
HUMAN RIGHTS CAMBODIA

All Facts Considered

Independent Observer

Unrealized Hope

The absence of armed conflict,
however,
does not mean that
Cambodia is at peace.



Hereditary Dictatorship Is In The Making

August 2017

NGO promoting political participation was expelled

November 2017

Main opposition party dissolved by the Supreme Court

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

September 2017

Independent newspaper stopped publication as a result of extra-legal threats

July 2018

The ruling party won all 125 seats in the National Assembly

“ស៊ីសង់លើអាសែន មិននិយាយរក ចប់”- Hun Sen (October 2020)

RIGHTS ABUSE

in focus

Integrity of the Person, Civil Liberties & Political Rights

Murder, Mourning And Martyrdom

Kem Ley murder recalls a familiar pattern of political intrigue in Cambodia

State-sponsored killing still continues.

Amid Latest Sex Scandal, Many Recall Piseth Pilika

By Alex Willemyns and Kim Chan - March 28, 2016

Cambodia's murder mystery: Who killed Vichea?

The killers of a trade union leader remain at large, amid charges that the country's justice system fosters impunity.

The murder that shocked even Cambodia

The gunning down of environmental activist Chhut Vuthy, suspected to be in the service of business interests, is seen by many as another example of those in power forever silencing a voice of protest

They were all one of us: monk, political commentator, union leader, environmentalist, actress, ...



The War Against Free Speech

Coordinated cyber troop teams surveilled the private and public communications, manipulate content on social media.

May 2019, a young rapper removed a song from Facebook and YouTube after he was pressured by local officials who visited his parents' home.

March 2020, TVFB editor Sovann Rithy Rithy was arrested for quoted Prime Minister Hun Sen.

Hun Sen has threatened that within four minutes his “cyber war team” could identify, to within five feet, the telephone of anyone who posted on Facebook post.

Flurry Of Arbitrary Summonses

November 2020

PHNOM PENH – More than 60 senior leaders, former lawmakers, and members of the dissolved Cambodia National Rescue Party have been summoned by a Phnom Penh court for alleged incitement, a move the opposition said to intimidate its supporters.

They just randomly pick from
Hun Sen's black hat.

Shocking Waves of Arrest



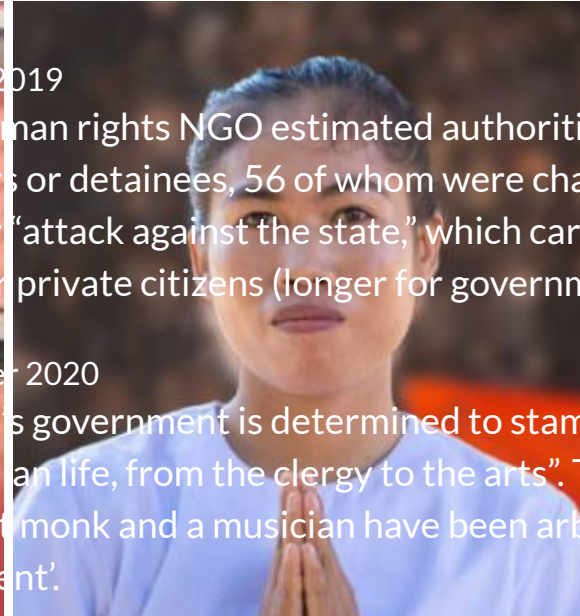
October 2019

Local human rights NGO estimated authorities held at least 65 political prisoners or detainees, 56 of whom were charged with “plotting against the state” or “attack against the state,” which carry a prison sentence of up to 10 years for private citizens (longer for government employees).

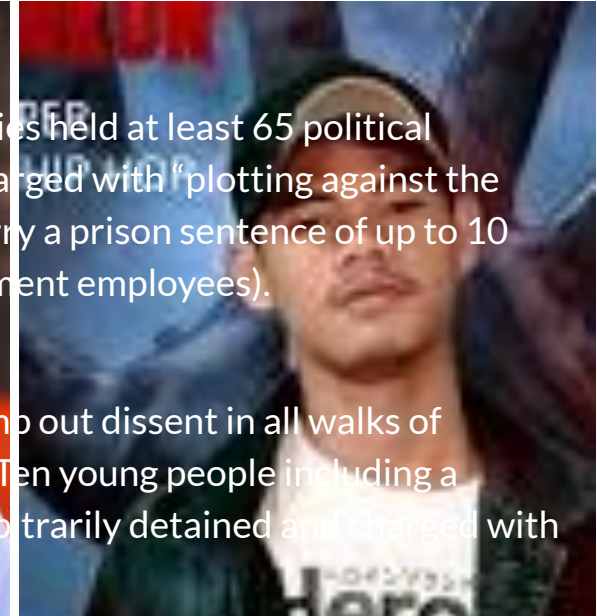
September 2020

Hun Sen's government is determined to stamp out dissent in all walks of Cambodian life, from the clergy to the arts”. Ten young people including a Buddhist monk and a musician have been arbitrarily detained and charged with ‘incitement’.

Buddhist monk- Justice youth movement



Environmentalist- One-woman procession



Rapper- “Khmer Land” song

Defending HUMAN RIGHTS

Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity & Ambiguity

International Actors

CHINA

Chinese aid and investment in Cambodia unfortunately lacks transparency and accountability

EU

Partially withdrew Cambodia's preferential access to the EU market

Sweden

Chose to Shut Its Embassy in Cambodia

US

Invoked the Global Magnitsky Act

No simple solution to China's dominance in Cambodia.

Voiceless People of Cambodia

FRIDAY WOMEN

Relatives of jailed activists were hoping to petition the King for the release of their imprisoned family members.

The palace refused to accept the petition.





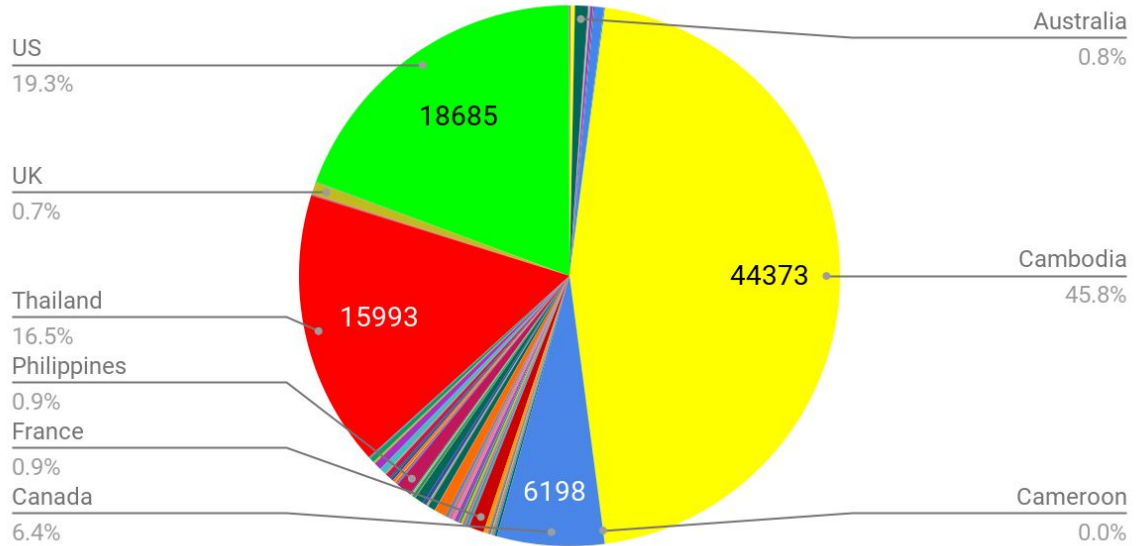
Fragmented efforts
but
Impressive Result

97,526
184 countries

End of Impunity Campaign

Online Signature- Worldwide

TOTAL





STAND UP
For
Someone's Rights
TODAY

Cambodian Youth Must Be Protected And Encouraged.

They are saying loud and clear that
they will not be silenced;
they will not be intimidated;
and that they have had enough.

These daring young activists are
standing up for the ideals of justice,
equality and human rights.

**Don't leave them
to struggle on
their own.**

They suffered enough,
unjustly.

REACH OUT TO VICTIMS & THOSE AT RISK

DEFEND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

KEEP ABUSERS ACCOUNTABLE

It requires
a united front
for any hope to make a
difference.

END

Cambodia The Next 10 Years

Dangers and Salvation

2021 SYMPOSIUM

Coming Together
Keeping Together
Working Together



Actionable Initiatives

REACH OUT TO VICTIMS

Children are in cross fire.

- Motivational project
- Educational project

Youth

- Continued education project
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DEFEND FREE SPEECH

Advocacy with media platform

- Release those who imprisoned for speaking out
 - Protect from harassment
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KEEP ABUSERS ACCOUNTABLE

- Document gross violation
 - Advocate for targeted sanction
 - Independent investigation- UN
 - Legal action- Universal jurisdiction
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