



Trial of Khmer Rouge prison chief in final stage November 24, 2009

Prosecutors in the genocide trial of a former Khmer Rouge prison chief demanded he be sentenced to 40 years in jail for his role in the killing of thousands of Cambodian prisoners.

Kaing Guek Eav commanded the notorious S-21 prison, where those accused of disloyalty to the xenophobic communist regime were held. He oversaw the torture and execution of about 16,000 men, women and children during the Khmer Rouge's 1975-79 rule.

Co-prosecutor William said that Kaing Guek Eve, also known as Duch (pronounced DOIK), spread terror across Cambodia and should be sentenced to 40 years in jail. Duch, who will take the stand Wednesday in his defense, is expected to be sentenced early next year.