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POLICE CLOSED DOWN A KNP OFFICE IN SIHANOUKVILLE THIS MORNING

Today, at around 8.30 a.m., approximately ten policemen in uniform surrounded one KNP office located at Phum Veal Meas, Khum Veal Meas, Srok Prey Nub, Sihanoukville, which was inaugurated on May 18, 1996 along with two other offices in Sihanoukville, terrorised its staff and pulled down the KNP sign.

Tomorrow, Sunday, June 2nd, 1996 a KNP delegation will leave Phnom Penh at 7.00 a.m. for Sihanoukville in order to put back the sign at the above-mentioned office and to open two new offices in the same area, as announced in our May 31, 1996 communiqué.

KNP appeals to the world community in general and the donor countries in particular to pressure the cash-strapped Phnom Penh régime to cease all acts of intimidation against democratic and peaceful opposition parties. Before the Consultative Group meeting scheduled to be held in Tokyo on July 11-12, 1996 it is only by imposing conditionality on international assistance that the current totalitarian drift in Cambodia can be reversed and an escalation of violence can be avoided.