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SAM RAINSY PARTY ACTIVIST ASSASSINATED

A Sam Rainsy Party (SRP) activist, Phun Phann, 32, who lived in Me Sar village, Tuk Chroeu commune, Tambeir district, Kompong Cham province was shot to death early this year, by an unidentified gunman. The assaulter armed of AK 47 had entered Phun Phann's house on 3 January 2001 at 7.30 pm, and opened fire many times on the victim. Phun Phann was seriously injured while one of the bullets made the hole from his neck to his left shoulder and the other one broke down his right leg. He was transported by his family to the hospital of Thbaung Khmum district but died four days later from his wounds.

Phun Phann was working hardly for the Party and recently admitted as a member of the Party Commune Council that in turn selected him as SRP's candidate for the commune elections. Villagers who were his neighbors disclosed that such a killing is linked to the hatred of the ruling party members who usually do not accept to peacefully coexist with the strong and popular person from the opposition.

This case of political assassination occurred just three days after Sam Rainsy had delivered his New Year wishes to all Cambodian people. Such an act of violence is a kind of response to Sam Rainsy's words. The Cambodian people can do nothing but urge the national and international community to help protect the rest of the opposition elements from the barbaric act and bring the criminal to justice.

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