

## British Man Not Charged

Phnom Penh Municipal Court has decided not to charge alleged child abuser Michael Leach, 44, and has given the British Embassy his passport, a court clerk said Tuesday. "The charge against Michael is on hold," the clerk said. Leach, who is a British national, had admitted he masqueraded as a doctor when examining children at Lighthouse Orphanage. NGOs Action Pour Les Enfants and Licadho said in a statement Wednesday: "We hope the prosecutor's decision is not a result of intimidation of the children [who filed complaints against Leach] and [their] families." Lighthouse Director Chea Savy, who bailed Leach out of jail, admitted she visited the children's families but denied intimidating them. *(Prak Chanthul and Yvonne Lee)*

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**Correction:** Wednesday's story "Drop in Government Referrals Hits Afesip Hard" (page 17) should have said that Afesip has closed one women's shelter.