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**BY THE NATIONAL CO-PROSECUTOR ON THE PASSING OF THE CONVICTED
PERSON KAING GUEK EAV *alias* DUCH**

The National Co-Prosecutor wishes to inform the public that the Convicted Person Kaing Guek Eav *alias* Duch, Cambodian, passed away in the Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital on 2 September 2020 at 00:51. He was born on 17 November 1942 in Poy Veuy village, Peam Bang commune, Stoung district, Kampong Thom province. He was a professor and the former Chairman of S-21. He was arrested and detained on 10 May 1999 and transferred to the ECCC Detention Facility on 30 July 2007. On 31 July 2007, he was charged with crimes against humanity, grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, torture and homicide under the Penal Code of 1956.

On 30 March 2009, the Trial Chamber commenced the trials against Kaing Guek Eav *alias* Duch and held evidential hearings of witnesses and civil parties for a 72-day period.

On 26 July 2010, the trial judgment was pronounced, finding that Kaing Guek Eav *alias* Duch was in charge of S-21 for more than three years, causing the deaths of more than 12,272 victims. Therefore, the Trial Chamber convicted and sentenced him to 35 years in prison for extermination, murder, enslavement, imprisonment, torture and other inhumane acts under the crimes against humanity, as well as willful killing, torture and inhumane treatment, willful causing great suffering or serious injury to body or health, and willfully depriving a prisoner of war or civilian of the rights of fair and regular trial, and unlawful confinement of a civilian under grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949.

The trial judgment was appealed by the Co-Prosecutors, Civil Parties and Kaing Guek Eav *alias* Duch to the Supreme Court Chamber. On 3 February 2012, the Supreme Court Chamber issued an appeal judgment and sentenced Kaing Guek Eav *alias* Duch to life imprisonment.

Kaing Guek Eav *alias* Duch was transferred to Kandal Provincial Correctional Centre on 6 June 2013 to serve his sentence following the Supreme Court Chamber’s decision.

Today, the National Co-Prosecutor notifies that Kaing Guek Eav *alias* Duch passed away according to the report of the officials involved, and the investigation into the cause of death of Kaing Guek Eav *alias* Duch is under the responsibility of the national authorities.

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