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Reporter of one Radio Station Which Criticizes Government Leaders who , Was Killed Before Political Negotiation Day.

There was a terrible killing happened just at the middle of Phnom Penh city this morning. The clear target of perpetrators were attacking The Taprohm Radio Station which is criticizing the people who are on power without any hesitation. This killing was committed by perpetrators without being afraid of any competent authority. According to the deputy police chief of Sangkat Tuol Tumpoung II, the killing was not involved in robbery because the properties of victim were not taken.

Mr. Chou Chetharith, 37, who is a reporter for Taprohm Radio Station, was killed by a pistol by two perpetrators using C 125 year 2003 motorbike as a mean. The victim was shot on the back of the neck and died at spot. This terrible killing happened at about 8.15 am while the victim got out of his car and walked to Taprohm Radio Station which is basing at # 27 B, Street 472, Sangkat Tuoltumpoun II, Khan Chamkamon, Phnom Penh.

“This killing can be a threat to journalists who are criticizing the government or it can be more possibly political motivation. However, this shows very clear suppression on freedom of press in Cambodia,” CCHR Director Kem Sokha said.

Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR) extremely condemns this terrible inhumanity violation, and call for those who committed such crime to stop immediately. We would like to appeal to the government to bring perpetrators and the accomplice to the court of justice. We would like also to appeal to the international communities to put more pressure on Cambodian Government in order to stop such killing that is being happened while the political situation in Cambodia is at complicated.

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