

# មជ្ឈមណ្ឌលឯកសារកម្ពុជា

DCCAM'S PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT: Aom An aka [TA] ANN

Field trip's note: Long Dany

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In the afternoon of March 19, 2011, DC-Cam's PA team (Dany Long, Vannal Sok, Sengkea Sar) arrived in O-Korky village, O-Da commune, Kamrieng district, Battambang province. There, we met with Makk Sarin. Sarin is a chief of O-Korky village (**His cell phone is available**). Sarin was born in Tor-toeng Thngay village, Veal Peann commune, Thpong district, Kampong Speu province. His birthplace is near [Ta] An birthplace. Sarin told us that [Ta] An today lives in O-Korky village, O-Da commune. [Ta] An has a full name of **Aom An**. He lives with his second wife. She is **Prum Ran**. [Ta] An has two sons with his first wife and another daughter (around 15 or 16 years old) with his second wife. [Ta] An was a senior Khmer Rouge cadres during Democratic Kampuchea. However, Sarin did not know where was [Ta] An or where he worked or his rank during the Khmer Rouge regime. Sarin knows that when the Vietnamese soldiers came into Cambodia in 1979, [Ta] An and his subordinates fled and stayed in the office of Son Sen at 1002. The office located in Preah Vihear province (near Lpoeu River at the border of Cambodia, Thailand and Lao). [Ta] An was a supervisor in the office of Son Sen.

Between 1990 and 1991, people in the office of Son Sen moved down to live in Anlong Veng area. [Ta] An lived near his younger sister, Vin, who is a wife of 06 ([Ta] San). [Ta] San was a chief of Division 920. When [Ta] Mok arrested and killed 05, 06 and other Khmer Rouge cadres in 1997, [Ta] An fled to Thailand. Then, his family moved to live in Kamrieng district.

At 4:30 pm on the same day, Sarin took us to [Ta] An's house. His house is a small wooden house. It is about 300 meters from Sarin's house. It is close to O-Da pagoda. [Ta] An was sleeping in a hammock inside a small rice storage, while we got into his house. We introduced ourselves and our purpose to meet with him. [Ta] Ann asked our team such as who we are or which organization we are working for and our purpose of meeting with him again and again.

Sarin told us that several journalists came to meet with [Ta] An but he always refused to talk with them. So, I make informal conversation with him by asking him about his birthplace and his life when he was young and his answers are very similar to what *I mentioned in field trip's note on January 26, 2011*. He also confirmed that he knows Tep Pouch and his family (a person who I interviewed in Anlong Veng district in 2008).

[Ta] An said he lived in Anlong Veng before he came to live in O-Da, Kamrieng district. His house was near his younger brother in law, San (06) who was a chief of division 920 in Mondul Kiri province during the Khmer Rouge. During the internal controversies in Anlong Veng 1997, [Ta] Mok arrested and killed 05, 06 and other cadres. [Ta] An feared that [Ta] Mok would continue to arrest and kill him and his family. So, his family fled to Thailand and then moved to live in O-Da, Kamrieng district, Battambang province until today. **Aom An aka [Ta] An is now 78 years old.**

In the afternoon of March 21, 2011, our team arrived at Phnom Prik commune office. We met with Oum Sokha who is a member of Phnom Prik commune council. There, we were searching for information that related Ream and his wife's name Kha in Phnom Prik commune. Ream was a Khmer Rouge cadre from Southwest Zone and he was sent to Preah Neth Preah district along with Im Chaem. Ream was promoted to be a chief of Thmar Puok district in 1978. Ream was infamous because many people were killed during 1978 in Thmar Puok district.

Oum Sokha took us to Ream's house in Tuol Khpuos village Phnom Prik commune, Phnom Prik district, Battambang province. Ream, 70, is now a retirement of military officer. Ream is a rich man in his village. His house has a petroleum station.

He immediately denied telling us a bout his past experience during the Khmer Rouge regime, while we got into his house and we introduced ourselves and our purpose to meet with him. Ream said that he would be having a real headache and sleepless if he talks about his past experience.

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