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ADMINISTRATIVE HARASSMENT TOWARDS SRP MEMBERS

The Sam Rainsy Party deplores the use of administrative harassment by the high ranking CPP affiliated government officials as a means to coerce the state employees who support the Opposition party.

Although there are widespread common cases of intimidation, harassment, threat against SRP members in the past, two high profile teachers who actively engaged for the SRP during the 2003 election became victims of the recent administrative harassment mounted by the CPP tactics. Ouk Suy, 32 an SRP council member of Koh Kong province who taught at the Sre Ambel primary school since 1992 and was promoted to deputy-director of his school had engaged in the fight against corruption in his school management dated back since 1998 involving multi-millions Riels committed by the School director Mr. He Heung. He has been recently transferred alone to a remote Mneang school bordering Koh Kong-Pursat borders without getting any payment under the pretext of teacher's spreading policy. In spite of his protest and complaint lodged to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, no consideration has been made to all his demands and the response he got from the Ministry and HE. Mr. Im Sothy (the State Secretary) was that "to keep Ouk Suy in this school will obstruct the school construction work and he (Ouk Suy) is too emotional at finding justice". Moreover, it is really astonishing when he (OUK SUY) was sacked and replaced by a newly CPP affiliated teacher and HE HEUNG has been promoted to be deputy- director of Sre Ambel district educational department.

The same case applied to Meas Kheng 35, Secretary of the SRP Svay Rieng provincial council and number 3 SRP candidate in Svay Rieng during the 2003 General Elections. Meas Kheng became teacher at the Hun Sen Svay Chrom school after graduated from the Phnom Penh Faculty of Pedagogy in 1997 where he leded massive teacher strikes between 1998-2000. After the 2003 election, he supposed to return to teach at his school as usual but, once he presented himself to the school director on December 12, 2003 he was told by the latter that he could not allow Meas Kheng to teach again since the district educational chief threaten not to let Kheng teach again despite, he (Kheng) showed the Ministry Authorization that he received on December 09, 2003.

Until this date, Meas Kheng is still being denied of teaching and they just let him sign on the presence list and he is facing a big chance to be moved to a remote school like Ouk Suy case.

The Sam Rainsy Party denounces these above-mentioned acts a bad intention of the CPP aims at discouraging and demoralizing the Opposition activists and would like to appeal for the international community to put pressure on the Cambodian Government to stop all forms of discrimination against its supporters.

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