

Dutch National Remains Jailed Pending Appeal

A Dutch national, who was cleared of debauchery charges in Phnom Penh Municipal Court Thursday, remains in Prey Sar prison pending an appeal. Rene Paul Martin Aubel, 48, was charged with debauchery in April after several boys accused him of having sex with them. Presiding Judge Kong Sarith delivered a verdict of not guilty, citing a lack of irrefutable evidence, but Prosecutor Siem Sok Aun appealed. Lim Chan Bunkeo, the defendant's lawyer, said Monday he was concerned for his client's health. Aubel has been in Prey Sar prison for more than eight months. (*Khouth Sophak Chakrya*)