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**PROSECUTOR IN HUN SEN MURDER CASE:  
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A lawyer associated with Sam Rainsy, representing three widows of high-ranking Funcinpec officers killed in the aftermath of last July's coup, submitted evidence today in three murder cases against Second Prime Minister Hun Sen, filed in Kompong Speu Municipal Court.

The evidence consisted of the "Memorandum to the Royal Government of Cambodia Evidence of Summary Executions, Torture and Missing Persons Since 2-7 July 1997" dated August 21, 1997, from the Cambodia Office of the UN Center for Human Rights

The prosecutor said the court would like to investigate further, but he needs proof of the deaths of Krouch Yeum, Men Bunthorn and Chao Sambath. He added that recently the Military Court in Phnom Penh has sentenced Chao Sambath, along with Ranariddh, Nhiek Bun Chhay and others. Proof could consist of an official death certificate, which the widows' lawyer said was unavailable, although the UN has proof of the cremation of Krouch Yeum.

The lawyer representing the widows suggested to the prosecutor that the court should speak to officials at the UN Rights Office to verify the deaths.

According to the lawyer, the prosecutor said the case would be difficult to investigate because it related to the top leader of the country, and he would have to be very careful. He added that it would be difficult for him to come all the way to Phnom Penh to speak to the UN.

There is no time limit on the prosecutor's decision on whether to prosecute the case.

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Note: Sam Rainsy remains the lawyer on this case although he was unable to go this morning