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**RAINSY EARNS KEY U.S. CONGRESSIONAL
SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY IN CAMBODIA**

Khmer Nation Party leader Sam Rainsy Tuesday enthusiastically welcomed the support of United States Representative Ben Gilman for an international investigation into the March 30th grenade attack. Gilman, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representative's International Relations Committee, also expressed his deep concerns for the upcoming Cambodian elections.

"I would like to reiterate the call for a credible investigation of this incident and an intense effort to bring those responsible to justice." said Representative Gilman. "I would also like to ask all parties who are interested and concerned to take a stand against violence now and during the upcoming communal and national elections campaigns. Our nation and the international community have invested much in trying to bring lasting peace to Cambodia -- trying to sow the seeds of democracy there. It is our intense hope that the democratic process and democratic principles will ultimately prosper for the people of Cambodia who have suffered so much."

Mr. Rainsy spoke to Members of Congress and their staffs on Capitol Hill during his three-day mission to the United States to focus world attention on the plight of democracy in Cambodia. In his remarks, Rainsy lashed out at corruption and the use of violence as a political tool to silence opposition in Cambodia.

"Cambodia's democracy hangs in the balance," said Mr. Rainsy. "I am appealing to the international community to assist us in insuring that our political process is free of fear, intimidation, and violence. I appeal to the world community to not forget the killing fields that are an all too recent memory to us. Please help us in our struggle against those who would drag us back."

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