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**OPEN LETTER TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF MALAYSIA  
 TUANKU JA'AFAR ABDUL RAHMAN**

December 4, 1996

Your Majesty,

As you must already have been told and as you must have seen yourself since your arrival in Cambodia on December 2, 1996 the Khmer people is very happy to welcome you.

Because you are above politics and because you are not involved in any commercial or financial interests, you cannot be blamed for the wrongdoing of numerous Malaysian companies operating in our unfortunate country. Therefore, you represent the best of what Cambodia has seen and received from Malaysia since the United Nations-organized elections in 1993.

You must be aware that Malaysian-based companies operating in Cambodia are involved in the following activities which -- to put it mildly -- do not help alleviate the sufferings of the Khmer people:

- anarchic deforestation (SAMLING) which has led to catastrophic natural disasters such as the recent flooding and to a suspension of the assistance from the International Monetary Fund;
- gambling (ARISTON) which is linked to an increase in the number of crimes;
- money laundering (many fake banks run by Malaysian nationals) which has provided Cambodia with the sad reputation of being a financial haven for criminals;
- embezzlement of public funds through unfair transfer pricing (MHS / ROYAL AIR CAMBODGE) which aggravates the national budget deficit;
- land speculation (ARISTON, YTL, SUNGEIWAY, LEMASTER, etc.) which causes an increase in land prices very detrimental to real investors and landless farmers and which jeopardizes serious development projects in Sihanoukville, Siem Reap and Phnom Penh.

Please, don't let the above information prevent you from fully enjoying the rest of your stay in our country.

With my very respectful regards,

*Sam Rainsy*

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 President of the Khmer Nation Party