

## **Retired King Prepared To Testify At KR Tribunal**

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Despite stating his opposition to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Court of Cambodia earlier this month, retired King Norodom Sihanouk said in a statement that he was prepared to testify at the tribunal. "I am not lacking the courage to go to answer before the tribunal," the retired King wrote in a statement posted on his Web site on Monday dated July 15. "My family, my wife's family and many people who supported Norodom Sihanouk were tortured and killed by the Khmer Rouge's Pol Pot." Information Minister Khieu Kanharith said the government does not want the retired King to appear before the tribunal, calling him the symbol of national unity. "He should not stand before the court; it will affect the national symbol," Khieu Kanharith said.

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