



09 November 2019 - Samdech Techo Hun Sen and Senior Leaders Accompanied HM the King on the National Independence day

USD 294 Million 34 Streets in Preah Sihanouk

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Reconfiguring and Reconstructing Infrastructures in Preah Sihanouk Province

[...] in general, we have noticed that old infrastructures are now unable to support our traffic needs. We need to reconfigure and rebuild them [...] I called Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance to discuss about the possibility of spending about USD 100 million to rebuild a number of prioritized roads. We are also discussing about this strategy of using “palm leaf to pack palm sugar” or to sell certain land property and with the money acquired would go into investment on the infrastructures projects [...] we are no longer at the preparing stage. It is has now come to implementing stage as the eight construction companies are present at their construction sites already. We are spending USD 294 million on 34 roads/streets of just 84 Kilometres [...]

Preah Sihanouk City/Province Development for Financial Hub and Tourism

The city of Preah Sihanouk is one with multipurpose or cover-

ing almost every fields. We have here transportation facilities, deep-sea port, industrial and service sector development. There is a possibility that it could become one of the financial hubs in the region as Hong Kong, Singapore, and/or Shanghai. We have such ambition [...] we need to make sure that the city is safe and attractive for tourists – either Cambodians or foreigners [...] there is now demand to extend the runway of the Preah Sihanouk airport by VINCI to 3,200 meters (for landing and taking off of larger aircrafts). We hope to finish the runway and put it into operation by 2020 [...]

USD 2.5 Million to Dredge Canals, China’s USD 170 Million for Water Treatment

We are now starting this work to dredge waterways/canals to relieve water pressure from seasonal rainwater to sea. We are spending a sum of USD 2.5 million on the project that we hope will address issue of clogged water [...] to end this issue of clogging we must dredge the system and improve

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Sending 276 Athletes to 30th SEA Games

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20 November – Mourning the Late HRH Norodom Bopha Devi

[...] hours ago, at 12:30, we have the sad news that Samdech Preah Ream Norodom Bopha Devi passed away at her 77 years of age. I invite all of us to stand up in meditation to the soul of Her Royal Highness. Thank you. It is a loss to our nation of a human resource considered living heritage.

We are sharing the grief and thoughts of Samdech Mae – the Queen Mother – on this moment of sadness over the loss of the eldest daughter. We are sharing this grief over the loss of HM’s elder sister with HM the King. We will memorize what the late HRH did in 1960s and later (for Cambodian cul-

ture, arts and civilization). Wherever she was, HRH never forgot to work on the Khmer ancient (performance) arts, the Preah Reach Troap classical dance, for instance.

(It will always remind us) of heroism and contributions that HRH made to culture but also her special and respectful quality for royal dynasty [...]

The Royal Government determined 20 November 2019 – the day of mourning. Every state and private institutions staff to mourn HRH death – a big loss of the nation. On 20 November 2019, I will lead a delegation of the Royal Government to pay last respect to HRH’s soul at 1600 hours on that day. Every institution is also sending dele-

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National Strategic Development Plan

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Busy Schedules in October and November

October and November have been ones of heavy work schedules. I conducted official visits to many countries in Europe and Asia, and lately three days in Bangkok, Thailand [...] yesterday I was in Siem Reap and today I am here in Phnom Penh. From tomorrow, I will have a short break. I will work on paper as usual. The day after tomorrow will be our National (Independence) Day followed by water festival. I will preside over the groundbreaking ceremony to build roads in the city of Preah Sihanouk. After that, I will travel to South Korea for the ASEAN-RoK Summit [...]

Every-Level Authorities Take Care of Boat Rowers

Before ending this speech, please allow me to share some issues because I am not going to have more time to speak before things happen. Firstly, 9 November is our national day. After that, we will have three-day (traditional) holiday of water festival, in which there will be boat racing, eating Ambok (flattened rice), praying the moon, and lantern floating festivities. I am calling on authorities taking high responsibility in

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drainages [...] in 2006, I inaugurated the ADB assisted water treatment system. Despite so many had been done we still see that there are more to do. It is in this context that we are asking China for consent to allow Cambodia withdraw a sum of USD 170 million from her USD 600 million grant for wastewater treatment project here in the city of Preah Sihanouk [...]

The Coup Plan Failed, Release on Bail Does Not End the Case

That I will have some fun swimming at the beach today. I do not know if I will post it on Facebook page. Today is 16 November. According to the coup plan by some, at this moment I could have been in jail or in exile. There was this person, whose spouse and children are doing business and enjoying profit making in Cambodia, demanding that Hun Sen should go into exile in Vietnam. It seems that they are practicing a policy of “having you without me, or me without you,” I would not back off and go all the way [...] planning to overthrow the Royal Government, to arrest me and to force HM the King to abdicate is nothing but a coup and a regime change in action from monarchy to something else. As the plan failed, I have introduced this policy of clemency to release on bail 72 people arrested in connection with the planned coup. I wish to affirm that “temporary release on bail” does not mean the cases are closed. You are under courts’ parole and inspections [...]

No Pardon for Coup Plotters

There are two court cases. Firstly, the case of arrest on people inciting unrest and armed forces to ignore commands. Those arrested faced with one to three-year imprisonment. Secondly, after the coup plan pronounced in August, anyone found connected to the plan would face sentences from 10 to 30 years’ jail terms [...] they have tried to capitalize the Royal Government’s clemency by posting on

social media that such release carried out because of international pressure [...]. I hereby affirm that the clemency will be for those misled by those plotted the coup. The 18 coup plotters will not be subjects to this policy. They are still targets of arrest. Should anyone join them in such actions, as they did and failed, arrests would continue [...] let us not talk of international pressure here. We have affirmed already that we will not trade national sovereignty for favour or assistance [...]

Pardon to Go Through Prime Minister

If they say Hun Sen offered clemency because of international pressure, I may arrest them back. I still have (executive) power to do so. Why a temporary release on bail? It is because if trial proceeds, some may send for jail term right away. We cannot pardon them too because the cases have been charged. There is a need to go through legal processes or trial. I have no right and power to interfere [...] they have to seek pardons from HM the King. In that case, their requests must go through the Prime Minister. If you do not behave, I will not forgive [...] some said there was this arrest at will. Spokesperson of the Ministry of Justice already clarified that, in Cambodia, arresting someone at will, without court warrant, except in flagrante delicto, is committing offence [...]

Preah Sihanouk Province to Contribute to National Growth

After we finish this project, I am sure people are going to come to the city to see large roads/streets and the number of tourists would increase. I thought to host the 2022 ASEAN Summit in the city of Preah Sihanouk [...] however, because of concern about moving the summit secretarial facilities around and logistics, let us host the summit in Phnom Penh instead [...]. Let us must work together to make this city named after the King Father Norodom Sihanouk become a city that will

open for economic growth. It has been my vision since 1990s to establish the three-pole growth fronts for Cambodia – Phnom Penh, Preah Sihanouk province and Siem Reap province [...] we have gradually implemented the plan to locate factories along the National Road 4. In Preah Sihanouk province, alone we have up to nine industrial zones, where five are in full operation already. The province of Preah Sihanouk will certainly contribute to national economic growth. It will absorb and contribute it to national fund. At national level, we will be able to share it to other sectors and respond to demands for national development [...]

Discussing Cambodia-China Free Trade Agreement on 4 December

Some said the province of Preah Sihanouk becomes a province of China [...] there are China towns in the US, France, etc. why Cambodia cannot have investments from China? Some has even said that by working with China, Hun Sen has been playing with fire. Let me tell you, Hun Sen not only attracts investments from China, but also on 4 December 2019, the free trade agreement negotiation between Cambodia and China will take place. I am sure it will not take long for us to get to a deal. The agreement will open up China market for Cambodia’s goods [...]

Some have been suggesting unpredictable foreign policy to be friend with the US and foe with China on one day, and on a reversal order on another day [...] I think the taped voice in English should have the attentions of concerned foreign embassies [...]

Bring No Children into Government

In one of our Party meeting, someone commented – “Hun Sen’s plan to have his son replace him failed,” while I was giving a lecture on general situation. I do not understand them. As I am the Prime Minister now, how could a son launch a coup to take power from his

father? [...] in my speech to the police academy, I suggested that whoever to become Prime Minister in the future not to divide the Ministry of Interior into two. In 2006, because of certain (administrative and political) constraints, some suggested to me to create the Ministry of National Security. I disagree. My vision is to empower the provincial authorities with police under their commands [...] they can twist that saying effort to reduce power of Sar Kheng (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior) did not succeed [...]

They talked about Hun Manet (the eldest son) to take over as Prime Minister. I am still the Prime Minister; how could he be one? [...] I have declared that I will [run my candidacy] until 2028. They said I have made Hun Manet commander of the army. Well, I have sent him for education and training, should I let him be a thief? Some have not had power yet but husband and wife are in the National Assembly, some not only his first but his second wife too, why did they not say anything? Why can I not have one son as commander of the army and another as a member of the National Assembly? [...]

I will not bring my children in as members of the Royal Government. That is one side. On another side, I will not allow my son to involve in economic and financial management, though I have full right to make anyone of them as a Secretary of State, a leader in custom or tax departments. You may see that none of them is. I think my children understand me [...].

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come to Cambodia. We are working with partners to ensure successes of the meeting. We will not be hostile to any country but we are not placing ourselves under anyone’s command. I already said – “we trade no sovereignty for favor or assistance”. The Cambodian laws must be of value in Cambodia. We will not abide by laws of other country in our land [...].

Royal Academy's Indra Devi Building

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The Indra Devi Building Costs Nearly 10 Million USD

I am very pleased to participate in this ceremony to put into official use the Indra Devi building of the Royal Academy of Cambodia (RAC) and to bestow on behalf of HM the King titles and diplomas to those of you who have finished academic studies here [...]

(It was until) 2017, I noticed the need for working space for RAC. Initially we projected to spend about four to five million USD. As of now, the building costs reached roughly ten million USD. It will be completed in 2020 [...] let me thank Oknha Pong Khieu Se for funding the project [...]

Two Main Functions – Research and Training

There are two major functions for RAC – conducting research and training [...] the premises is concerned, including the part belongs to the Royal University of Phnom Penh, belongs to Cambodian People's Party, on which we built a school with the assistance from the Communist Party of Vietnam [...]

I decided to give a part of the premises to the Royal University of Phnom Penh in exchange for the present location, formerly the high school of Boeung Trabek, for the Cambodian People's Party [...] we are now building the 54,000 square meters CPP Office [...] it will be ready next year for inauguration [...]

Scientific Research Inputs to Every Sectors

I thank HE Som Samnang, the first President of RAC and HE Mrs. Khlot Thida, the second President of RAC. RAC is now under the leadership of HE Sok Touch. We continue to work together to ensure scientific researches providing inputs to every sectors concerned [...]

We need to bring researches as close as possible to institutions that will work on their findings and implementing them [...] as implementing and research

institutions are working closely together in the present, we see that there have been rapid progress, in technology for instance [...].

Take cow milk for instance, we have produced about 800 liters per day but no one has bought it. One thing is because our people are not in the habit of drinking fresh cow milk [...] it is not a simple thing to change people's habits or behaviors. We needed to do it though. We must find a way to advertise about the cow milk (from the RAC farm in Preah Vihear). Some may not have known yet that the country has produced own cow milk [...]

ADB Should Symbolically Fund SNEC

The Supreme National Economic Council (SNEC), established in 2002, at which time the Asian Development Bank promised to provide 600,000 USD in its assistance with a purpose to streamline and ensure consistency in Prime Minister's speeches [...] the 600,000 USD never come.

Their objective was to provide assistance to set up the office and training. One major reason was maybe we have appointed the best human resources to the council – HE Aun Pormmuniroth, HE Hang Chuon Naron, etc. [...] even until now, ADB gives us nothing (for SNEC). I think they should give something as a symbol [...]

For Consistency in Research Works

How do we go about doing research and relating (them to demands) for implementation? I am sure HE Aun Pormmuniroth, the Academician General, will work it out with RAC [...] we must ensure consistency in our research, or with so many researches done, we would not know which ones to follow.

I would not lose my way around with them. I have my way of doing things. I like to do my own research and make

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gations to pay the same respects [...]

Cambodia To Host SEA Games in 2023

Once again, I have this chance to see you off to 30th SEA Games hosted by the Philippines. (SEA Games) meets every two years.

In 2021, we will see our sportsmen/women to Vietnam. In 2023, we will have you all together hosting SEA Games in Cambodia [...] I am glad to have noticed remarkable progresses made by every sports federation. Sports has become a major national movement.

Every contest or match draws crowd of spectators – especially youth. Football for instance has always had so many supporters and they have been a source of inspiration and encouragement for our footballers. We see boxing has been quite popular [...]

It is my suggestion before you go for this event losing or winning is a normal issue in sports. Please do not overstretch your wish to win to tarnish our people and country's image [...] you are going in Cambodian uniform and with national flag [...]

Respect Rules of Games/ Sports

I am asking you firstly to respect rule of sports. Please do not infringe upon rule of sports that would lead to sending off the competition [...] do we send more boxers to the event? We should send them. We may win more medals.

We should not be too discriminate about things (like which sports belong to which country) [...] that would not be good. Please find a way to ease things up [...] three neighboring countries – Cambodia, Laos and Thailand – have had more or less similar traditional boxing sports.

It is hard to say who has one end and who has the other end [...] for instance, Ram Vong, Saravan, Lam Lao (dancing patterns) are not Cambodian.

We must respect and accept the truth. Saravan is a province in Laos [...]

As for Pin Peat (the Cambodian symphony orchestra) belongs to Cambodia but some have called it the Siam band. Take this story Ka Kei – according to research, was written by Samdech Preah Baat Ang Duong (one of the Cambodian Kings). Thais have said it belongs to Thailand. Cambodia says it belongs to Cambodia.

Going deeper, we shall see that Preah Baat Ang Duong was the author and he wrote the novel while he studied and was under the rule of Siam [...] the Constitution stipulates throne accessions only to those of the dynasties of Preah Baat Ang Duong – Preah Norodom and Preah Sisovath.

In this reason, I always ask why else there are no records of other Kings [...]

Avoid Prohibited Substances

Secondly, I am asking you to refrain from prohibited substances. (Please do not seek to increase your strength/power) with prohibited substances or being found using it would tarnish not only sportsman/woman as an individual but the country too.

In many major sports events, many try to accuse Cuban sportsmen/women who happened to be tough of using such substances. Such protest and test of urines never proved so any way. However, we must take it seriously when there is such accusation. We must investigate. It damages reputation of sportsmen/women as individual/s and the nation [...]

Losing or winning, we must protect national image through sports. We must have good communications with sportsmen/women from other countries.

In the last year or so, I am so happy to see that sportsmen/women accepts arbitral decisions without protesting them or showing their arrogant behaviors [...].

Thai Boonrung Cement in Kompot

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Cambodia's Cement Production Reaches Eight Million Tons

[...] Minister of Energy and Mines, HE Suy Sem, has just reported that our cement production capacity has reached eight million tons. With that amount recorded, we will be able to save about 500 million USD from purchasing cement from other countries [...] Cambodia has quite a number of mountains but we are able to make cement only in three provinces – Battambang, Banteay Meanjey and Kompot. We have now five cement factories in the country, four of which are in Kompot [...] in addition to one hydropower plant (in Komjaj), Kompot has in all five heavy industry factories. Should the project of oil refinement come to reality, Kompot will add one more heavy industry to its list [...]

Building Roads to Last Longer

We have need for more cement to build roads and streets [...] earth, gravel and asphalted roads would not last heavy loaded trucks or natural calamity. The tendency now is to build road by cement concrete road in urban as well as in rural. It may cost us more but it would last longer [...] on this coming Saturday, I will be presiding over the ceremony to launch the construction of (cement concrete) roads/streets in the province of Preah Sihanouk [...] to support traffic and withstand heavy duty trucks and transportations as more will travel to and from the deep seaport [...]

(The plan for) public investment passed by the Cabinet's meeting a few weeks now has included a vision on developing quality infrastructure [...] to last longer. Previously, economic specialists instructed us to build longer asphalted roads with limited amount of money we had. We have upgraded later. We introduced loaded truck weighting mechanism [...] it is time for us to build roads that withstand

heavy duty vehicles designed for transportations by standard of manufacturing countries. We will need more than eight million tons of cement we are talking about now [...]

Heritages of Historic Values Untouched, Water for Irrigation Reserved

As for this area, parts of it are under the protection of/by the Ministry of Environment. In Cambodia, some places there are rocks that is mature enough to make cement or construction materials but they may be relating to heritages of historical values such as hiding places of former/ancient Kings. We must put those places under historic protection. For instance, we must keep this bats mountain too [...]

From the bird's eyes view, I have seen well-grown rice all the way from Kandal through Takeo to Kompot. Those farmers who cultivated short-term and medium-term rice species are starting their harvesting phase. According to the Ministry of Water Resource and Meteorology, the rainy season has approached its final phase. I am calling on our people in the whole country to keep water in their rice fields, canals, and reservoirs [...] to avoid shortage of water for irrigation at the end of the rainy season [...]

Saving Water for Hydropower Plant of Komjaj

As far as hydropower plant is concerned, we allowed only an output of 730 megawatts out of 1,328 megawatts capacity (from the plant in Komjaj) [...] addressing this low output remark, the Minister of Energy and Mines was having our attention about saving amount of water in the reservoir. In November last year, we had only 30% of water left. In November this year, the water level in (the Komjaj reservoir is) 100% full [...]. That we have high level of water in the reservoir this year and more sources of energy production – coal, solar and imports from

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Be Conscientious about Leaving Trashes/Litters

[...] About trash. I know that Phnom Penh mayor has in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment and the Union Youth Federations of Cambodia to deploy in several locations their litters/trashes (collecting and awareness raising) efforts [...] a four-day period of holiday would bring about tremendous amount of litters.

We must seek every means to deal seriously with it during such festivities. I hope that we are going to do a better job this year, regarding promising participations from many stakeholders. I am calling on our people who will spend their festival times in Phnom Penh or in other sites refrain from leaving litters around. Please place them in bins provided. We must work together to become people of a country that is aware of hygiene and sanitation.

Actions Taking only on Nine Convicted Persons

I have heard that parents whose children are working in Phnom Penh are worried about them. They are concerned about (possible) clashes. Let me assure you that there is not going to be any fighting.

Would there be actions, they will be on the nine convicted persons only [...] would they come? It is unlikely. (I heard) they have rescheduled their flying dates [...] let me reiterate that actions taking will be on the

nine persons convicted by court.

Let me thank Indonesia, Malaysia, especially the Kingdom of Thailand, especially Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha for his statement yesterday [...] this is a crucial part contributing to maintaining stability of the country [...] they have been very powerful on social media like Facebook [...] they said they will come in millions to arrest Hun Sen on 9 November (2019) [...]

Some are now hiding in the mountain of Krovanh [...] I urged them to come out [...] to enjoy the water festival. As long as you do not cause any trouble, no one will do anything to you.

Democracy, Human Rights, and Then Overthrow – Millions Died

On this front, (they) have stepped over the line of freedom of expression. (They) insulted HM the King, demanded HM to abdicate, and threatened to arrest Prime Minister [...] (your freedom of expression) has overstepped the red line already. Whoever joined this campaign will face with legal actions [...] I hope our foreign friends understand (that it is necessary that) we have to keep situation under control [...]

It has been too much sufferings to bear for our country and people because of rhetoric about democracy and human rights, and then overthrow – causing loss of millions of lives. We cannot just believe words pronouncing about democracy and democracy. The true human rights are to live, to be free from threats of death and/or injuries by war.

Democracy through Elections, No Power Seizing

We have spent so much flesh and blood to achieve and guarantee for the first time, if not 500 years, at least 100 years after the French colony, unified land and water in our history [...] at whatever price it may be, we will not fail to take actions.

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Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand, in addition to our reserved generators of 400 megawatts, I believed that Phnom Penh would not meet shortage of electricity [...]

We have so many construction projects and they have not yet discussed about how much electricity they are going to need. I urge property developers to discuss it with the Electricite du Cambodge about their demands [...] as the constructions have yet to finish, our projected demand figure went up to 2,200 megawatts. About 93% of villages have access to national transmission lines. I allowed the Electricite du Cambodge to use its profit for five more years to extend transmission lines to reach every village in the whole country [...]

Seating Arrangements for Buddhist Monks of Both Sects

I am having the (protocol people's attention to) adjust one thing about seating arrangement for the Buddhist monks in official ceremonies [...] last time we fixed one thing about placing the Buddhist monks' seating higher than ours. Today, the provincial Buddhist head monks of both nikayas/sects are present – despite of their equal ranks, the seating arrangement put one behind the other. It is not correct. They are to be seating in the front row together [...] I have a few messages to our people as followed:

People and Authorities Thwarted the 9-November Attempted Coup

Firstly, let me thank our Buddhist monks, people and authorities of all levels, who, through their participations in Ambok (newly harvested and flattened rice) eating to protect religion and King, thwarted the attempted coup on 9 November. It was a bizarre political message they made to arrest and exile Hun Sen on 9 November to make way for them to come to power. (Faced with such threat) the Royal Government had no other choice but do everything it can to guarantee peace and se-

curity for people [...] I have a strong belief in the Cambodian people that they wanted peace and would try to keep it.

“Talked Democratic, Acted Violent”

They talk about democratic process but they acted through violence. What could that be? Their ambitious plan failed because people value peace and they still need the role and leadership of the Cambodian People's Party. The armed forces and administration support the legitimate Royal Government. They do not go with the outlaws, who appealed for fund to raise an army and/or to seek separation in the army to turn their guns at the Royal Government [...] It was a sinister plan [...] they are not forgivable. They must go through a legal channel and the one who has the right to propose a pardon to HM the King is Hun Sen. I am sure Hun Sen will not sign a pardon plea for the same person. That is a clear political message [...]

Nearly Six Millions Out on Water Festival

This year, according to the figure provided by HE Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism, nearly six million Cambodians were out enjoying the water festival events [...] people have been going out to other sites in the whole country on the first and second days of festivities. Most of them return on the second day or the third day of the holidays to enjoy the festivities in Phnom Penh [...] the three-day water festival that includes boat racing, Ambok eating, moon praying and lights floating proceeded in a joyful atmosphere [...]

Those Cheated by Outlaws to Return Home

Secondly, the Royal Government appeals to people cheated by the outlaws to take power in Phnom Penh and ran off to Thailand for fear of arrests to return home. There will be no accusations of any wrongdoings against and/or arrests on you [...]. The Minister of Justice has every right to work with the prosecutors to withdraw/

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watts as auxiliary sources to provide alternative electricity to Phnom Penh in time of need. I am suggesting to Minister of Energy and Mines, HE Suy Sem, to increase working shift around the clock to get the project done before schedule [...]

I am calling on private business operators with private generators to use their machines temporarily when the electricity is temporarily out. From May (next year), we would have no more problem [...] we must look at the issue from now [...] we are combining efforts to produce electricity using power of water, solar, coal, gas and fossil fuel [...]

Non-Interference of Internal Affairs

Let me reiterate please do not feel concerned about security in Phnom Penh. There will be no unrest and Hun Sen is not an easy man to arrest. The Royal Government has laws that allow arrests of people who commit wrongdoings (against law) [...]

What happened last night was that in Indonesia and Malaysia,

remove arrest warrants to allow them to return home [...]. As head of the executives, I am calling those of you who run and hide in various places in the country to return to their home villages. Competent authorities and law enforcing forces – police, military police, and local authority people allow them to return home and work together [...]

Those Arrested to Release on Bail

Thirdly, for those arrested, I am asking the Minister of Justice to work with prosecutors and courts to release them on bail at requests made by someone – either their families or lawyers [...] this is a task to fulfil for the sake of national unity, keeping peace and security for people [...] they are still under court parole. Their cases are not over. We release them on bail. They live out of custody. If they wanted to go to foreign country, they must ask permission. In the

holder of US passports have been invited to leave their countries.

Those countries cooperate with Cambodia – an ASEAN member state (adhering to principle of) non-interference in internal affairs. I also learnt that there are other countries – not in the region, and I do not have to disclose, forbid them from entering too [...]

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WTO after Cambodia did.

On these points, people may judge who would be puppets and who would be the ones that pulled the strings [...] it is on this note that I always say we must hold on tight to national pulse.

We allow no one to control pulse of our nation. It is in this stake too that I am calling for a better management of our economy. We should spend eight and saving two from every ten that we make for reinvestment and other needs. We must not spend 15 while we make only ten [...]

country, they can go wherever they wish or do whatever business they needed to but not to go abroad [...]

CPP and Hun Sen Still Indispensable

People, especially those concerned, are listening to the three messages. It is a clemency from the Royal Government. It is my policy led to the cessation of war and prevalence of peace in the 1990s.

Leaders must not lead their supporters to dangers, while supporters should not believe without asking questions too [...] they appeal to the people and army to arrest Hun Sen. The people “do” arrest me to take pictures with them [...].

That 83% of registered voters, or 77% of the Cambodian population, cast their votes for the Cambodian People's Party clearly show that Cambodia still needs indispensable roles of CPP and Hun Sen [...]

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evaluations of situation. In the course of political negotiations in 1980s, HE Dith Munti and Samdech Tia Banh have been with me all along, we always conducted our research and evaluations on what would be the issue brought up by other sides. We always have our conclusion and position written and shared with everyone. Everyone is to take same posture and speak more or less the same language [...]

Researching Urgent Regional and World Topics

RAC should be conducting researches on topic of urgency, if I may share my opinion. It is true that we must administer researches of topics relating to history. However, we have many issues of urgent need for understanding before us.

For instance, after and if ever the UK leaves European Union, whether there will or will not be a deal, what would happens to the UK economy. What would be the repercussions to other countries in Europe? [...]

We should spend our resource on studies of the facts about what is really happening. As I said earlier, we need to streamline inputs from research findings to implementing institutions rather than just sending them to the Prime Minister for further actions [...]

Temporarily Suspend Bestowing Titles of Honors, OK to Lab and Tourism Training

I am sharing the joys that Your Excellency and Lok Chumteav are bestowed with honoring titles today. In reference to suggestion from HE Aun Pornmuniroth, the Academician General, in order to ensure and maintain the value of academician titles, temporarily, we will suspend as of now conferring more titles. As for the rank and title of academicians within the RAC, it will be up to RAC to decide [...] as for the two proposals – I am giving my approvals now, firstly, to set up a roughly 200,000 USD lab for plants propagations [...] and secondly, to conduct professional tourism training [...]

We Want EBA but Trade No Laws and Independence for It

The other day Palau told me that his country purchases rice from the US and Australia. He told me they were expensive. Transportation costs are also high. I suggested to him to consider buying rice from Cambodia [...] I checked the other day on rice export statistics. It is a subject worth learning.

Italy and Spain are having difficulties selling their rice. They are not happy with rice from Cambodia and Myanmar. They find ways to impose tax on us. Initially I thought we could have difficulties maintaining our export of rice to Europe.

On the contrary, we continue to export rice to 23 out of 28 countries in Europe. Before and after taxes imposed we are able to export rice to their markets. In the time to come, in case they withdraw EBA from us, our businesses will continue.

Losing market and losing EBA are two different matters. EBA is subject to being withdrawn one day [...] we do not intend to lose it but we cannot trade our laws and independence for it. Should they require us to pay tax, we would just do so. Only we would earn less profit. Our market is still there.

By 2025 or 2026, we would have to pay tax when our economy [grows to a point] that [they no longer see it is necessary to offer us] such favor.

Holding on Tight to National Pulse

In Cambodia, we opted to distributing land to people and we embarked on the free market economy path, starting with transition from centrally planned to free market economy, and combining the two there later. When we realized the Paris Peace Agreement, Cambodia had already implemented the free market economy. Consequently, we have been working on improving our free market module until at one stage we gained accession to the World Trade Organization. Vietnam gained accession to

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Last 9 November 2019, our campaign to eat Ambok (flattened young and newly harvested rice) in defense of our nation, religion, and HM the King, according to reports on major gathering places consumed 223 tons of Ambok, more so palm sugar, coconuts, bananas, etc.

The campaign clearly showed national united force in solidarity to keep peace and political stability for the sake of national development. Without peace, in war, we would only face with deaths, wounded, destruction, etc. at whatever price, we must not allow anyone person, group or country to interfere and destroy peace of our country.

Actions Taken When Political Disagreements Turned to Violence

Any political disagreements are just a fact in multi political party system. Should they resort to violence to solve problems, they have to stand before law. How could their calls for the army to turn their guns at the Royal Government a peaceful means? [...] the Royal Government has no other choice but to make sure that at whatever price it must safeguard life, avert destruction and unrest in the country [...] during the recent issue (that the country faced) prices of consumer food and goods in markets did not surge.

Some might have bought some rice and dried fish for long-term consumption. That is fine. They could still use it. Exchange rates stabilized. No forceful withdrawal of money from banks. Unlike on 27 July 2013, people drew money from banks and filled their tanks with gas. That was what happened because of incitements [...]

Natural Resources Revenue for Hard/Soft Infrastructural Developments

While I attended (the ASEAN Summit in Bangkok, (the Summit secretariat) used economic data of Cambodia from 2018. Then, the Cambodian economy was at 24 billion USD, while in fact, as of present, we are run-

ning a 30 billion USD economy [...] according to the financial management plan for 2020, the per capita income will move up from over USD 1,600 now to USD 1,800 [...]

I would not reveal now the exact date when we will have our first drop of oil, as I would not want to repeat a mistake as we did in 2012 (about when exactly the company would extract oil). We will have it in 2020 and I will reveal to you the exact date later [...]

(I am raising this matter to prove to you that) we have not yet had revenues from natural resources such as oil, gas and coal. We have coal in Uddar Meajei province and we will operate coal power plant there. We also have gold mine invested by Australian company that brings in a sizeable revenue. My expectation though is on oil [...]

The other day I told Vice President of the World Bank that even without revenue from natural resources, Cambodia has had the ability to support its current expenses and reinvestment between 600 and 800 million USD per year. Should the revenue from natural resources come, my main objective is to use them for soft and hard infrastructures [...] as of now, we have over three billion USD cash at hand [...]

Trade No Sovereignty for Favor

ASEAN and Europe has been at odd on issue of human rights with Cambodia, Myanmar, the Philippines, etc. With Malaysia and Indonesia, they have issues concerning environment causing uncertainty about whether they continue to purchase palm oil from Malaysia or not.

The ASEAN-Europe relations are not in rather good term. Europe wishes to be strategic partner with ASEAN. ASEAN says will continue to negotiate to reach strategic partnership [...] Cambodia will host the Asia-European meeting next year. Heads of States and Governments from 52 countries will

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Human Resource University Graduation

(14 October 2019 — Unofficial Selection and Translation)

24 November – Meeting with Cambodians in South Korea

[...] there have been comments on Facebook Page that we “educated people to be servants of other countries.” When I toured factories and met with workers, they also said – “I tried to educate people to be servants.” The Royal Government has made efforts to secure job markets for people and they cursed us for sending people to work abroad. They said – “let’s go home” to accompany them to come and replace Hun Sen. On November 24, 2019, (as I will attend the ASEAN-RoK Summit), I will have a chance to meet with our people/workers working/living in South Korea. I may have to make this point clear. (According to what they said and) if workers in South Korea or any countries for that matter considered themselves emigrants punished by the Royal Government to come work in foreign countries, I may discuss with respective hosting countries to cancel the agreements on supply of workers and they may send them back to Cambodia [...]

It is beyond my comprehension that those people used this issue of Cambodians going to works in foreign countries to blame the Royal Government for failing to create jobs for the people. They make people believe that the Royal Government is incompetent. Look around us. Neighboring countries have created so much jobs, for instance Thailand, but they send their workers to other countries for higher pay. They import, instead, low skilled workers from other countries – Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia, to fill in their needs inside the country. We are working with South Korea to allow more workers to come. We are sending now to Japan and countries in the Middle East. We are working to draw in investments from both local and abroad for more jobs inside the country. The state is not able to provide jobs to everyone graduating from schools. The

private sector is leading in providing jobs to millions of workers in the country [...]

Communal Elections in May 2022; General Elections in July 2023

Let me tell the world “to be careful with Hun Sen” as someone has accused me of having the capacity “to hack online ticketing” of air companies. They said they have found the person who “hacked online air ticketing. Mind you.” [...] I also wanted to send messages to some people who nurtured their thoughts of “maybe they will be given back their communal posts and repaid their salaries.” They may continue to think whatever way they wish. I just tell them that the next-term communal elections will take place in May 2022 [...] those who are currently in communal posts continue [...] the next general elections will be on the fourth Sunday of July of 2023 [...]

Investigation Ends; Trial Up to Court

Reduced restrictions on one person and ended investigation phase is totally court procedures. That does not mean freedom. They may think about themselves. This case will take a long court procedure. Some even said soon HM the King would issue a pardon (decree). How could that be when the court has not decided if the person is guilty and convicted yet, on what ground to pardon so and so [...] the person is not in absolution. The court already charged the case. It is the court competency as to when there will be trial. As of now, they have ended their investigation on the case. Trial is the court’s competency and no one has right to interfere [...] we have made it clear and public by every media means but those people naively rebuked our explanations [...]

At Whatever Price, Safeguard Life, Avert Destructions and Turmoil

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tween general prosecutors, Supreme Courts, and relevant institutions in the ASEAN countries.

ASEAN Hosting 2024 World Cup Football Event

There is now one common point. In 2024, ASEAN will host the World Cup football event. It will be a representation identity of ASEAN as it has just signed agreement in Bangkok with FIFA a few days ago.

When the time comes, countries in ASEAN will become one common place where the world will meet for football event.

ASEAN can think of having one football team [...] where players can be selected from member countries [...] the important thing is to launch an ASEAN identity.

I have said on other occasions that one common point that ASEAN can do before anything else is to have its ASEAN football team.

More Jobs Access, More Human Trafficking/Exploitation

Starting from there, we will be working towards other issues including flow of law/human force that we adopted last year in Manila [...]

As of now, people have access to more jobs while there are still issue of human trafficking/exploitation [...] for instance, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar have many workers going to Thailand – some legally and some have been cheated.

There are roughly 50,000 Cambodian workers in (South) Korea, as far as I know. I met Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc of Vietnam the other day, he told me that Vietnam has up to 200,000 workers in South Korea.

In the case of Cambodia, there are people who have been cheated in the process of sending them to work there [...]

RGC in Prosecutors’ Appointments Process

These are issues that we must

employ the role of prosecutors to protect the vulnerable people. Before we started this session, I have briefed (you) about the Royal Government’s management of policies on criminal issues [...]

The Royal Government has had to have a share in the appointment and management of the prosecutors or it risks losing control on criminal policy [...]

It is true that the court procedure is to be independent. However, should the Royal Government fail to control policy on crimes, there would be danger. For example, the prosecutors failed to place charges on (crimes).

The prosecutors is to accuse (persons suspected of crimes) on the state’s behalf. Claiming themselves independent and placing no charges ... or failing to bring cases to Court of Appeal when the first level court’s decisions do not reflect seriousness of the crimes, how could the state control policies relating to crimes?

That should be the key point in the reform of court system [...]

Justice Police Acts According to the Prosecutor’s Order

There needs to be arrest or detention warrants from the prosecutors so that the justice police will act accordingly unless they are flagrante delicto cases that they would act without waiting for such order.

Having said that (we could understand that) in 1,000 say cases, there would be 999 cases that the justice police would act according to the prosecutors’ arrest or detention warrants.

In that proceeding, if the prosecutors do not issue orders/warrants, how could we go about controlling and managing the country’s security?

In light of this, we have chosen a system that allows constant cooperation between the courts system and the executive power [...] these above are what I wanted to make points to you all. ’👍

China-ASEAN Prosecutor-General

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In addition to the prepared text at the opening of the “China-ASEAN Prosecutor-General Conference” under the topic of “Role of Prosecutor in combating human trafficking in the region,” Samdech Techo made the following recommendations and comments:

[Recommendations from the prepared text]

The combating of “Human Trafficking” is a global issue that is difficult and complicated. It is an illegal transnational crime covering in both ASEAN region and the globe.

Therefore, in order to tackle this global issue in a timely manner, member states of ASEAN-China must have an agreed set of principles and close cooperation with transparency and efficiency.

In this spirit, I would like to share several recommendations as follows:

First, General Prosecutors of ASEAN-China shall jointly form a close cooperation with countries and institutions related to **Human Trafficking**, particularly in the transit and destination countries in order to promptly respond and tackle with transparency and efficiency.

Second, General Prosecutors of ASEAN-China shall jointly monitor and evaluate **Human Trafficking** issue through the spirit of high responsibility with efficiency and quality with relevant countries and institutions as stated in the agreements or the Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) that had been signed previously.

Third, General Prosecutors of ASEAN-China and relevant institutions shall work together to continue and enhance the cooperation to be comprehensive, facilitative and to contribute to providing resources for systematic implementation in order to instantaneously respond to **Human Trafficking** with high efficiency.

Fourth, General Prosecutors of ASEAN-China shall jointly generate records and reports with real evidence to demonstrate a joint cooperation with relevant institutions in combating Human Trafficking which is a crime that causes danger to society and is currently affecting the socio-economic development process in the region and the globe.

[Impromptu Comments]

ASEAN Member Countries’ Legal Connectivity

Please allow me to elaborate on this point. As Madame Chea Leang, the prosecutor-general seconded to the Supreme Court has mentioned, though ASEAN is a community, each and every state members have their own separate laws.

What we can do is to work out cooperation agreement together. We cannot make steps to have one law for the whole ASEAN community.

It is not a simple matter but we can still work together through cooperation agreement with ASEAN and partnering countries.

Today, we have established (such partnership cooperation) with the People’s Republic of China.

Law in each country is not the same. For instance, laws on or about (crimes relating to) human trafficking. Such crimes may meet punishment of this level in one country and another level in another country.

On drug issue, Cambodia does not allow capital punishment but in other countries, they do.

It is in this understanding, we must seek way to reach agreements to implement laws (in different countries) in a long transitional period to achieve legal connectivity from one country to another.

I think that is achievable through regular meeting be-

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We will not leave our people to die, to suffer from wounds and family separation as in the past because of what some had done on us [...] we respect process of democracy. We will give way and right to whoever wins the elections democratically but not through seizing of power (like they) declared to come arrest Hun Sen on 9 (November) [...] they have overestimated their force.

If they were that strong, Hun Sen would not be able to work during the ASEAN Summit. No country talked about problem in Cambodia in ASEAN, ASEAN plus, and East Asia forums [...] it is Cambodia’s internal affairs [...] I am calling those in collusion to report themselves [...]

Making Sure People Live in Peace

I am seeking understanding from our foreign friends that Cambodia has no other choices but to defend people’s life and to make sure they live in peace and they will not be harmed by a small group of people, who acted as if they were more powerful than Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk [...]

Some said the person would come by plane, by ship, or even elephant [...] now that he has changed his flight schedule to leave Charles de Gaulle Airport on 9 November to Bangkok, what has come out of this? Would his/her supporters believe him/her? [...] when the Paris Peace Conference started in August 1989, I came back (to Cambodia) to organize withdrawal of Vietnamese (voluntary) troops [...] the Khmer Rouge then declared as soon as the Vietnamese troops is out, they would toss the Hun Sen government as paper [...] did you see if the government got tossed? Now that they wanted to arrest Hun Sen, how could that be so easy? [...]

Please Join People for Water Festival

The issue will not be over on 9 November. There will be more episodes. As long as they do not stop, we will not rest. Their

supporters will face tough law enforcement [...] their leaders are barking from outside. Those of you (supporting them) are facing with legal action inside [...] I think you (who believed their pray) should join our people instead for water festival [...]

You can join people to celebrate festivity of filling your mouths with Ambok (crushed newly harvested rice) on 9 November with the motto to take care of nation, religion and King [...] we will see who will arrest whom, should s/he come [...]

Shortage of Electricity Again

Secondly, I am taking this moment to inform you in advance that we may face with shortage of electricity again. The Mekong floodwater came two meters above warning level in Stoeung Treng, two meters in Kratie, and over one meter in Kompong Cham. However, for Kandal, Phnom Penh and Prey Veng, floodwater came lower than the level we expected [...] once it receded, there was no second time flooding too [...] we now will have boat race event in water that is below four meters (in Phnom Penh).

Our concern here is that we are facing shortage of water in the reservoir to run turbines in our hydropower plants [...] we have now sought to augment electricity production from many sources – those run by coal, solar, including import from neighboring countries. [...] Lao Prime Minister ensured me that though water at Don Sahong hydropower is not powerful enough to run turbines he would find the 200 megawatts needed from other sources for us. We may continue to buy electricity from Vietnam and Laos.

Producing Electricity from Water, Solar, Coal, Gas and Fuel

I have informed our people already about the power (generators – 200 megawatts one from Germany and another from Finland that) we have bought [...] with 400 mega-

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