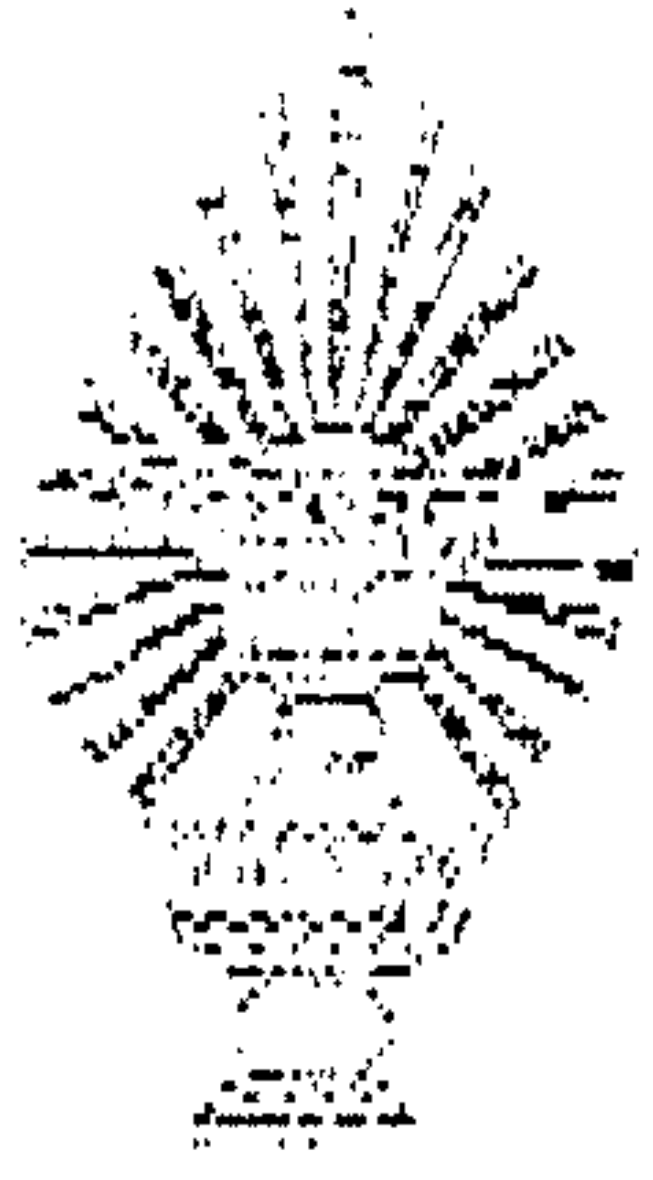


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OPPOSITION WILL NOT GIVE IN, OR GIVE UP

The SRP Members of Parliament note with disappointment that their expectation has actually materialised; the very first thing the illegitimate government has embarked upon is to squash the Opposition. The ruling parties' priority now is to break the SRP with carrots and sticks, as if they do not have urgent matters of national interests to attend to -- like poverty reduction.

Five SRP Members of Parliament, namely Ahmad Yahya, Cheam Channy, Kieng Vang, Ngo Sovann, Yim Sovann, and Senator Chao Phally have been offered positions in the new government -- some are accompanied with threats of negative repercussions if refused -- as if it is not yet huge enough to sink a Titanic. The threat delivered to one of them has come true. After declining the offer, SRP Parliamentarian Chheam Channy was duly implicated in what Prime Minister Hun Sen yesterday referred to as a revolt plan of the Opposition party, involving recruits for rebel forces. The SRP categorically denies such fabricated allegations.

It seems the ruling parties are wasting no time after their successful constitutional coup last week in making their next move to destroy the Opposition in their continuing quest for an absolute power so that they can jointly or severally be corrupt absolutely. If they succeeded this time, Cambodia would undoubtedly make a complete U-turn towards dictatorship.

The SRP Parliamentarians will not give up or give in to such cheap tactics; they hold the ruling parties and authorities responsible for the safety of these SRP MPs, senator, and active members. They urge the international community, especially donor countries, to take necessary measures to ensure an effective opposition for the Cambodian "democracy".

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