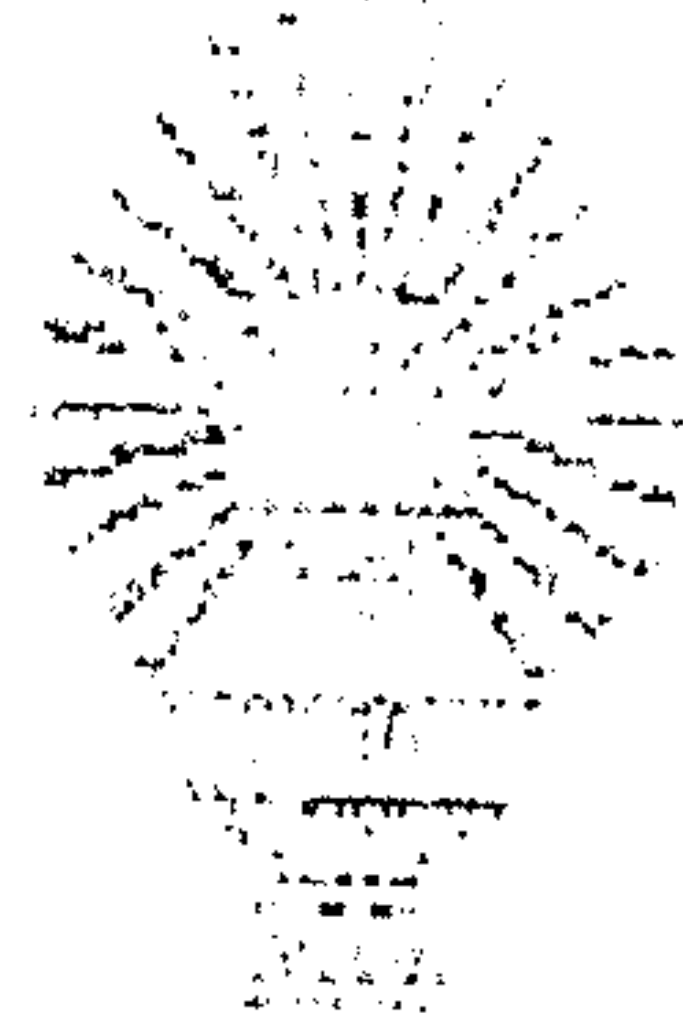


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## POLITICAL MURDER AND INTIMIDATION FORCE HOME RELOCATION

The SRP Members of Parliament condemn, in the strongest possible terms, a concerted effort on the part of the authorities to intimidate one of the SRP active members to the extent that he had to relocate his residence.

After a convicted killer of his daughter was released from custody, and due to continuing threat by the killer, Chan Munny, 46, finally decided to move from Thmor Pich Commune, Tbaung Khmom District, in the Province of Kompong Cham to live in Kwet Commune, Prey Chhor District of the same province. Chan Munny was very active for the Opposition, especially before and immediately after the 27 July 2003 election to the infuriation of the chief of Village 67, Nguon Oun, a stern member of the ruling party. Chan Munny's daughter, Khoun Dina, 16, was subsequently shot dead by the village chief on 6 August 2003, when Chan Munny kept on publicly complaining about election fraud.

The Kompong Cham Provincial Court, with its usual twisted wisdom of justice, convicted Nguon Oun only of manslaughter, and awarded him a five-year suspended sentence. It did not regard the illegal usage of the murder weapon, AK 47, as legally significant, and put so much weigh on words of three people claiming to be witnesses for the defendant. The three were convincingly exposed as fraud on the court hearing day.

The SRP Members of Parliament demand that the Appeal Court, to where the case is heading, consider it with some sense of propriety and justice for all. The ruling party, which has full control over local authorities, needs to address the issues of impunity and intimidation. They have continuously deprived the Opposition members of freedom to speak and live safely, as accorded in the Constitution.

The SRP Members of Parliament

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