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PRESS CONFERENCE

The Sam Rainsy Party will organize on Friday, October 13, 2006, a press conference to expose the increasingly serious problems encountered during the ongoing voter registration process and to propose urgent measures to address those problems if we want to prevent next year's elections from being a costly farce.

From 9.00 am to 9.30 am, the press conference will be conducted in English by SRP President Sam Rainsy. From 9.30 am to 10.00 am, SRP Members of Parliament from several provinces will expose problems and answer questions in Khmer.

The event will take place at the SRP Headquarters in Phnom Penh.

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Latest information:

1- The authorities (National Election Committee, police, commune and village chiefs) have forbidden nationwide the playing of a Sam Rainsy's recording encouraging people to register to vote. Sam Rainsy does not appeal to vote for any political party but only stresses the importance for citizens to get registered as voters so as to be able to cast their ballots and to decide on their future as in any democratic country. The full transcript of the recorded message can be read at <http://tinyurl.com/hsch7>

2- In several voter registration offices in urban areas (such as Kompong Cham city) that are the strongholds of the opposition, the government has brought several hundreds soldiers from neighboring rural districts to register as voters so as to artificially change the balance of power.

3- Countless voter registration offices will be practically closed starting from tomorrow because they have run out of administrative forms (such as "Form 1022" used as receipts for young people who want to register as voters for the first time). "This is bad organization at best, at worst a sabotage, an organized disorder so that people can't register." (Quote from Sam Rainsy in *The Cambodia Daily*, October 11, 2006). Virtually all CPP supporters identified as such by CPP-affiliated village chiefs have already been registered since the first days of the registration period (October 1st to 20th). Commune and election officials gave them priority over other people.