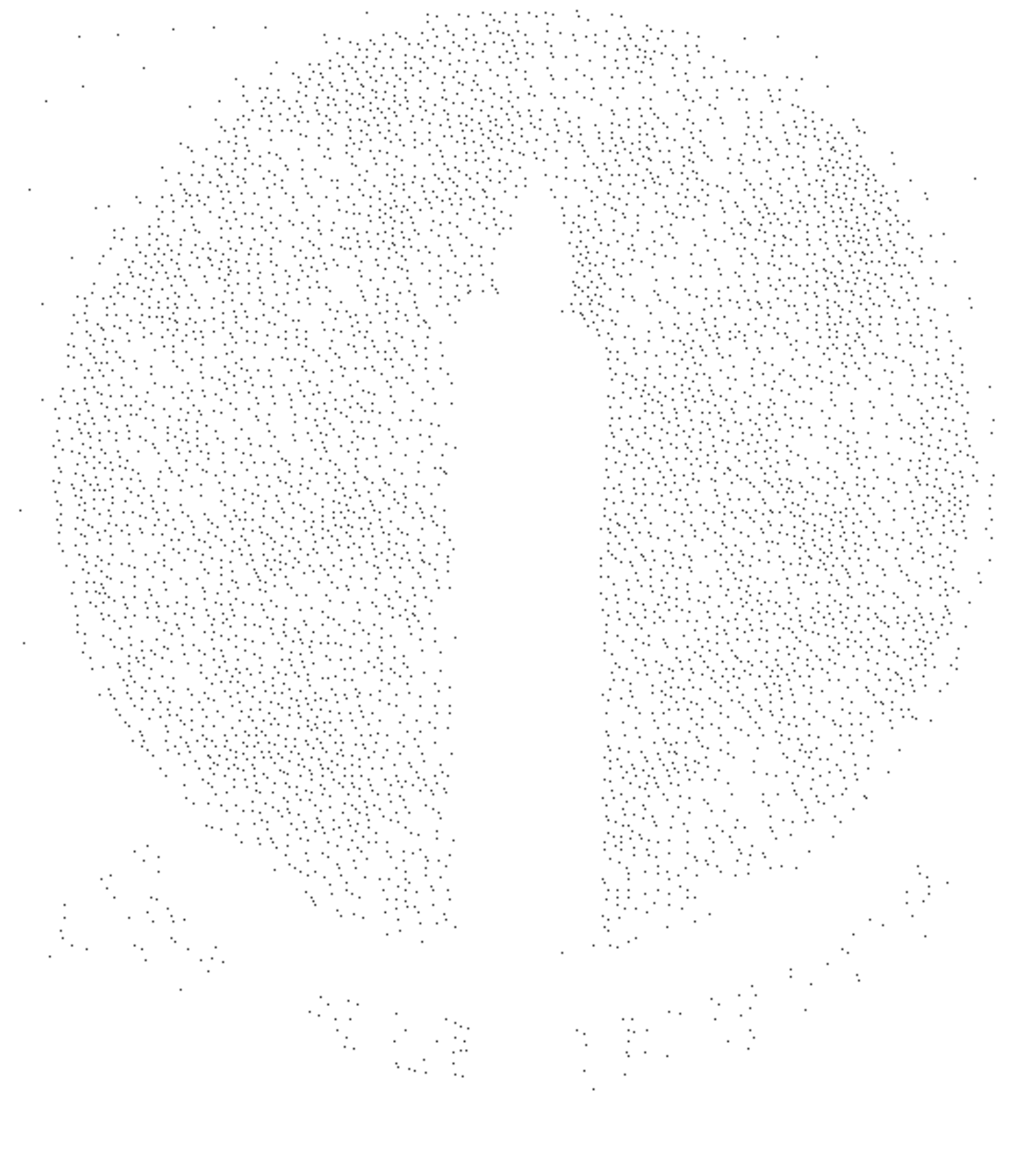


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31 VOTER CARDS FOUND IN TOUL TUM POUNG

A resident of Phnom Penh has just handed in today at the Sam Rainsy Party Headquarters a pile of 31 voter cards.

The resident who prefers to remain anonymous claimed he had found the cards yesterday in a pile of rubbish that was about to be burn off. The rubbish pile was located near his house in Toul Tum Pong, a suburb in the south of Phnom Penh.

There are 13 voter cards issued by the UNTAC for the 1993 elections, and 18 cards issued for the 1998 elections. All the owners of those voter cards were born, or resided, in Leuk Dek commune, Koh Thom district, Kandal province.

This means, unless these voters have alternative ID cards, which is in much doubtful, they can not vote tomorrow. The regulations demand that to be able to vote, a voter name appears in the official voter list and presents an acceptable ID document with photo.

Illegal confiscations of the voter cards committed by the village and commune chiefs in the past few months facilitate a scheme to steal vote on a massive scale. With some elaborate collusion in the voting station, the culprits will vote on behalf of the voters who no longer have their ID documents. We are also in the process on gathering certifiable evidence to prove that a certain NGO is involved with the ruling party in the elaborate fraudulent scheme in the election.

Given the widespread reports of voter cards confiscation by the local authorities, it is expected that more will turn up in the fullest of time.

We will attempt to locate the rightful owners and return those cards to them so they can vote tomorrow.

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