

Case Number 3

(a) This case was similar to number 2 above. The Royal Government of Cambodia informed the Commission that certain inhabitants, alleged to be former members of the KRF, of the Khums of Kraing-Sabu, Kriang-Svay and Beng-Srange (Chhuk) handed over to the local communal authorities some arms and ammunition. The arms and ammunition alleged to have been handed in were as under:-

(i) Khum of Kriang-Sabu

Local Rifles - 6 Cartridges 36 - 20
Cartridges Enfield 60

(ii) Khum of Kriang-Svay

Local Rifles - 11 Gun barrels - 7

(iii) Khum of Beng-Srange

Local Rifles - 18 Gun barrels - 26

(b) The Fixed Team at Kampot investigated this case. Their findings were as under:-

(i) On 26 December 1954, one Ourng-Meas had dug up 6 rifles, 6 grenades and 65 cartridges near Phum Mon and had turned them over to the Mekhum who had asked everyone to surrender their weapons. Ourng-Meas, who is a former KRF person, had seen two members of the KRF bury the arms after the cease fire and hence knew where they were. The arms had been buried in a hole in the ground and were not in a box or a bag. They were rusty when dug up.

(ii) In January 1955, after the Mekhum had explained to the inhabitants of his Khum that hostilities were over and that all weapons should be handed over to the Government, and that later anyone found with a weapon not authorised by the Government would be in trouble, about 53 former members of the KRF in Khum Kriang-Svay turned in 34 local rifles and 20 barrels.

(iii) In January 1955, the Mekhum of Beng Srange explained to the inhabitants of his Khum that hostilities were over and as such all unregistered arms should be surrendered to the Government and that in future anyone found with unauthorised arms would be punished. As a result, about 40 former members of the KRF turned in 19 local guns, 23 gun barrels and one mortar bomb.

Case Number 4

(a) The case arose out of the Government of Cambodia's complaint alleging the finding of a cache of military stores and weapons in the region of Kompong Som. The arms and stores were as under and were alleged to have been left behind by the Viet Minh Forces:-