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MURDER OF NGO WORKER.

With deep sadness J.R.S. (Jesuit Refugee Service) announces the death of one of their members SUON LAVY. He was murdered in his small home on the experimental farm at Banteay Prieb, Ang Snoul, Route 4, Kandal Province at 7 pm. on Tuesday, July 4. The murderer was described as short, stocky without physical handicap and completely clothed in black with a black cloth disguising his face.

The farm and training centre for the handicapped are home to 70 disabled students, eight foreign NGO workers, some teachers and agricultural trainers. Suon Lavy and his wife Maen have hosted visits from hundreds of women association members, trainees from the agricultural centres, villagers, local and international NGO staff, TV crews and recently the delegates to the International Landmines conference. Lavy was completely dedicated to service among thousands of rural poor in more than 200 villages. We pray that his work continues to flourish after his death and we extend deepest sympathy to his wife Maen and his colleagues in the Rural Development Project.

Some district police came to the scene on Tuesday night and we hope both provincial and national police will be involved today. We acknowledge with gratitude the help of Mr. Ahmed Yaya, member of the National Assembly, the Australian Ambassador and Ms. Onesta Carpene in the late hours of Tuesday night. If police investigations permit the funeral service will be held on Wednesday afternoon, 5th July.

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