7 for prisoners who allowed to work would be housed in the house
- 8 east on the dining hall.
- 9 Q. Have you seen this sketch before or did you provide
- 10 information so that this sketch was drawn based on that
- 11 information?
- 12 A. I cannot recall it, and I'm not sure about this sketch or the
- 13 nature of it.
- 14 Q. Can you tell the Court the building that you were initially
- 15 detained?
- 16 A. Yes, initially upon my arrival I was detained in the west
- 17 house, and several months later I was sent to the eastern house
- 18 of the dining hall.
- 19 [14:04:57]
- 20 Q. When you referred to the west house, do you refer to the left
- 21 or to the right-hand side of the sketch?
- 22 A. I referred to the left.
- 23 Q. You have stated before this Court about the interrogation
- 24 house, when you said that there was a lower wall. And the
- 25 question is the following. There is a box with the word

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- 1 'interrogation house', which is almost to the middle of the
- 2 sketch, and in fact, there are two boxes, but this interrogation
- 3 house is the first box on the left. Can you identify it on the
- 4 sketch?
- 5 A. Yes, I can.
- 6 [14:06:38]
- 7 Q. Was the interrogation house remained at this one location
- 8 during the entire period that you were at Krang Ta Chan or did it
- 9 move at any point in time?
- 10 A. To my knowledge, it remained at this same location.
- 11 Q. You were detained and you were shackled in the building. We
- 12 read your statements but there are still some things that I need
- 13 to verified get verification from you, and also in the
- 14 transcript on the 4th of February 2015, at 11.18.25 in the
- 15 morning, you stated the following. That you were detained there
- 16 for about 10 days or two weeks. And further down you said you
- 17 were detained for up to one month or more than one month. So
- 18 during just this brief period of time on your testimony, you gave
- 19 two different answers. So, can you tell us what is the actual
- 20 period of your initial detention there?
- 21 A. As I stated, I did not think about counting the time due to
- 22 the fact that I was rather young at that time, and I stated that
- 23 I could be there for about a week or two weeks.
- 24 Q. You mentioned one thing that you bent or cracked a coconut
- 25 tree leaf in order to mark it as a count for each day of

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- 1 prisoners who entered the centre. Can you recall that?
- 2 A. Yes, I do. I counted a bend in the branch of a palm tree leaf
- 3 for each day that a prisoner could survive after being tortured,
- 4 and a prisoner could survive up to 18 days.
- 5 [14:09:52]
- 6 Q. Did you do -- can you tell the Court when did you do that
- 7 counting by marking the palm tree leaves?
- 8 A. After I was let out to work during the day and at night time I
- 9 make a bend or crack on the tree leaf to note a day that had
- 10 passed.
- 11 Q. Can you tell the court when, what year you did that?
- 12 A. I cannot recall the month or the year that I did it, because
- 13 it happened so long ago.
- 14 [14:10:50]
- 15 Q. Did you do it during the first year that you were there, or
- 16 was it towards the middle of the regime or towards the end of the
- 17 regime that you were at Krang Ta Chan?
- 18 A. I had been there for quite some time before I was allowed to
- 19 work outside -- that is, to carry urine and faeces. And after
- 20 that I started doing this day counting.
- 21 Q. Let me return to my previous question on the number of days
- 22 that you were detained at Krang Ta Chan. And you just said at
- 23 that time you could be detained for 10 days or a fortnight or one
- 24 month or more than one month, and that you cannot give a concrete
- 25 answer to that. Can you tell the Court about the prisoners who

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- 1 were released to work outside as in your case? Could you recall
- 2 any names of those prisoners who were allowed to release for the
- 3 purpose of working outside and not to be released and to to go
- 4 back to your villager or cooperative?
- 5 A. I can do that. At that time, there was a group a group of Yeay
- 6 Nha that is Yeav Nha and her relatives, and then there was Ta
- 7 Chin and I, and then there were others, namely Ta Muok and his
- 8 group. I cannot recall all their names, and many of them have
- 9 died.
- 10 Q. I'd like to ask you again to repeat your answer so that I can
- 11 get clarification. And you said you were arrested in 1974 and
- 12 that you were detained initially there for about a month or so.
- 13 And I want to know that is during the period of 1974, how many of
- 14 you were released when you were released?
- 15 A. No one was released. In fact, we were let out to work, and
- 16 that happened during 1974. And as I stated, I cannot recall their
- 17 names because they were older than me and we were housed in
- 18 different buildings, east and west.
- 19 [14:14:02]
- 20 Q. I'd like now to talk about the time that you were in that
- 21 detention house. You have stated before the Court that you
- 22 actually was the one who inserts the metal bar or the iron bar
- 23 into the ring of other prisoners and that you will you would do
- 24 that last because you were -- you were the last person in a row.
- 25 My question is the following. How long did you continue doing

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- 1 that?
- 2 A. When the prison was full of prisoners then I was the one who
- 3 was the last person who would remove the iron bar.
- 4 [14:15:02]
- 5 Q. My question is that, during the time of your detention at
- 6 Krang Ta Chan and that you had to shackle other prisoners, and
- 7 then shackle yourself, how long did you practice doing that?
- 8 Could be how many days or months or year?
- 9 A. I cannot recall the month or the year.
- 10 Q. What about the amount of time?
- 11 A. I cannot recall it. I was young at the time.
- 12 O. You also stated before this Court about distribution of meals
- 13 to prisoners, and you described your role of tending water
- 14 buffaloes and cows. My question is the following. Did were you
- 15 assigned to also cook for prisoners at Krang Ta Chan prison?
- 16 A. No, I was not involved in the cooking. Only Yeay Nha was the
- 17 cook, and because she was rather old and then, and as I was young
- 18 then two of us were assigned carry rice and soup for the
- 19 distribution.
- 20 [14.17.36]
- 21 MR. KONG:
- 22 Q. Was that meal distribution regular work that you had to do or
- 23 it was a non-regular work?
- 24 MR. SAY SEN:
- 25 A. It happened only occasionally, and it only happened when there

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- 1 were more prisoners in the building.
- 2 Q. Can you tell the Court the frequency of doing that kind of
- 3 work?
- 4 A. It was rather frequent, but I cannot say the actual numbers of
- 5 days.
- 6 Q. Let's say, in a month, how many days did you distribute rice
- 7 or gruel to prisoners?
- 8 A. I cannot do the calculation per month as I did not ever think
- 9 about how many days that I carried food for prisoners per month.
- 10 Q. You have just stated that in each prison building, two of you
- 11 were assigned to carry meals to the prisoners. Can you recall who
- 12 was the other young man?
- 13 A. There was no younger person there, there was I and Ta Chin;
- 14 and Yeay Nha would prepare the food there in coconut shells, at
- 15 the kitchen hall. Then we were instructed to carry those meals to
- 16 the prisoners, and I only did it once or twice.
- 17 [14.20.02]
- 18 Q. For the prisoners, like you, who were assigned to carry meals
- 19 for the prisoners, how many young men, like you, at the time?
- 20 A. I cannot say how many young men like myself because there were
- 21 different groups.
- 22 Q. Can you recall any names?
- 23 A. No, not for the young men there. I only can recall the names
- 24 of the children of Yeay Nha.
- 25 Q. Did you involve in any other work at the Krang Ta Chan prison

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- 1 during your detention throughout the regime that you haven't told
- 2 the Court yet?
- 3 [14.21.35]
- 4 A. My regular work was to tend to water buffalos, and cows, and
- 5 to plough the rice fields. As Ta Chin, he tended the horses, and
- 6 another person did a separate thing, it's Kha.
- 7 Q. What did you plough with?
- 8 A. I used a plough and I used the water buffalos for the
- 9 ploughing.
- 10 Q. And what did you plant?
- 11 A. It was for a rice plantation. During the dry season we also
- 12 grew different vegetables, like cucumber, etc.
- 13 Q. Can you recall anyone who worked with you in ploughing the
- 14 field?
- 15 A. Yes. It was Ta Chin. Ta Chin and I were the ones who worked
- 16 together there as we had a pair of water buffalos and cows each.
- 17 Q. Anything else besides ploughing the field?
- 18 A. The work there varied, after the ploughing work concluded,
- 19 then we would be assigned to carry urine and faeces from the
- 20 prison buildings. Ta Chin and I did that work together.
- 21 [14.23.18]
- 22 Q. I'd like you now to tell us about the administrative structure
- 23 at Krang Ta Chan prison. Can you do that?
- 24 A. As for the leaders, I have already testified before this
- 25 Court, there were three of them in a committee of the prison and

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- 1 there were more than 10 security quards or soldiers.
- 2 Q. I'd like you also to specify the time period -- that is, prior
- 3 to 1975, and after 1975, if there was any changes to the
- 4 administrative structure in the Krang Ta Chan prison. For
- 5 instance, when you entered Krang Ta Chan in 1974, who were in the
- 6 leadership or in the management of the prison at the time?
- 7 A. Yes, I can do that. When I initially arrived, there was Ta
- 8 Chhen, that was prior to 1975; and after 1975, it was Ta An and
- 9 Ta Penh (phonetic) and Duch 'Thom' or big Duch.
- 10 [14.24.52]
- 11 Q. And after that? You spoke about Ta An just then.
- 12 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 13 Counsel, we already gave you instructions as to the identity of
- 14 certain individuals working at Krang Ta Chan. If you have
- 15 questions dealing with those identities, we would deal with it in
- 16 due course. That is, after the Chamber rules on the request and
- 17 the report by WESU.
- 18 BY MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 19 Thank you, Mr. President. We would like also to inform the
- 20 Chamber that we will have some questions as to the relationship
- 21 between the civil party and certain cadres working at the Krang
- 22 Ta Chan office. Thank you.
- 23 Q. I have some more questions for you, Mr. Civil Party. There was
- 24 one event that you spoke about, that is on the sexual rape of two
- 25 women in a mobile unit. You stated before this Court about the

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- 1 wording used by a security guard: "When he came to see me, he
- 2 told me that he had just done it and asked him to go and see."
- 3 Can you tell the Court, when you said that the person had "done
- 4 it", what does it mean?
- 5 [14.27.22]
- 6 A. Yes, I can do that. He had done it, he had killed the people
- 7 already and he used the bullet heads to insert into their vagina
- 8 already. Then I -- he asked me to go and see it, and then to bury
- 9 the dead bodies of the women.
- 10 Q. In Khmer version you said "he had done it." What does it mean?
- 11 That he had killed the women or that he had concluded a certain
- 12 task or it was in relation to the sexual rape?
- 13 A. He told me that "I had just done it," and that "I just killed
- 14 them," and "you could go and see and tell me what else you saw."
- 15 Q. You just said that you went and told him that you "saw it".
- 16 What does it mean? You just added this new thing.
- 17 [14.29.04]
- 18 A. He asked me whether I saw something and I said, "Yes, I did."
- 19 I think he meant that whether I saw the bullet head in the vagina
- 20 of the women, but I didn't want to mention it straight, like
- 21 this.
- ${\tt Q.}$ I am not really understanding what you said. Did you speak to
- 23 the security guard before or after you went to see the dead
- 24 bodies?
- 25 A. Let me say, that area was prohibited, and only when the

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- 1 security quards instruct a prisoner to go and do something, then
- 2 the prisoner could be allowed to go. Initially, after he had done
- 3 it, then he sent me to bury the dead bodies and after I returned
- 4 he asked me whether I saw something. Of course, I did see the
- 5 bullet heads that he inserted into the vagina.
- 6 Q. Can I then say that you met the security quard two times:
- 7 first, when he instructed you to go and see; and, upon your
- 8 return, he asked me of what you saw? So, you met this security
- 9 guard twice. Am I correct in saying that?
- 10 A. I was ordered once to bury the dead bodies, and only upon my
- 11 return that he asked if I saw something and I said, "Yes, I did."
- 12 [14.30.49]
- 13 Q. I'm confused now, Mr. Civil Party. First, of course, you said
- 14 you could not go there unless you were ordered to. Was there an
- 15 order for you to go there? And, second, when you went there, and
- 16 upon your return, did you report or talk to that particular
- 17 security guard?
- 18 A. The thing was that, as a prisoner, I didn't have to speak
- 19 about this. I was ordered to bury the dead bodies after he had
- 20 killed it, and, after that, I returned and I didn't dare to say
- 21 about this to anyone. I would do anything as long as I could
- 22 survive.
- 23 Q. You said that you returned and then you were asked a question
- 24 again. So, it means there was a second meeting that took place.
- 25 Can you tell the Court whether there was a second meeting?

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- 1 A. It happened once because when I returned, he laughed and he
- 2 opened the prison building to let me in, and if the Court does
- 3 not believe me, you can call him to confront with me. That person
- 4 is still living today.
- 5 [14.32.50]
- 6 Q. I'd like to ask you some more -- for details in regards to the
- 7 so-called moral offences. Did you ever hear such a term, "moral
- 8 offence", during that period?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. To your knowledge and experience, in terms of the implication
- 11 of the word "moral offence", what did it mean at the time?
- 12 A. To my understanding at the time, to commit a moral offence
- 13 means to play around with a woman or to molest a woman.
- 14 Q. And what is your understanding on the punishment for a moral
- 15 offence?
- 16 A. For that, I do not know.
- 17 Q. Among the prisoners who were detained at Krang Ta Chan, have
- 18 you heard of any prisoner who were accused of being -- committing
- 19 a moral offence?
- 20 A. I don't know that because I didn't ask any person.
- 21 [14.34.56]
- 22 Q. Thank you, Civil Party. In your testimony before the Trial
- 23 Chamber on the 4th of February, 2015, at hours 14, 4 minute and
- 45 seconds, you told the Court that when you responded to a
- 25 question related to Ta Mok, you told the Court that you saw him

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- 1 about once, twice or three times. But when he was there he spent
- 2 just a short period of time, about one hour. If the senior
- 3 leader, the prisoners were sent to the detention, they were
- 4 locked up, everything had to be completed before the arrival. I
- 5 would like you to clarify for the Court that; how many times did
- 6 you see Ta Mok?
- 7 A. I did not count his visits. Probably two or three times,
- 8 because I did not imagine that I would be called to testify
- 9 before a court like I do now.
- 10 Q. Thank you. Do you recall the year when you saw Ta Mok?
- 11 [14.37.08]
- 12 A. It was probably after the liberation of Phnom Penh.
- 13 Q. How many years after the liberation you saw him there?
- 14 A. I cannot recall that.
- 15 Q. I would like to follow up this question. How do you know he
- 16 was Ta Mok?
- 17 A. I heard from the soldiers. The soldiers told me. He told me
- 18 that he was Ta 15.
- 19 Q. How do you know that Ta 15 was Ta Mok?
- 20 A. The soldiers told me.
- 21 Q. And, did he tell you both Ta 15 and Ta Mok? Is this correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. When you saw Ta Mok, where were you? Were you inside the
- 24 detention building or inside the compound?
- 25 A. I saw him while I was walking water buffalo to the water. It

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- 1 is next to the second fence.
- 2 Q. Do you know why or how those soldiers tell you that he was Ta
- 3 15? What was the reason that they told you?
- 4 A. I don't know the reason behind that, because one of the
- 5 soldiers walked behind me and he told me about that.
- 6 [14.39.29]
- 7 Q. After you heard that, do you remember all the way, was there
- 8 any circumstances that triggered you to remember Ta Mok?
- 9 A. Yes, I remember because at that time we would hear Ta 15, but
- 10 I got a chance to see him because people in the mobile unit just
- 11 heard his name, but they did not see him.
- 12 Q. How far were you standing when you saw Ta Mok?
- 13 A. I was standing in close proximity, about two or three metres
- 14 away while I was walking the buffalo.
- 15 Q. When you saw him, what did he do? I mean Ta Mok.
- 16 [14.40.58]
- 17 A. He left his car and he walked toward Ta An, and Ta An came to
- 18 receive him and they go together they went together.
- 19 Q. Did you see him while he was disembarking from a car or
- 20 leaving the car or when he was walking on the road?
- 21 A. There was no road, there was a small path. He left his car and
- 22 walked into the office, and then the chief of the office came to
- 23 receive him. So, I was walking water buffalo, I was not expecting
- 24 his arrival, but I accidentally saw him.
- 25 Q. I would like you to indicate the place where the car was

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- 1 parking; was it inside the compound of Krang Ta Chan or was it at
- 2 the gate or the way toward Krang Ta Chan?
- 3 A. I saw him next to the gate to the prison, it was the east
- 4 gate.
- 5 Q. So, it means that the car was not entering into the compound,
- 6 it was parking next to the east gate, is this correct, Civil
- 7 Party?
- 8 A. Yes, it was parking nearby the east gate.
- 9 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 10 Now is an appropriate time for a recess. The Court will resume at
- 11 3 o'clock.
- 12 Court officer, please work with the WESU officer and also the TPO
- 13 staff to have a break and then bring them back before 3 o'clock.
- 14 The Court is adjourned.
- 15 (Court recesses from 1443H to 1503H)
- 16 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 17 Please be seated. The Court is back in session.
- 18 And again the Chamber will cede the floor to Khieu Samphan's
- 19 defence to continue putting further questions to this civil
- 20 party. You may proceed.
- 21 [15.04.35]
- 22 BY MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 23 Thank you, Mr. President. And I'll continue putting more
- 24 questions to this civil party.
- 25 Q. Mr. Civil Party, just then we talked about Ta Mok's visit. And

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- 1 you talked about a car parked outside the compound of Krang Ta
- 2 Chan's office. Could a car parked in the inner part of the
- 3 compound? And was there any case that a car was parked in the
- 4 inner compound or inner part of the compound?
- 5 MR. SAY SEN:
- 6 A. No. Because there was a inner fence and a second fence and a
- 7 third or outer fence, and the car could only be parked at the
- 8 third or outer fence.
- 9 [15.05.41]
- 10 Q. Can you tell the Court why you were tending the cows near the
- 11 east gate, and that you were about two metres from the gate?
- 12 A. No, I did not tender the cows there. Actually, I was walking
- 13 the water buffalo to drink water through the second gate. And
- 14 that was part of the gate of the outer fence or outer parameter.
- 15 Q. Does it mean the water buffaloes that you tended could also
- 16 enter the vicinity of the second fence -- that is, the first, the
- 17 second, but that it could not go beyond in through the inner
- 18 fence? Am I correct in saying that?
- 19 A. Yes, that is correct. It could go up to the second parameter
- 20 or the second fence.
- 21 Q. You also stated that you saw Ta Mok get off the vehicle. How
- 22 did you see him? Did you see him when you were facing him or you
- 23 were behind him when he was getting off the vehicle?
- 24 [15.07.20]
- 25 A. He was getting off the vehicle. And actually the security

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- 1 guards asked me to urgently move the water buffaloes. And in fact
- 2 I was to his left walking my water buffaloes from the hill.
- 3 Q. Did you take a look at him?
- 4 A. No, I did not dare look straight at him.
- 5 Q. Was there any special figure or special mark or expression
- 6 that you could recognise him as Ta Mok?
- 7 A. No. Nothing. But I was told by the security guard that he was
- 8 Ta 15.
- 9 Q. That security guard or that soldier, when did he tell you? Was
- 10 it during the time that Ta Mok was still there or after he had
- 11 left? And if after he had left, how long after he had left that
- 12 he told you?
- 13 [15.08.28]
- 14 A. Ta Mok actually already left after I brought the water buffalo
- 15 back from the pond, and he told me.
- 16 Q. Was that security quard or soldier always -- told you about
- 17 the events, about the cadres or about any special events that
- 18 happened in Krang Ta Chan office?
- 19 A. No. He only told me about this Ta 15.
- 20 Q. Did he tell you the same day that Ta Mok came to Krang Ta Chan
- 21 or was it the next day that he told you?
- 22 A. He told me for one time, and that was it.
- 23 Q. My question is that: you told us that you were told by him
- 24 after Ta Mok left; was it on the same day or was it next day that
- 25 he told you?

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- 1 A. It was the same day after I brought my water buffaloes back
- 2 from the pond.
- 3 Q. I'd like you to look at a document -- that is, a sketch that I
- 4 just handed to you. Please look at the left side of the sketch.
- 5 There is a long standing rectangular and it reads: "grave pits".
- 6 [15.11.12]
- 7 A. Please repeat your question. I did not get it.
- 8 Q. I'd like you to refer to the sketch that I handed to you
- 9 earlier. To the furthest right, there is a long vertical
- 10 rectangular it's not really rectangular but it's a little bit
- 11 oval. Can you see it? And it marks as "grave pits" on it.
- 12 A. Yes, I see it here on the sketch but not at the actual place.
- 13 Q. Can you tell the Court the location identified on the sketch?
- 14 That is, the grave pit; to which direction was it located in
- 15 compared to the location of Krang Ta Chan?
- 16 A. It was to the south.
- 17 Q. What about the size? The size of the grave pit is indicated on
- 18 the sketch. Can you tell us the actual size?
- 19 [15.13.01]
- 20 A. No, I cannot do it. I cannot make any estimate of it.
- 21 Q. What about the number of pits within the compound. How many
- 22 pits were all together?
- 23 A. I could not count all the pits because there were many pits.
- 24 There were smaller pits and larger pits. One pit, for example,
- 25 contained only two or three bodies.

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- 1 Q. I'd like you to only specify the number of the pits and not
- 2 the dead bodies within each pit. Can you tell the Court how many
- 3 pits were all together?
- 4 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 5 The civil party already replied that there were many, many pits
- 6 and smaller pits contained two or three or four dead bodies. And
- 7 I think it is clear enough in the Khmer language. And Civil
- 8 Party, you do not need to respond to that question.
- 9 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 10 The civil party replied that there were several pits and that was
- 11 not an exact figure.
- 12 [15.14.24]
- 13 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 14 He said that he did not count the numbers of the pits because
- 15 there were several pits and smaller pits contained two, three or
- 16 four bodies, and then there were larger pits.
- 17 BY MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 Q. Within the vicinity of the grave pits, how many large pits
- 20 altogether?
- 21 MR. SAY SEN:
- 22 A. I did not count it.
- 23 Q. The -- please refer to the lower part of the sketch and you
- 24 see there are several circles. In fact there are a total of ten
- 25 circles. And it reads that "it's a line of coconut trees and

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- 1 bodies buried beneath". The coconut trees that were planted and
- 2 there were bodies buried beneath. How many coconut trees
- 3 altogether?
- 4 [15.15.38]
- 5 A. There were several coconut trees. At the beginning, maybe
- 6 twenty. There were many, many but some of them died, and maybe
- 7 now there are only twenty to thirty coconut trees left standing.
- 8 Q. Can you tell us the number of the coconut trees at the
- 9 beginning, because you said that there were many? Was it like a
- 10 hundred coconut trees or a thousand?
- 11 A. In fact, I did not count them all.
- 12 Q. I'd like to ask you about your participation in the burial of
- 13 the pits. During the time that you were at Krang Ta Chan, how
- 14 many pits did you cover personally?
- 15 A. I cannot recall them all because there were so many.
- 16 Q. What about the number of larger pits that you participated in,
- in the covering?
- 18 A. I only did with the small pits for those prisoners who died in
- 19 the prison building.
- 20 [15.17.57]
- 21 Q. Now, I'd like to talk about the period after the liberation in
- 22 1979, that you participated in the exhumation of the pits -- that
- 23 is, to look for golden teeth of those dead bodies. When you
- 24 participate in finding gold or counting skulls in each pit; when
- 25 did you actually do that?

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- 1 A. It was the year of the liberation. In fact, I did not engage
- 2 in finding gold. It was the nearby villagers.
- 3 Q. Did you go there and indicate where the dead bodies were
- 4 buried to -- that you indicated to the villagers?
- 5 A. No, I did not. But when I went there, the pits had been dug
- 6 out, and there was a strong smell.
- 7 Q. When people -- my question is: was the digging or the
- 8 exhumation happened only one time or there were several
- 9 occasions?
- 10 A. To that I cannot respond.
- 11 [15.19.07]
- 12 Q. Did you yourself participate in the digging up or exhumation
- 13 of pits?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Did you go there to -- just to observe the exhumation? And if
- 16 so, how often was it?
- 17 A. No. I only went there during religious ceremony to bring food
- 18 there, to pray to the dead.
- 19 Q. Did you participate in the exhumation of the skeleton remains
- 20 in order to be counted?
- 21 A. No, I did not.
- 22 Q. Were you aware of the exhumation of skulls to be counted in
- 23 order to preserve?
- 24 A. No, I was not aware about that. In fact, there was a committee
- of clergymen and monks who involved in this process.

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- 1 Q. Now, I'd like to ask you about the family members of Yeay Nha.
- 2 You actually stated before this Court that you had a close
- 3 relationship with Yeah Nha, and you treated her as mother and she
- 4 treated you as a son. Can you tell us about this co-relationship
- 5 between you and Yeay Nha? When did it start?
- 6 [15.21.20]
- 7 A. It started when we were in prison together.
- 8 Q. Had you known Yeay Nha's family before you were detained?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Had you known Yeay Nha's husband before Yeay Nha and her
- 11 family were detained?
- 12 A. Yes, I do. In fact, I had known her husband Ta Kun before
- 13 because he was detained before the rest of the family members.
- 14 Q. Did you get to know Ta Kun only when he was detained at Krang
- 15 Ta Chan or you had known him prior to that?
- 16 A. I knew him only when he was detained.
- 17 Q. Can you tell the Court, how long was how long had Ta Kun
- 18 been detained before Yeay Nha was brought in for the detention?
- 19 [15.23.10]
- 20 A. I cannot recall it.
- 21 Q. You described about the family members of Yeay Nha, and also
- 22 in this Court, you stated the same. Can you tell the Court about
- 23 the children of Yeay Nha. Were there any of her children not
- 24 detained at Krang Ta Chan? And if so, how many? And did you know
- 25 them all?

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- 1 A. I only knew those who were detained with me. And if there were
- 2 any other children outside, I did not know.
- 3 Q. Did you know all of them?
- 4 A. No, I did not know all of them. As I stated, I only know those
- 5 who were detained with me.
- 6 Q. Did you know all her children who were detained at Krang Ta
- 7 Chan?
- 8 A. Yes, I did. But I didn't know the actual name of the youngest
- 9 girl. She was call Milap (phonetic), that is the smallest girl in
- 10 Khmer.
- 11 [15.24.31]
- 12 Q. Can you tell the Court all the names of her children?
- 13 A. Yes, I do. The mother was Yeay Nha, the husband Ta Kun, and
- 14 then there was Rat and Boeun, the in-law, Kha, Koun (phonetic),
- 15 Kom (phonetic), and finally Milap (phonetic).
- 16 Q. Can you tell the Court what work they engage in while they
- 17 were detained at Krang Ta Chan?
- 18 A. They engage in the same kind of work that I engage in, for
- 19 example, plantation and working rice field. We did what we were
- 20 ordered to do.
- 21 Q. Did you know whether they were interrogated?
- 22 A. I knew that her husband that is, the husband of Yeay Nha and
- 23 Boeun were interrogated.
- 24 [15.26.05]
- 25 Q. Did you see that any family members of Yeay Nha being

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- 1 mistreated? I apologise. When I said about the family members
- 2 here, I refer to her children or her children-in-law.
- 3 A. I only saw Boeun and Yeay Nha's husband who were tortured
- 4 during interrogation. And after that, they died from the beating.
- 5 Q. Can you tell the Court that Yeay Nha was the cook at Krang Ta
- 6 Chan's office?
- 7 A. Yeay Nha was the oldest woman. She was not assigned to engage
- 8 in any hard work and she was asked to cook porridge or gruel.
- 9 (Short pause)
- 10 [15.27.39]
- 11 MR. KONG SAM ONN:
- 12 Thank you, Mr. President. My next line of questioning is to deal
- 13 with the identities of individuals at Krang Ta Chan. And as we
- 14 are not allowed to put those questions, we will do them whenever
- 15 the time is appropriate and when there is a ruling by the
- 16 Chamber. Thank you.
- 17 (Judges deliberate)
- 18 [15.28.43]
- 19 MR. PRESIDENT:
- 20 We only have a little bit of time remaining. And also today is
- 21 Friday afternoon, and the buses will leave town at four. For that
- 22 reason, the Chamber decides to adjourn the proceedings today
- 23 right now, and will resume Monday the 9th February 2015, from 9
- 24 a.m.
- 25 And on and for Monday, we will hear the testimony of an expert

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1	2-TCE-97.
2	The Chamber is grateful for Mr. Say Sen's testimony. And your
3	testimony has not yet concluded. And you may be called again by
4	the Chamber to continue your testimony in the near future. You
5	may now return to your residence.
6	[15.29.58]
7	And the Chamber also would like to thank the TPO support staff,
8	and you may be excused from the courtroom.
9	And court officer in co-operation with WESU, please make the
10	arrangement for the transportation of Say Sen. And another
11	reserve witness 2-TCCP-303 to return to their residence or
12	wherever they wish to return.
13	And security guards, you're instructed to take the two Accused
14	back to the detention facility of the ECCC and have them return
15	to the courtroom on the Monday morning at 9 February 2015, before
16	9 a.m. The Court is now adjourned.
17	(Court adjourns at 1530H)
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