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## Press Advisory

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### On The Campaign Trail

During his triumphal campaign swing to Siemreap, Oddor Mean Chey, Banteay Mean Chey, Battambang, Pursat, and Kompong Chhnang provinces, Opposition leader brought the message of hope, compassion and caring to hundreds of thousands of villagers along the campaign trail. At every campaign stop, people cheered, applauded, waved their hands, and lifted SRP leaflets, banners and posters. They shouted out loud: Change! Change! Change! They wanted new leaders. They wanted to wear new and clean shirts, meaning new leaders, and discard the very old and very dirty shirts, meaning the corrupted and irresponsible leaders, in the past and present. He returned to Phnom Penh on Saturday, July 19, 2003, late in the afternoon. On Sunday, July 20, 2003, he campaigned in Kandal and Kompong Speu provinces.

### Phnom Penh

On Thursday, July 17, 2003, the Sam Rainsy Party strongly deplored the decision of the Cambodian armed forces to conduct the training exercise, for six days, from July 20 to July 25, using three armored tanks, traveling from Kambaul to the shooting range ACO, and firing life ammunition.

On Friday, July 18, 2003, Co-Defense Minister Tea Banh, postponed the scheduled exercise, saying: "if we do it, we will be accused of doing something wrong. We don't want a problem during the election. We need a peaceful atmosphere."

### Kompot

On Monday, July 14, 2003, Nuon Siep, SRP elected commune chief of Kandal commune, Chhouk district, was arrested at his home at Damnak Trach village, on charge of weapon possession. It was reported by a local newspaper, known to be strongly pro-CPP, that Kompot province police unit searched Nuon Siep home, found an AK 47 and 29 rounds of ammunitions. Nuon Siep was held at the provincial jail. Other arrests were made, including Nuon Siep's son, a laborer in Poipet, Banteay Mean Chey, by Poipet police. The SRP continued to monitor the situation, and requested for assistance from Human Rights group, and volunteered attorneys.

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## Kompong Cham

On Friday July 11, 2003, Sin Chiem, 38, a villager at Trapeang Touk, Kray Vien commune, Prey Chhor district, reported to the Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR) that he was threatened for his life by an unknown individual, who left near his home, a written note with the picture of an AK 54 pistol drawn on it. The note linked him to the Sam Rainsy Party.

On Monday, July 14, 2003, Ngeth Maut, 44, a villager at Tuol Bak Koam, Chrey Vien commune, Prey Chhor district, reported to the Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR) that he was threatened for his life by an unknown individual, who left a written note with two PKI rifle bullets, inside his property.

On Tuesday, July 8, 2003, SRP activist Top Sokkea, at Kandori Chrum commune, Pohnea Krek district, was hacked with an axe, on the face, under the right eye, by Oun Thea, a nephew of a CPP commune chief of Popel commune, Ponhea Krek district. Thach Lany, chairperson of the SRP working group of Ponhea Krek asserted that the assault was political, and lodged a complaint with the Provincial Election Committee (PEC).

## Kandal

On Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at 2 pm, Sam, a villager at Trapeang Veal village, Chrey Loas commune, Ponhea Loeu district ripped off SRP leaflets, posted on coconut trees, claiming that the posting of leaflets was in violation of the code of conduct of the National Election Committee.

The SRP has lodged a complaint with the Commune Election Committee (CEC).

On Tuesday, July 8, 2003, Suos, CPP group chief prohibited SRP supporters from posting SRP leaflets on the trees at Trapeang Veal village, Chrey Loas commune, Pohnea Loeu district, in violation of the law on election of members of parliament. The SRP lodged a complaint with the Commune Election Committee (CEC).