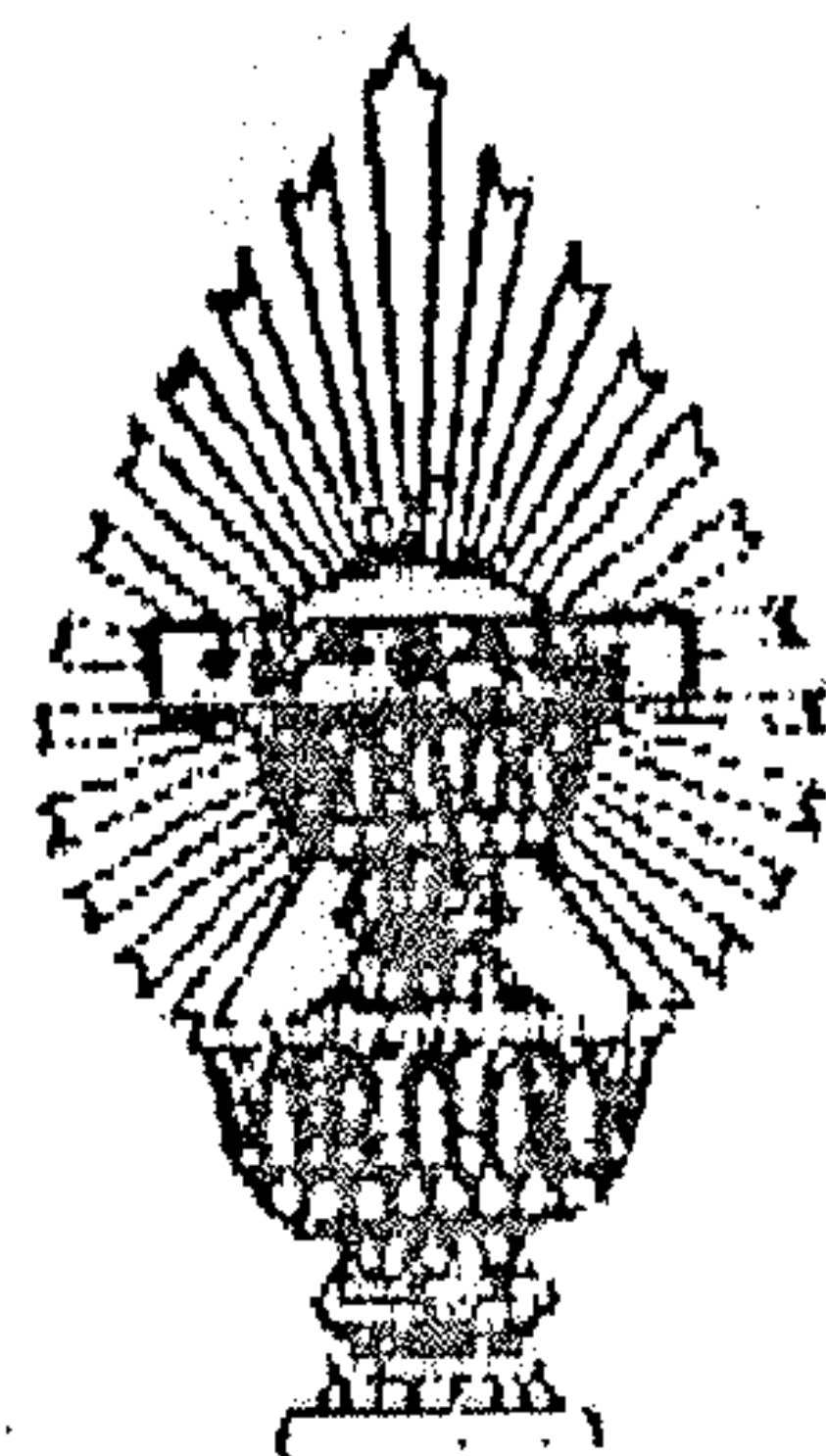


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LEADER OF SRP SIEM REAP BRANCH ARRESTED TODAY

Today at 9 am, the Siem Reap police has arrested Touch Sarou, the president of SRP Siem Reap Provincial Council, upon the accusation that he planned to organize a demonstration against Chinese President Jiang Zemin. Touch Sarou was arrested in Phum Thmei in the city of Siem Reap when he was going by motorbike to visit a friend. He is presently detained at Wat Thmei in Phum Thmei, on the way to the Temples.

Touch Sarou is one of the most active members of the Sam Rainsy Party in Siem Reap. Closely associated with Sam Rainsy since 1992, he contributed to the electoral victory of FUNCINPEC and Sam Rainsy in 1993. He presently is a parliamentary assistant to MP for Siem Reap Son Chhay since 1998. His arrest is another act of intimidation toward the opposition party, as the charges of organizing demonstrations against President Jiang Zemin are totally groundless.

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