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Keat Chhon Admits Role in Pol Pot Regime

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Keat Chhon, current Minister of Finance, admits to his involvement in the Khmer Rouge Regime (1975-1979) Wednesday at the National Assembly.

His response came after opposition party leader Sam Rainsy accused Keat Chhon of having played a key role in the Khmer Rouge era, as advisor to the late Pol Pot- the mastermind behind Cambodia's Killing Fields.

Keat Chhon went on to say that he accepts full responsibility for his part and is willing to testify in the trials, should the Khmer Rouge Tribunal summon him to court.

Document Center of Cambodia's deputy director Vanthan Pov Dara says that the center does not have any document confirming Keat Chhon's involvement in the Khmer Rouge regime; however, he commended the Minister for telling the truth.

Besides Keat Chhon, other Cambodian government officials are reported to have ties with the Khmer Rouge regime as well.

The list of names includes Senate President Chea Sim and President of the National Assembly Heng Samrin, whom are claimed to be former Khmer Rouge military officials.

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