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KHMER NATION PARTY
PARTI DE LA NATION KHMÈRE

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COMMUNIQUÉ

1 - KNP supports the Olympic Market traders

In a communiqué dated 27 May 1996, KNP expressed full support to the traders of the Olympic Market in their fight against an unfair increase in the night guard fee demanded by a greedy businessman. In the agreement signed in July-August 1995 with Thai Boon Rong Company, the traders agreed to pay a night guard fee of 10,000 riels per month per booth. Since then, the traders have regularly and swiftly paid the fee. Thai Boon Rong Company suddenly asks to revise up the fee and tries to force the traders to sign a new contract fixing the night guard fee at 15,000 riels, a cost the traders find unbearable.

KNP appeals to the municipal authorities to take the necessary measures in order to prevent Thai Boon Rong Company from unilaterally revising the contract. Otherwise, the traders should be allowed to organise the night guard themselves. The municipal authorities should not let unfair businessmen do as they please but should care for the traders' problems.

2 - KNP requests protection from the Ministry of Interior

In a letter to the co-Ministers of Interior dated 29 May 1996, the President of KNP (former Liberal Reconciliation Party) informed the Ministry of the threats some members of the KNP steering committee have received from anonymous individuals, reminded the Ministry that all these activists share the same political ideas as Mr. Thun Bun Ly and requested that the Ministry take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of all the 36 members of the KNP steering committee whose names were enclosed in the letter.

3 - KNP expresses its appreciation to the Ministry of Interior

In a letter to the co-Ministers of Interior dated 29 May 1996, KNP President expressed his appreciation to the Ministry for the smoothness with which the opening of two KNP offices in Prey Veng took place on 27 May 1996. This peaceful event shows the Ministry's commitment to multi-party democracy and liberalism. President Sam Rainsy requested that the Ministry take the necessary measures to ensure the safety of all KNP members and offices throughout the country.