

Conversing with Run Ta Ek Resettlers

(13 September 2022 — Extensive Excerpts and Unofficial Translation)



(1) Two Decisions – (a) Running Water for Further Development of Resettlement at Run Ta Ek and Pak Snaeng and (b) Cambodia Does Not Support Annexation of Ukraine into Russia

[...] Our country now has a population of 17 million. In 1979, the population of Cambodia was about 5 million. Laos also has a population of 5 million then. As of present, Laos has recorded a population of only 7 million, while Cambodia has up to 17 million [...] I have traveled a lot (in the past week). From the gathering last time, I made a journey to New York, the United States, to work at the United Nations. After that, I went to visit Cuba [...] and continued to Tokyo, Japan [...] upon arrival in Cambodia, yesterday there was also an Interfaith Conference on Human Trafficking. There are also many documents that are waiting for me [...]

[...] I woke up early this morning to see two documents. *Firstly, (a document) related to further development – the water supply problem – in the area of Pak Snaeng. Secondly, in relation to foreign affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is seeking advice related*

to the annexation of Ukraine into Russia [...] I have already announced that we do not support it. We oppose the establishment of a separatist state, the use of force or the threat of force. If a resolution drafted by the United States and Albania does not pass through the Security Council, it will definitely go to the General Assembly. At the UN General Assembly, Cambodia had no other choice. If out of the blue, some country send in the army to occupy Siem Reap, and then, through a referendum, Siem Reap separates into an independent state, will we accept it? We really cannot accept [...] the same thing, Kosovo in Europe, created by NATO and Europe to this day, we do not recognize [...]

I thank HE Chea Sophara, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, on behalf of the Royal Government, for coming and providing guidance on the resettlement process. The report shows the progress related to the construction of the Run Ta Ek area, and finds appropriate solutions for relocating people who do not live in accordance with the UNESCO designation that we

(Continued on page 2)

Press Briefing at Voters' Registration

(13 September 2022 — Extensive Excerpts and Unofficial Translation)

(1) Adjustments of Personal Data; Prime Minister Can't Dissolve the National Assembly; Voting Is Scheduled Every Five Years; Never Postpone Elections

I would like to inform you journalists as well as our people, today I came to register to vote, or in other word to correct my personal data [...] I have to fulfill my obligations to the end. No matter who or where we are, we must obey the law. I have come here to make adjustments of my personal data (approved by the court), and it is not a scene just to show Cambodians or foreigners about the Cambodian democratic process [...] but it is an opportunity for people to register to vote, especially for young people coming to their

voting age. I call on people to go for voters' registration so that they can exercise their democratic rights to elect leaders [...]

I should emphasize here that we are very thorough and do not just aim for those who have reached the voting age. People who have not yet registered must do it or they may want to relocate or adjust their data. They can use this time. The National Election Committee has allowed a period of 50 days enough for Cambodians to register and transfer from one place to another. For example, I used to vote in Takhmao. If I needed to go to the polls in Phnom Penh, I can use this opportunity to transfer my name. I appeal to the people

(Continued on page 5)

Meeting Flood Victims in Banteay Meanchey, Kompong Thom & Prey Veng

(23, 24, 29 and 30 October 2022)

[...] The flood this year are not as heavy as in 2020, but it is slowly receding. This fact has caused a large-scale impact that requires the intervention of the national level. In just two years, we have a lot of problems, in 2020 we had a big hit of Covid-19 [...] now, (1) Covid-19 is not over yet, but the Prime Minister, deputy Prime Ministers, ministers or officials do not deserve the responsibility of leading the state if they chose to stay away from the people in hardships because of Covid-19 [...] at the provincial and district levels, as well as at the institutional level, the National Committee for Disaster Management, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and other relevant departments

have been involved in resolving some of these issues. Combined state actions with philanthropists' contributions help solve problems for the livelihood of our people. Natural disasters is very difficult to control and no country in the world can control climate [...]

[...] Through this seed distribution, the new Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, who did inspection in the past days, found that the rice seed that was distributed was growing well, but there is a problem that some fields have used too much seed (per hectare) [...] We have set up a (3) food reserve commission [...] who is taking care of reserving not

(Continued on page 4)

(Continued from page 1)

have placed Angkor Wat as a World Heritage Site [...] should we leave these buildings as they are and/or some would seek to expand it, Cambodia will lose a great opportunity, because Angkor Wat would lose its World Heritage Site status [...]

(2) More Temples to Seek Listing as World Heritage Sites; World Heritages to Attract Tourists, Create Jobs, Generate Incomes

[...] When I flew abroad, I read a book written by Keo Ba Phnom that downloaded into my iPad [...] and I also ordered publication [...] I observed a point and that point is true. The first meeting took place in *Fère in Tardenois* on December 2, 3 and 4, 1987, His Majesty the late King and HLuong Mey (the Queen Mother) now and the late Prince Norodom Ranariddh at that time met and discussed ways to prevent hostilities in the Angkor area [...] the national heritage [...] *we have been paying attention to Angkor Wat temple and other temples since (when) the (country was still at) war. The only thing I objected was that Son San proposed to designate the entire heritage site as a demilitarized zone. He was too smart. We objected [...]*

HM was pleased with the absence of hostilities in heritage areas. *In 1992, (we) propose to support the designation of Angkor Wat as a World Heritage Site [...] we have placed the temple of Angkor Wat, then to the temple of Preah Vihear, then to the temple of Sambor Prei Kuk, and now we are placing subsequently more temples [...] as the world heritages [...] our ancestors built many temples for us to maintain. If we lack care, it is the destruction of our ancestral heritages. I used to say that “we must not kill the hen just to have one delicious meal, but saving the hen will allow us to get the eggs and offspring.” We use the existing heritages (to) attract tourists, create jobs, generate income for our people, it is better than leaving them in ruins [...]*

(3) Encouraged by All Institutions’ Efforts; Resettlement Requires Highest Decision-Making Power; 1986-87 Moved People out of Angkor Area Once

[...] *Encouraged by all institutions’ efforts – drinking water, electricity, telephone systems, infrastructure to be built [...] although it is not yet ready, but it has begun. Just on the way, I saw a hospital under construction [...] it will not be long as this engineering unit is the unit I allowed to build schools across the country [...] I should accept my shortcomings (as) I happened to solve problem sporadically using the lower level means and authority. Therefore, the effectiveness of solving is not enough. Such a settlement requires those with the highest decision-making power. For example, this morning I decided [...] to provide an additional US\$ 6 million (for the project). Who would have the right to decide (to release) money like this? [...] only the Prime Minister has the right to decide [...] because we apply a unified mechanism of one commander in chief and one general staff [...]*

Issues relating to the Angkor area requires me to connect myself here with the staff that came down here [...] with the participation of relevant institutions. *The Apsara Authority, under the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts, must also act consistently. Other supporting institutions, including the transports and public works, telecommunications, electricity, industry related to water supply, environment, agriculture related to the development of tourism, and cult must play their parts. We must all work together [...]*

While the governor of Siem Reap, who oversees the territory and the people here. The Apsara Authority does not specialize in managing the population, but governs the development of the area. Managing the people and protecting the security and social order are the jobs of the authority – the village, the commune, the district

– that is responsible through these specific efforts and policies [...]

[...] *(the number of relocating families) has grown to more than 4,000. We still have more people to leave (the Angkor area), but as long as they leave, we have to make their leaving easier [...] the infrastructure related to our Angkor resort requires its regular development and maintenance. Looking back on the past, 1986, 1987, 1988, I told people to leave the area in front of Angkor temple. It is called the Veal village. After the national reconciliation, however, they all went back [...]*

I did not just think of the issue today [...] you may remember that there were two hotels in front of Angkor temple. Just across the street from Angkor [...] *there were two small hotels. I did not agree on the request to rebuild. Later, Nov Sam became the provincial governor, he moved the people out. But when Ton Chay became the governor, he allowed people to go back. Well, that has violated the rules set by UNECO [...]*

I would like to remind the Apsara Authority from now on to work hard. *It is not true that I could not grasp whatever happened here in the past. Just to remind you. Some houses you allowed them to build. Not the current team of Apsara. It was the previous Apsara team. They let people build homes [...] do not think that the Prime Minister had no knowledge of what was happening. Today I am in charge [...] I have not gone anywhere yet [...]*

(4) Hun Sen Has the Supports of People Inside the Country and Abroad; People know Hun Manet; Attacks Make Hun Manet Know How to Protect Himself

Even though I am no longer be the Prime Minister, I am still the President of the ruling party, I still have the right to give an opinion [...] you complained that Hun Sen has been in power for too long. If Hun Sen walks away and gives the job to Hun

Sen’s son, what problem could you have with that. (It happens because) people vote. It is up to the people to vote for him or not to vote for him. My son is an eligible citizen. I brought two granddaughters along to the United Nations [...] I posted a selfie on Facebook, they quickly commented that it confirms the Hun family’s ruling [...] that will be up to the people. It is not a lineage [...] but the more you say, the more I do [...]

[...] *If you are sure that (Hun) Manet is not up to the task, you should be happy because then he (will not) be elected [...] but on the contrary, you are afraid clearly [...] because his father, Hun Sen, has had the supports of people inside the country and abroad. Should we transfer the power to Hun Manet, people also know him. So, these people (in the opposition) are really scared. If you are not, you should let Hun Manet do it so that you can easily beat him (in the election). I should thank you [...] the reason I am thankful is that (while you attack him, Hun) Manet has to know how to protect himself [...] he would not wait until his father is no more to know how to protect myself [...] it is my way to educate my children (if ever they) fall, I never give my hand to get them up. They have to try to get up themselves [...]*

(5) The Cabinet’s Decision on Run Ta Ek Resettlement; 7 Points Policy and Details on Resettlement

Last time I instructed issuance of a notification letter [...] today I reconfirm and add more to the six points I listed the other day. Let us issue a notification letter of the decision of the Prime Minister regarding the Run Ta Ek resettlement, because what I decided today is considered as a result of the Cabinet meeting [...]

Firstly, I still confirm and make it clear that *the task of transporting the people who came to settle in this place was handed over to the 4th Army Division and the 2nd Division [...] and the clearing of land for the*

(Continued on page 3)

(Continued from page 2)

house was handed over to Techo Engineering [...] and the land where they will move in to settle must be cleared and leveled [...] Yesterday, I ordered Gen. Kheng Samet to add 400 to 500 more equipment for land work and management [...]

Secondly, (with) the first phase of support, today we are providing some more. For some cases we are providing the same items and for some cases we are providing more [...]

Thirdly [...] I have to deal with this a policy package (for) all of you who volunteer to move from the old living area to the Run Ta Ek area and other areas besides Angkor, such as Pak Snaeng and possibly other places, for people to get Poverty I card [...] (between) Poverty I card and Poverty II Cards, the Poverty I card receives more money [...]

In the upcoming election, the CPP is to make no promises of so much salary for the elderly. But the CPP government, however, has been doing this for years among 700,000 families with the elderly/children in it. The pregnant woman receives more money (Samdech has a conversation with the people), and support until the child is 2 years old [...] the CPP [...] has been implementing a set of issues for both the elderly and pregnant women for years without making any promises. In terms of budget, we have already spent more than US\$ 20 million on (supporting) pregnant women from poor families [...]

Fourthly, according to the report, to prepare the Pak Snaeng area about 4,700 lots or nearly 5,000 lots more [...]

We want to restore the eastern Baray (reservoir) to catch more water. (the estimated catch is about) 30 million cubic meters, just half of this figure is good. HE Chea Sophara continues to work with the people. We must prepare a detour of this section of national road that is crossing this area [...] the water system must go one step ahead [...] we already have

land ready for work. It is necessary to plan for secondary schools and hospitals. There must be similar infrastructural arrangement as we provided here (for Run Ta Ek) to ensure that the people find it acceptable for their settlement and receive the same regimes as those living in Run Ta Ek. However, we must concentrate on making the Run Ta Ek resettlement successful first [...]

Point fifth [...] the infrastructure must continue to be completed, but I would like to confirm that General Kheng Sameth, in addition to the road, is trying to clear land for them. Soon the ground will be dry, the machinery will be able to enter [...]

Point 6 – I continue to call on microfinance to look into providing low-interest microfinance to people who volunteer to live here so they can start a business [...]

Point 7 – I must confirm to all the monks, as well as the pagoda committee and all the Buddhists under the pagoda that for the 35 existing Buddhist pagodas, they are to remain as are [...] but,

There are two requests – firstly, all pagodas are not to build more stupas or cemeteries. Of course, for the head monks and first and second assistant head monks, [...] we allow [...] but what we are asking for is people who go from far away to do it [...], secondly, there are shops in the temples, please be clean and tidy. The pagoda in this area is combined with the management by (Apsara Authority) with the authority in this area and the cult (and religion) [...]

(6) Meticulousness Enable Me to Lead from Five People to the Whole country; Hun Sen Will Go On Until Hun Sen Wishes to Continue No More

People and monks are clear now that the 35 Buddhist pagodas in the zone one and zone two of the Angkor site are not to be demolished. Some political parties are too bad and even worse on the point that we have

not made clear interpretation, they will attack immediately. Hun Sen is also one of the politicians who has given attention to meticulous consideration. The pagodas are not to be demolished. They cannot take that as the subject for the 2023 election campaign. I also hope that the people here that I have been trying to solve all the problems for them will turn out to vote and will not vote for others [...]

For the arrangement of event for me later, do not forget about water [...] some people say that that the Prime Minister attends to such matter is meticulous. Please do not underestimate the meticulous things. If you do not think in detail, you will not be able to do great work. Some of them are blaming me about why should the Prime Minister have a headache over such trivial thing. It is because of my meticulousness that I have been able to lead from five people to the whole country, for the longest time in the world [...]

[...] the greatest benefit of all is that our Angkor Wat is considered by the international community, especially UNESCO, as a World Heritage Site, and our friends will join us in protecting Angkor, protecting the heritage in the Angkor area. Through this Angkor heritage, tourists come to Angkor, from which tricycles drivers get money, four-wheelers get money, two-wheelers get money, vendors get money [...] when tourists come in, [...] we have products for the tourism sector. On the other hand, if we were to lose the status of a World Heritage Site and tourists disappear, we can sell nothing. Now that tourism is showing a recovering sign. China will soon be able to wrap up the zero Covid-19 policy, and when the Chinese tourists come back into Siem Reap, we have a new airport [...] that can land any giant plane [...]

[...] Some said that Hun Sen would be stuck wherever he goes. I have not seen that coming. I went from the UN in the United States to Cuba, to Japan, and now I am here, I am not stuck. I am busy with the coun-

try's works. *Hun Sen will go on until Hun Sen wishes to continue no more. Even when he does not want any more, he could take longer time before doing so or very soon [...] it was up to Hun Sen because the people voted for the CPP [...] Hun Sen is the president of the CPP. When Hun Sen stops wanting to be the Prime Minister, he can transfer to someone else. Well, it is matter of Hun Sen and of the Cambodian People's Party [...] if my family was not any good, they would not be harmonious until now. If someone cannot even keep their family together, how could s/he do it for the country [...] many of the top members of the CPP are here today [...] in the course of being in power for almost 44 years, the CPP has never been shaken. Some problems arose but that was the normal process of democracy in the party, and not a conflict like theirs [...]* ■

(Continued from page 7)

to help people rebuild their livelihoods [...] this relief effort is only short-term. Importantly, people must rely on the rice seeds and other crops seeds to restore production (...) for profit. The Royal Government strives to send cash to the grassroots (in form of cash for work) at a time when the grassroots need to build small infrastructure where our people can participate and receive money as part of the local employment policy, rather than rushing into the city to find work [...]

We truly mourn the loss of our people as a result of Covid-19. In a short period of time, 3,006 of our people died [...] I declared a state of emergency, and getting concerned agencies to have coffins made, crematorium ready, and more land for burial the bodies according to the traditions of each ethnic group [...] as of the 30th of October, in just two days away, we are one year into the reopening of the country, which has given our people the opportunity to engage in socio-economic activities, the opening of factories and other sectors [...] in the field of education, allow us to get our boys and girls back to schools [...]

(Continued from page 1)
only rice for times of need, but also a reserve of rice seeds, and other crops. If we do not have the need for it, we can release the seed, grind it, sell it out, and buy a new stock in. We do not allow the seeds coming out without strength of growth of the warehouse [...] at the time of this intervention, we released about 7,000 metric tons of seed [...] I always tell (you about how we have been careful with) so-called undivided budget column. We were to distribute/use it when the flood has passed [...] if the column has been divided for consumption to this or that Ministry, we then would not have the budget to deal with the natural disaster when it hits. That's why I always say that the money left in the untouched column would remain undivided until the end of the year [...]

[...] I thank all the countries, including the United Nations, for their contributions to the Paris Agreement, especially we should remind us all of His Majesty the King Father. *The (4) beginning of negotiation [...] between Sihanouk and Hun Sen at Fère-en-Tardenois, (France), December 2, 1987, was an important start to pave the way for national reconciliation [...] negotiations gradually expanded to the first and second Jakarta Informal Meetings (JIM I and JIM II), followed by the Paris Conference of 1989 [...] it was until 1990, when the five permanent members of the UN Security Council joined to form a framework with the consent of the Cambodian factions together with the initiatives that big countries must provide as international guarantee [...] people should see the important role of the Cambodian side, starting with the Sihanouk-Hun Sen meeting [...]*

[...] We must remember, especially the people of Battambang, Banteay Meanchey themselves, *(5) what the Paris Peace Agreement wanted but UNTAC could not achieve. UNTAC withdrew after its operation that spent two billion US\$, leaving Cambodia a country with two territories and two*

governments. One government came out of the election and the other was the Khmer Rouge government, hiding themselves in Banteay Meanchey's area such as Malai, ruled by the Khmer Rouge until the breakaway in 1996. Pailin was ruled by the Khmer Rouge. Along the border line from Malai though to Komrieng, Phnom Prek, Sampov Loun, Samlot – all the way to Koh Kong, and Oral (of Kompong Speu) to Ta Ken Koh Sla of Kampot province [...] thanks to the win-win policy set by the Royal Government with me leading directly over this operation, with our loyal operators, we have integrated areas on the northern part of National Roads 5 and 6 in 1996, and the southern part of National Road 6 through to Anlong Veng remained until early 1998 [...]

[...] We have not forgotten the Paris Agreement, but let's be clear about its origins. *(6) Without the King Father of the Nation, who is respected by all political parties, perhaps the CPP and FUNCINPEC would still confront each other after the general elections, thus UNTAC could have been stuck [...]* what the Paris Agreement wants but UNTAC cannot achieve is that after spending two billion US dollars, UNTAC withdrew, leaving Cambodia in a state of being one country with two territories and two governments for us to overcome under His Majesty the King Father's support. I am the one who *set out the win-win policy and led the implementation, with other operators here, including those in the former Khmer Rouge areas, in ending a war without using a single bullet. This is the biggest success that gives us the opportunity (to develop the country to date) [...]*

[...] I would like to thank our people with my two palms together for the fact that they have voted in landslide in the last commune/sangkat election [...] *(7) on July 23, 2023, with your trust, please continue to vote for the CPP. I will be with*

the people forever. They say I am campaigning ahead of time, but I have the right to speak. They also speak [...] I believe people see the CPP's responsibility for what happened as time passed. At the time of Covid-19, who were with you, who vaccinated you? It was the CPP that led the government [...] in Cambodia, we have the CPP leading the government. I personally direct the highest authority on all issues, because the Prime Minister is in command in the executive branch. With my deep thanks, if you want the CPP to win the election to continue to serve you, I am calling on you to vote for the CPP [...]

Conversing with and Distribution of Rice Seed to Flood Victims in Battambang, 24 October 2022

[...] This year we seem to have more damages than the flood in 2020 because it extends from Preah Vihear, Kampong Thom, the provinces around the Tonle Sap and the provinces along the Mekong River, up to 20 provinces out of 25 provinces/capitals [...] *(1) I believe that we will be able to overcome all the difficulties by working together [...], especially, through the local intervention, as well as the national intervention. We have released thousands of tons of rice seeds so far, about 7,000 metric tons, for the whole country. We must continue to provide different crop varieties for families who cannot afford to restore rice [...] to alleviate the hardships of our people.* It is hoped that the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, in cooperation with local authorities, will further inspect areas where people need for what varieties of other crops and seeds, as not all of the affected people will be able to rehabilitate due to lack of water sources and they resort to other crops [...]

[...] I will not forget to thank the people of Battambang [...] who voted for the CPP, giving it a *(2) landslide victory in the last commune/sangkat election, which is an important basis for the CPP to advance to*

winning the election in 2023 in the near future. That is the source of encouragement [...] with the CPP having a majority at the grassroots level, (people can rest assured that) the CPP has its subordinates to take further measures to respond to the people's hardships [...] through the CPP mechanism, we have solved problems like what we are doing here [...]

[...] I hope you will use this rice seed to make it fruitful replacing damages from the passing by flood. Of course, using labor to grow the same thing twice is not unimaginably hard, since the first cultivation had gone in vain. It has to be done again, *(3) take sowing seed for instance. At the harvest stage, (3) I would call on the armed forces stationed in this province to provide labor assistance for families experiencing this hard-hit flooding [...]*

To remind His Excellency the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, *(4) we should find methods and formulas that are suitable for the production of rice seeds as well as crop seeds, especially focusing on rice seed production. Today we release all the seeds. We have bought seeds, but we are not sure if their germination is high. We experiment from year to year [...] it is necessary to organize the production of rice seeds, starting from the initiative of the state who will buy them, and maybe our people also buy rice seeds or exchange it with their feeder rice. We do not have to produce own seeds [...] we just choose an area that has enough water source and give our farmers the seeds to produce for us. We buy from them to stock [...]*

[...] Previously, (our country) was in full war. Now there is peace all over the country [...] (I could remind you that) my wife went to Bavel district for the Cambodian Red Cross distribution (of assistance) with the US Ambassador. The Pol Pot force fired at their helicopter. It was an adventure for us all. *We*

(Continued on page 8)

(Continued from page 1)

to participate in voter registration as well as to transfer their names to the location where they will be voting.

I want to talk a little about the election process. No matter what some have said, Cambodia implements the most rigorous and regular democratic process. I use the word “regular”. With the term “regular,” I refer to **the binding by the Constitution that does not allow the Prime Minister to dissolve the National Assembly. The parliament has a five-year term. The parliament cannot be dissolved before the end of the term, unless the parliament dissolves the government twice in 12 months. That fact must emphasize that the Cambodian Prime Minister has not right, as those in other country would, to dissolve the National Assembly when their political parties are at their best favors.** Cambodia does not do thing like that. We have maintained such “regularity” so that all political parties, both the ruling party and the non-governmental parties, are capable of getting ready for five years elections [...]

The election law clearly states that every five years, on a Sunday of the fourth week of in July, the elections must be held. This point has been confirmed by the Constitution and the election law. **Voting is scheduled every five years on the fourth Sunday in July. In some countries, governments announce the dissolution of parliament and hold a new election resulting other parties almost unprepared for it. For Cambodia, there is enough time (for all political parties) to prepare.** It has also been clearly defined for the Commune/Sangkat elections. At least, the parties are getting ready in the five years period. However, the Prime Minister must announce the date of the election at least six days before the end of his term [...]

[The Prime Minister announces the \(general\) election to be held on July 23, 2023 \[...\]](#) I can say

that Cambodia is moving towards on its regular democratic process, without giving the reason that the election was not to take place because of so and so reason. **Cambodia has never postponed (elections) and maybe Cambodia does not have such a problem, except in cases where there are attempts to overthrow a government. (In such cases) it would not be necessary to hold elections. (Things like that) could happen. However, such a case will definitely fail,** as I confirmed a few days ago [...]

As we have a chance to meet today, I am giving you journalists an opportunity to talk for a while [...] before I will receive the President of East Timor this evening and will leave on a mission to the provinces around the Tonle Sap Lake tomorrow. You journalists can start your questions now.

Fresh News

Question 1: ... Would you call for political parties to campaign for people or their supporters to register to vote out of concern that as the registration process is ongoing, those parties do not call their people to register. When it comes to voting, they would say that their members do not have their names on the voter lists and create things that undermines the election institution.

Question 2: Yesterday, the court sentenced Sam Rainsy to life imprisonment for wanting to cut land to foreigners [...] what is Samdech’s comment on the court’s decision on this case?

Samdech Techo: Thank you Mr. Saray for raising this question. In the case of the first question, I would like to take this opportunity to **call on political parties to call on all citizens or their supporters to register. This task is not just the Royal Government or the National Election Committee or the CPP, but also the duty of all political parties. If you build political parties and number of party members, and supporters, it would not mean anything if they do not regis-**

ter to vote [...] therefore, it is very important that all political parties call on people from all walks of life, especially their supporters, to come and register to vote so that after the election, there will not be complain that “so and so parties’ members have not gotten the right to vote” [...]

It is not the NEC’s fault. It is the fault of the party that has not urged supporters to register to vote. On the other hand, those who have the right to vote refuse to exercise their rights and refuse to fulfill their obligations to be qualified as voters. Well, this is an opportunity for me to call on political parties to urge people to register to vote to exercise their right to choose their leaders [...]

On the second point, **(2) I have seen the verdict (on a man) that I dubbed “the three generations of traitors.” Please think about how (he) can become the leader of Cambodia while having had no power yet, he dared sign cutting four provinces from the country’s territory to foreigners and explained that (what he was doing was to) give rights to indigenous peoples in Ratanakkiri, Mondulkiri, Stung Treng, Kratie, and Preah Vihear [...]** the court verdict is correct and punishable based on specific evidence [...] the Constitution also stipulates against secession [...]

Have you seen the picture of the signing session? Behind the two signatories there are up to three flags, the center being the American flag, the Cambodian flag and the Degar Montagnard flag. Do Cambodians in Ratanakkiri, Mondulkiri, Stung Treng, Kratie have flags? If it were just to empower indigenous peoples, there would be no need for them to have a flag. What is the meaning of this point? Please give us the answer.

You may say whatever you want, but the picture of the signing ceremony is clear enough to prove the promise of cutting land for foreigners. Those foreigners are not referring to Vi-

etnam. **(3) These Degar/montagnards created a state with a flag in separation from the Vietnamese flag. We cannot blame the Vietnamese authorities in Hanoi, because this is an ethnic group who are working against the Vietnamese government to create a state and have a separate flag. (In doing so) what is the real purpose of this traitor? [...]**

This is the most important legally binding document. There is no death penalty in Cambodia, but in the case that there were, the maximum sentence would be the death penalty. We have only a lifetime, however. Therefore, the people must see the treacherous character of these three generations of traitors – grandfather, father to son. In reality, we are currently negotiating toughly on every inch of our border, for which we have already reached agreement of 84%, whereas the remaining 16% are still bargaining here. Why this person, not even in power, daring to cut off the territory of 4 provinces to foreigners [...]

Fresh News

[...] In the past, Samdech Techo, seen as a hard-spoken, but with high sentimental heart leader, who had twice favored Sam Rainsy to return to politics. According to the latest political situation, would Samdech Techo confirm if there will be no new favor for Sam Rainsy to return to politics. If Samdech Techo does not open the way in this case, can one (say) that [...] Sam Rainsy will rest his bones out of the country?

Samdech Techo: No way. I have twice favored this traitor. **(4) This traitor not only did not change, but continues to destroy Cambodia. Not only that I will not raise my hand to sign a pardon for the traitor. Also, I am inspiring a movement to eradicate the extremist ideology of three generations of traitors. It has been days already that there are strong supports [...]** be-

(Continued on page 6)

(Continued from page 5)
cause in order to ensure peace for our country, it is necessary to get rid of extremist politics. There is an example in France. They come together to prevent Le Pen – known to be the extremist faction – from rising to power [...] thus, in order to ensure lasting peace and stability, Cambodia needs to eradicate extremist ideologies. I can assume that this person dumped the bones abroad. Please do not expect (to get away with what he had done) [...]

I will take measures as I did to dissolve the Khmer Rouge political and military organization. I succeeded. **(5) I will now continue by appealing to the people who misunderstand and believe this traitor to turn away from him. Legal mechanisms must also be in place. I have already stated that whichever party is associated with this person or this group, would be sued to court to dissolve. This is stated in our law, which requires us to dissolve political parties** that make serious mistakes and prohibit communication using voice messages or images of so-called prisoners. The person has had so much punishments. I will give no chance to forgo. I have said already if I were to sign a request for his pardon again, I would cut my arm and throw it away. I will not do that [...]

I am inviting you to do whatever way you wish to overthrow (me and my government). You may want to turn to your method used in 2013 again. I invite you to do so and I will accompany you to the end. At the end of the day, anyone involved with this convict will probably be punished. Please stay away from this person.

In **(6) my campaign to bring down the Khmer Rouge political and military organizations, I used the five letters abbreviation strategy – DIFID – meaning to divide, to isolate, to finish, to integrate, and to develop. This time I use only two letters – I and F [...]** I am going to go to the provinces to set up a network to

eradicate extremist ideological organizations formed by the three generations of traitors. Now there is enough support. **I ask all foreign friends to understand the relationship that led to this.** Listen to their content and what their actions are. Should the administration with a constitution, a king, a parliament, a senate, a government, and the armed forces take action or not? In such a situation that they call for an overthrow [...]

Thmey Thmey

The first question – Samdech's impression as the Prime Minister for coming to re-register to vote? The second question – along with Samdech's call for people to register and check their names, some people are also worried about their ID cards. What would Samdech say to relevant officials to facilitate this work? On the other hand, [...] regarding Samdech's trip [...] as Samdech mentioned in Run Ta Ek village, some people think that Samdech came down for electoral campaign. What does this mission (mean) so not to confuse others it as an election campaign but a mission to help people suffering from flood?

Samdech Techo: [...] There are questions about identity card issues. It is not the problem of the NEC, but it is the problem of the registrar that I would like to take this opportunity to **call on all the registrars everywhere or (any authority that can issue) any certification can be used in registration. That will facilitate those tasks. In addition to the ID card, there may be other documents recommended by the NEC. I would also like to take this opportunity to call on the relevant officials to confirm and expedite the identification of voters in order to register to vote or transfer their names from one place to another in a timely manner within the time limit set by the National Election Committee [...]**

(7) Regarding the coming traveling around the Tonle Sap Lake, let me I ask when the people are suffering and

facing such difficulty, should the Prime Minister stay at home and watch for fear of being accused of conducting an election campaign? [...] people infected with Covid-19, should we leave them as they were and need not search for vaccination. Was searching for and acquiring vaccines an elections campaign? It is an obligation that we have to do. Now I will go to Siem Reap's Run Ta Ek and Piak Snaeng, Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Pursat and to Kampong Chhnang provinces [...]

[...] That is not the only point, though. **I will instruct officials on how to solve problems in each province. I would not say that this is a pre-election campaign effort [...]** I do not care what other (political) parties say. I care about the well-being of the people. I did not ask the people which party they belong to. I am bringing assistances – rice seeds and food – for everyone affected by flooding [...] you should be grateful to me, because among those I am going to distribute, there are definitely people who voted for other parties [...]

It is good that all microfinance institutions have supported my call the day before and postponed interest rate repayments or stabilized interest rates, and restructured loans without foreclosure for those affected (by floods). At this point, I would like to thank the National Bank of Cambodia as well as all microfinance institutions for understanding of this difficult situation. I would also like to thank the authorities everywhere for taking care of the people in this difficult situation [...]

(8) We cannot accuse any party as long as we do not have enough evidence [...] I have seen the communication and the clear voice of the Zoom meeting attended by characters from abroad and insiders. I do not think, however, it is enough to dissolve a political party involved. We will check again and this is just a reminder that you cannot do anything illegal. If you break

the law, we will not be afraid to use the law to dissolve you. For whatever actions we are taking, there must be specific evidence [...]

As for the riot plan, we are preparing for the worst. They would not have a force that will be as strong as the Khmer Rouge when they attacked and took over the territory, such as Pailin, or when they came near to Battambang town. We are prepared for the worst though. If you are attempting to cause unrest, we are not intimidated by the use of force to prevent vandalism or subversion and unrest. This is a clear message for you. If you dare to use a weapon or armed violence, you will have to face a weapon. No one is willing to let you hit or catch [...] how much force you have, you think come and catch Hun Sen?

The use of incitement to provoke unrest and force the armed forces to turn their guns at or to disobey the Royal Government, is against the law. You have more counts of guilty. However, a life sentence is enough [...] **“IF” – “Isolate” and “Finish” at once [...]** does not take as long as **“DIFID” [...]** considering the age factor [...] and even their insiders do not dare to connect as doing so would see themselves dissolved. What does that mean? It means my strategy to **“isolate” has already taken effect. The law helped “isolate” them and did not allow any political party to associate with the convict.** Do you understand? In other words, the law contributed to the success of my politics on isolating and ending it [...]

[...] In that verdict, the court wanted to be proportionate – as I am the Prime Minister and the defendant is an ordinary citizen. They use the word ‘favor’. The only success of this traitor is when he is not obliged to pay Hun Sen Euro 1. **(9) What Hun Sen wants, however, is not the Euro 1 thing [...]** but what the fact afro mentioned that Hok Lundy's death has nothing to do with Hun Sen

(Continued on page 7)

(Continued from page 8)

Why I call it like that. For the people, it means that in 2023, we will focus on solving the problem of sustaining human life, the Covid-19 problem on the one hand, and on the other hand, the people who are affected by inflation. Civil servants, the armed forces, from village officials, retirees will all receive their salaries increase [...] We have been giving cash support to the people, whose living conditions have been affected by Covid-19. I do not know how many countries (in the world) do this. We will continue to provide more than 40,000 families, in addition to selecting some of the families affected by the war (elsewhere) or the over-

seas economy and to preventing those living near the poverty line from falling further [...]

I should clarify that a few days ago, this happened. The (person we dubbed) traitor had seriously insulted HM the King. In Kampong Chhnang I called for the Candlelight Party to come out and confirm whether insulting the King is right or wrong? *The leaders of the Candlelight Party then issued a statement condemning those who intended to insult HM the King.* (By that person – it means they are) referring to the three generations of traitors. There was only one person who insulted HM the King during that time. It is possible that in our country

(Continued from page 6)

[...] the second point is the court worded the verdict that it (the accusation) was a defamation to my reputation. The third point is that the evidence presented in the facts is nothing but a slap on a politician who does not have sufficient legal strategy. Well, I (got) enough. What the French court has confirmed is enough [...]

[...] Winning or losing depends on whether I have paid the defendant for the lawyer's fees and other expenses. **In the case of Euro 127 paid for stamping duty, it is the burden of the plaintiff. It is a normal practice in every court and country. He interpreted that as his victory. This is very cunning. (That is why I say) he is the cunningest person ever in the history of 500 years [...]** well, "the winner," where could you hide your face when the French court claims in the facts and even points out that you surely acted in defamation and you have no evidence whatsoever. Have you forgotten to talk about it? [...]

Unfortunately, I would like to talk a little bit about the betrayal of Sam Nhean, the grandfather of this person (Sam Rainsy), who ran for the CPP in 1955. He stood his candidacy for the CPP in Kampong Trabek, Prey Veng province [...] his grandson (Sam Rainsy) insulted us as a communist party, but his

grandfather was a candidate for the National Assembly against Prince Norodom Sihanouk. Sam Nhean is the father of Sam Sary, who is the father of this traitor [...] well, it is unfortunate there. I do not want to talk about that, but sooner or later, people will know [...]

I think this traitor has **made two major mistakes. I should tell him so that he can learn this experience. The first mistake is when he gathered people to flee the country abroad.** Even if the party is dissolved at that time they will be arrested. They gathered all their people and fled abroad. The leadership structure is completely broken inside. The CPP should thank him for making that a mistake. It was like when the Khmer Rouge did not participate in the election [...]

The second mistake is when he removed his people from the NEC. What does that mean? That mean you defected. Why accuse the National Election Committee (of consisting of only the people) of the CPP? While it is they themselves got off the line. If they continue to function as normal, it would not be a dead thing for them. There is no one to catch you and it will serve you during this election [...] I told the German ambassador the other day that no body chased them out but that he was stupid [...]

there must be a clear regime. Defined as a constitutional monarchy, the country does not allow insulting HM the King. At this point, I should *express my appreciation and thanks to the leaders of the Candlelight Party who have made that clear and by that we can go along. I think the person is going to be isolated since even the party he formed has now condemned his action. Well, he may keep making noise but please note that no one can associate with this traitorous thief [...]* this may be for other politicians to consider in their actions [...].

Conversing with and Distribution of Rice Seed to Flood Victims in Prey Veng, 30 October 2022

[...] Today is the last day of my presence in the provinces that have suffered flooding difficulties. Prey Veng is in fact the first province that suffered from flood and I should have come here first, but we have had some works to do in the provinces around the Tonle Sap. My presence there is no different from my presence here, even if it is late. Late is better than never [...] *I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the working group of the Royal Government as well as the Cambodian People's Party under the leadership of Samdech Krala Hom Sar Kheng for helping people solve this flooding problem now as well as in the past. I am really grateful for all the efforts of our armed forces and civil servants who have helped solve the problem by not leaving any people starving to death that we did not know and did not help [...]*

As HE Chea Somethy, the provincial governor, said in the report, the seasonal flood this year is not that big, but it has scattered everywhere, affected up to 20 over 25 capitals/provinces [...] as for the people living along the rivers, the worst thing they are concerned about is when there is too low seasonal flood. This is the true story of the river people. As in my native place, people are most con-

cerned when the seasonal flood does not reach their homesteads. When the flood does not come, there will be no alluvial soil, and the pests will not go away. However, the situation now is not the same. According to their geographical setting, some areas have already grown early rain-fed rice, and some have been inundated by floods, either by seasonal flooding of the Mekong or rain [...] *looking back at the efforts made everywhere during my journey from Siem Reap, Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Pursat, Kampong Chhnang and yesterday Kampong Thom and today to Prey Veng, the process of rice seed distribution is not slow [...]*

[...] I would like to thank the National Committee for Disaster Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, especially *the Committee on Food Reserve, headed by His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance, for which we have food reserves, including rice seeds allowing us to intervene in a timely manner [...]* the number of affected families is greater in number, but we provide rice seeds only to those whose rice fields are worse affected and have the ability to rehabilitate. Besides, we will provide people who need seed crops for intercropping to overcome difficulties in the future [...] as each family is experiencing difficulties, the state is also making interventions to help them [...]

[...] Yesterday I pointed out the difference between people suffering from natural disaster in the past and those in the present. When I was young, with my father, our rice field was flooded [...] no one helped us except ourselves. Now the situation is different in that *the CPP team, the authorities at all levels, are with the people. More or less, they are helping to solve the people's problems, moving them from the affected areas to high grounds, providing food and medicine, and examining people's livelihoods, including the provision of rice and seeds*

(Continued on page 3)

(Continued from page 4)

(5) all went through the war [...] we must work together to protect peace, no matter what the cost [...] to ensure peace, the only best option is to vote for the CPP [...] in power, the Cambodian People's Party can guarantee peace for the country [...] and is able to keep the peace and to protect your life [...] I hope that on July 23, 2023 (you will continue to) vote for the People's Party again [...]

Conversing with and Distribution of Rice Seed to Flood Victims in Kampong Thom, 29 October 2022

Healthy rice seeds yield good amount of rice; CPP share bad and good time with people; Floods have affected as many as 20 provinces/capital; Flood recession slow speed is good for flood recession rice and/or early dry season rice

[...] As a result, it has been confirmed that about 95% of the rice seeds distributed have germinated well. It is considered that we have produced and kept good rice seed. It may sound joking to some that I said "I would not let the government, which I have been the Prime Minister for almost 38 years, be called a seedless government." The word "seedless" here does not refer to "human gene" but we must do everything we can to prevent the case of having no reserved rice seed [...] I am introducing and instructing the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to discuss with the private sector as well as check the situation on the possibility of producing rice seeds for sale, distribution or exchange to the people so that our people can have healthy rice seeds to grow and yield good rice, so that on one side it is productive and the other side it has a market. We use good seeds, we will also get good results, and we use good seeds, there is a market, it is more profitable for our people [...]

I thank the efforts made by relevant authorities in providing needed assistance to the people [...] people are aware about

the closeness of the CPP leadership with the people, both in difficult times and in convenient times [...] the CPP has been sharing bad and good times with the people at all times. We are not with the people only at happy time. The important thing is that we grieve at bad time together. Whenever there was a problem, they saw the faces of CPP officials and the face of Prime Minister Hun Sen. We have been together for more than 43 years, almost 44 years. When we left the genocidal regime of Pol Pot, our people could have noted of the responsible attitude of the Cambodian People's Party, which led the Royal Government. We do not let our officials go away at a time when people are struggling [...]

This year, the damage caused by floods seems to be greater than the one we had in 2000. Initially, we thought that only Kampong Thom was the heaviest hit province. Finally, we all see that from Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Pailin, Pursat, (to Kompong Chhnang) all suffered severe floods. The floods have affected as many as 20 provinces/capital. With the responsibility of the authorities and the personal responsibility of our people, the situation has improved. On the flight here, though I had had a little nap of about 10 minutes, not even disturbed by the sound of helicopter engine, before landing I have had a bird eye's view of land under water still [...]

Everywhere the water seems to recede slowly. Slow recession of water provides an opportunity for our people to restore what has been destroyed when the flood came. The main thing that we worry about when we provided rice seeds to the people is that water was running out at the time that people sow. However, flood recession slow speed this year is good. When some rice varieties arrived and now more rice varieties came, people can start growing them as early dry season rice. It is true that some places cannot replant rice. There are many affected families, but some families are

in places where we cannot provide them with rice seed. We can find other seed varieties for them so that they can benefit from cultivating other subsidiary crops [...]

"Life of a farmer, destiny of a peasant"; 14 January 1985 – "We will let no one starve to death that we do not know and do not solve"; There must be preparations in area around the Sen River

Today's support is just to bridge our people out of the immediate hardships. Importantly, I hope that our people use this rice seed to restore family life. I have observed that at this stage our people are lucky because the authorities have made efforts to help compared to what happened in the past. I always remind something about "the life of a farmer, the destiny of a peasant." They always live in unusual situation. I saw my father's tears came into his eyes as the rice plant destroyed by flood. In that circumstance, my family had had no choice but to borrow from other families, borrow from Chinese traders, using as capital to continue with rice cultivation. Sometimes, the natural calamity caused too severe destruction that we could not even pay the land tax [...]

So far, we have had to intervene, which there have been series of it already. I still remember on 14 January 1985, the first day as I am officially elected by the National Assembly as the Prime Minister, after being acting Prime Minister for a while, and after (the country experienced) both droughts and floods in 1984, in my address delivered to the National Assembly, I said that the angels were testing my abilities how I would solve people's difficult problems. I appeal to the members of the National Assembly to help the people. Then I said, "we will let no one to starve to death that we do not know and do not solve." This theory has been going on until now [...]

It is not a theory applicable to a single circumstance and stage. We have faced the challenges of this flood many, many times. In Kampong Thom, we had had

the effect of Typhoon Ketsana in 2010, and in 2011 there were also floods coming from both the upper part (Preah Vihear) province, and the Tonle Sap Lake. At that time, I came to Baray district. Well, for Kampong Thom, there must be preparations in area around the Sen River. As soon as there is water in the Preah Vihear province, the water will come from there down to the area and will break open covering the field here. Let us find a way to solve that problem. It is very difficult for us, as you all know, to deal with natural disasters, not only in the case of Cambodia, but also even in the most developed countries, they cannot solve the problem [...] we try to prevent people from dying by evacuating to higher ground, and providing them with food, medicine and everything else possible [...]

The people's support has been a big incentive; The 2023 "budget for people and growth"; Thanks leaders of the Candlelight Party for condemning those insulting HM the King

[...] I would like to thank the people of Kampong Thom separately, and collectively for people across the country, who voted for the CPP during the June 2022 Commune/Sangkat elections. The CPP won a landslide victory throughout the Kingdom of Cambodia. I hope that on July 23, 2023, our people will continue to vote for the Cambodian People's Party so that we can live with and serve the people. The people's support has been a big incentive for us to keep going. Clearly, we have been on a reciprocal principle [...] I believe in our people's judgments that you would not give your votes to anyone but the Cambodian People's Party who have always been with you, especially in bad times [...]

According to the report, there are 43,000 families who received poverty cards [...] the Cabinet meeting approved the draft budget law [...] I call it "a budget for people and growth."

(Continued on page 7)