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Further information on UA 151/99 (ASA 23/11/99, 29 June 1999) and follow-up (ASA 23/12/99, 12 July 1999) - Prisoners of conscience

CAMBODIA Kim Sen (Kim San), Meas Minear [human rights workers]

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Kim Sen and Meas Minear are free today, after all charges against them were dropped.

Their trial resumed this morning in Sihanoukville. After a senior military policeman had given evidence as a witness for the defence, the prosecutor withdrew all charges against Kim Sen, Meas Minear and the other eight defendants. The judge announced that the court had heard no evidence against the accused and the case was dropped.

Amnesty International observers were present at both stages of the trial.

**No further action is necessary by the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals - we know that the international interest in this case was helpful, and the support of Amnesty International has been very important to the two human rights workers and their organization during the last seven months.**