

Biography of Ex-Khmer Rouge District Chief of Special Zone 103 Khet Stung Treng

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(KR took over Khet Stung Treng after Coup d'Etat of March 18, 1970)

Name: Ngem Sokhan aka "Comrade Meng" (M).

POB: Phum Krom, Khum Preah Rumkel, Srok Thalabarivath, Khet Stung Treng.

DOB: 10/11/1951.

Race: Khmer.

Languages: French, Thai, and Lao fluently. Some English.

- At age of 6, studied at Khum Preah Rumkel, Srok Thalabarivath, Khet Stung Treng.
- At age of 9, studied at Srok Thalabarivath, Khet Stung Treng.
- 1964 studied at Preah Reach Bo-chani-ya-kech High School, Khet Stung Treng.
- 1969 received diploma.
- 1970 attended *secondaire* at the same school.
- After *coup d'etat* of March 18, 1970; dropped from school.
- August 30, 1970 joined The Liberation Front of Kampuchea (*ranakse rouph roum chet Kampuchea*) with Comrade Phan, Comrade Hang, and Comrade Mann (death).
- During Sangkum Reash Niyum used to join Youth of Sangkum Reash Niyum (*yu-veak-chun sangkum reash niyum khmer*).

1970-78:

- 09/01/70: served as Personal Secretary of Comrade Chan Saren aka "Mann" (Parliamentarian Candidate for Khet Koh Kong in 1955).
- 01/71 - 05/72 : Chief of Zone 103's Office (*prateanh munti dambann*).
- 02/14/71: Member of Youth Communist Party (*you-veak-kak*); presented by Comrade Hang. Comrade Mann was chaired of the meeting.
- 06/20/71: Core member of Communist Kampuchea (*pak-ka-chun*); presented by Comrade (Ms.) Son, Chief of Zone 103, Women Section. The meeting was chaired by Comrade Mann (president), Comrade Hang (Vice-president), and Comrade Phan (member).
- Became full-right member (*sama-cheuk peng sith*) of Zone 103, three months later.
- 01/1972 posted at Srok Chey Sen, Zone 103, for 6 months.
- 06/1972 posted at Srok Preah Rumkel, Zone 103.
- 12/1972 posted at Srok Siembok, Zone 103.
- 10/1973 posted at Srok Kampong Sralao, Zone 103.
- 04/20/1975 was sent to train on leadershipization (?) (*kam-ma-chi-vou-pani-ya-kam*) as a team leader of mechanics of (*munti*) "S 28" of Zone 103. Was with Comrade Khien, Vice Secretary of Zone 103.
- 07/1975 appointed as Vice President of transportation (*sa-thear-ranak-ka*) of Zone 103, responsible for building bridges, roads, school (?), hospital (?), and others related to construction work, also assisted Zone 103 as technical assistant on irrigation and rice fields system etc. ...
- 05/15/1978 escaped to Lao because KR from SW (*neara-dei*) Zone wanted to assassinate him. He then moved to Thailand on 11/12/1978.
- 04/16/1979 returned to Cambodia.
- 06/06/90 returned to his present home village as farmer.

About His wife:

Name: Sing Ny Chan aka "Comrade Pha".

POB: ?.

DOB: 1952.

Race: Khmer.

Education: Primary School (dropped from school in 1968.)

Language: Khmer , Thai and Lao fluently.

- 1972 Core member of the Communist Kampuchea, Assistant of District Chief, Women Section, Zone 103, Khet Stung Treng.
- 1973 Vice Secretary of Srok Siembok, Khet Stung Treng.
- 06/1975 Chief of Women Weaving of Office (*Munti*) "S 28", Srok Chep, Khet Stung Treng.
- Married to him (Comrade Meng) on 06/1975. Comrade Khien was their host of wedding.

She did not escape to Lao nor Thailand with him, but remained at Phum Moeun Reach, Khum Kha-yang, Srok Chey Sen, Zone 103, Khet Preah Vihea, until 1979.

About his parent:

Father: Ngem Nark, 76

Mother: Ke Malay Thang, 69

Present Address: Phum Krom, Khum Preah Rumkel, Srok Thalabarivath, Khet Stung Treng.

- His father entered monkhood during the French Colonial. In 1955 became Chief of Khum Preah Rumkel until 1965.

About his sibling:

1. Ngem Song, brother
2. Ngem Kim Leng, brother
3. Ngem Horgn Samuth, sister
4. Ngem Am Pan, sister
5. Ngem Si Mann, sister
6. Ngem Sokhom, brother (disappeared)
7. Ngem Sokha, sister

Only Sopkha and Si Mann who are living in Stung Treng Provincial Town. The rest is still living at Phum Krom, Khum Preah Rumkel, Srok Thalabarivath, Khet Stung Treng.

Dated: October 18, 1995

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Details of his activities are attached with Khet Stung Treng's Report for Mapping Project.