



29 May 2018—Samdech Techo Hun Sen Welcome by the Cambodian Muslims during the Ramadan Ifta Dinner

Conch Cement Battambang Inaugurated

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My wife and I are so happy to join with all of our people in celebrating this inauguration of a big cement factory in the province of Battambang [...] I may bring back some of our memories of Battambang as a whole, and this place, Ratanak Mondul and Sdao area, in particular, which are on the road to Pailin. Today we put into operation this cement factory, a joint venture between a Chinese Conch International Holdings (HK) Limited and a local company with combined investment capital of 230 million USD, in time for increasing demand for construction material. The factory will put out some 5,000 tons of cement per day and about two million tons per year [...] we have so far had four cement factories [...]

Some Are Not Aware of Cambodia's Pasts

Some people have said that I tended to look after workers than farmers. It is quite naïve to have said so. They do not seem to have a knowledge of Cambodia's pasts and/or said so just to look for votes. They should have known that I had been the Prime Minister who had spent most of my time in rice field with farmers. In the 2003 elec-

tions campaign, some even insulted me that that I liked to be in the field transplanting with farmers, I should not return because there is someone to take post of Prime Minister already. Normally, I did not take part in the campaign and I used that time to go see farmers [...] now they say I am closed to workers than farmers [...] in a

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Improving Second Segment of NR5—Kandal/Pursat

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Today I am so happy to join with HE Hidehisa Horinouchi, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and all of you to launch the construction of the second segment of the national road 5 from Prek Kadam in Kandal to Tholea Ma Am of Pursat – 135 Km, which is a part of the national road 5 improvement project, which runs 370 Km from Prek Kadam through to Poi Pet.

Wish Muslims A Good Ramadan Fasting

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Meetings With Workers in May 2018

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Meeting With Workers In Sa Arng & Koh Thom, Kandal, 30 May 2018

Financial Advancement to Resolve Bankrupted Business Owners

... I have instructed financial advancement of a sum of 4.6 million USD already to resolve accrued remunerations and benefits of workers when the business owners abandoned them. However, there are still issues occurring in Chak Angre and areas nearby. Please give me

your reports. Why have they not been resolved? Some of the workers/employees were attempting to bring a petition to my house. You need to let me know what the problem was. I said on numerous occasions that you must perform your duty according to law and not wait for my order [...] it is my intention to extinguish the fire as soon as it broke out. The smoke, however, seems to be indicating the fire is still there [...]

I am seeking resolution to issue

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Ramadan Ifta Dinner Ceremony

(29 May 2018 — Unofficial Selection and Translation)

Harmonization among Religions & Races – Top Priority

... Our joy has been on harmonization among religions and races. There is no religious and/or racial conflict in our country. I have said it on numerous occasions that Cambodia places religious and racial harmonization one of its top priorities. We never neglect it. All we do is to ensure that our country will not experience such conflicts. It is true that our past had been full of sufferings and tragedies. It had left us with so many lessons. Learning of what religious and racial conflicts in the region and in the world could cause to a country, we are making them our lessons to achieve religious and racial harmonization in the Kingdom of Cambodia [...]

whole Kingdom for their positive responses to the Cambodian People's Party and the Royal Government under my leadership

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Widening NR3—Chaom Chao to Kompot

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Rehabilitated and Widened by Korea, Now Building Wider by China

I am so happy that we are starting in this ground-breaking ceremony to elevate standard and expand the national road 3 which is linking Phnom Penh to the province of Kompot. I wish to take this chance to remind

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recent roundtable policy discussion participated by various political parties, one of party said that I (the Prime Minister) pay attention to workers and enough to farmers [...] it is so unfortunate that some Cambodians are not well aware of their pasts, including the fact that the country was liberated from the Pol Pot's regime [...]

More Demand for Cement

We are proud to have established achievements after we have secured peace. In the framework of demand for cement, our country has imported from foreign countries at a size of about seven or eight million tons. With this cement factory in Battambang, plus three more cement factories in operations in the country, we may be able to produce some seven million tons of cement per year [...] demand for cement will not fall down. We could have noticed that cement is in high demand for constructions of homes, schools, pagodas, etc. Use of wood in our country for construction would one day deplete our forest [...] we are assured of higher demand for cement because there is currently need for cement to build roads – national and local ones. We are gradually moving away from using tar. We still need to build more tar roads but swapping to building concrete roads is rising [...]

Pursuing Political Gains, Some Take No Consideration on National Interest

We have now reached this stage of fueling kilns by electric power in place of firewood and coal [...] we encourage this process of brick making. If they can, I wish them to consider making bricks/tiles from such electricity-fueling kilns. To continue to harden bricks/tiles using firewood, in place of those imported from other countries as some people suggested, we would be depleting our forest. The Royal Government has balanced profit from loss. In economy, we must think about profit and loss. Some, in pursuing their political gains, they would not take into consideration national interest. They single out a tree and care

about no forest [...]

Cambodia Wish to Export Cement

With its capacity to produce some 1.7 million to two million tons of cement, we would only satisfy demand in only this northwestern and northern areas of the country – Battambang, Pailin, Banteay Menajei, Pusath, and perhaps to a certain extent Siem Reap. We may need to look for more investment in cement production. I told HE Suy Sem the other day about one mountain in Kompot – Ta Tom. One company has got a license and kept it on hold. The Ministry of Mines and Energy has to commence discussion with the company and find out if they have ability to start the project. If they cannot, we must give it to the one that can [...] we want not only to have sufficient cement to respond to local need but also to export it [...] we should consider this possibility when we have more cement that we need [...]

Jobs Inter-related as a Network

We have created only some 500 jobs here but we must understand the repercussion to a wider jobs relatedness and network. Jobs created always have active interactions and connectivity to other networks. We may offer jobs for only 500 people here but there are many people indirectly benefiting from this factories in transportation, charging and discharging, construction projects, etc. [...] I talked about this sponsorship thing at the inauguration, in Kompot, the Chip Mong Cement factory. When the company sponsor TV shows of bowling or concerts, they have provided for many – musicians, singers, cameramen, etc. [...]

Two Strategies Set Out to End War

I must remind why do we build factory here? Let me share with you the idea. This year, we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the day that we put a complete end to war through the win-win policy [...] let me share with you the two strategies that I set out after we ended war in

the country. Strategy 1 was to transform former battlefields into market and development places. Strategy 2 was to transform border with neighboring countries to ones of peace, friendship, cooperation, and development [...] in relation to the first strategy we have made this place where we are standing now, the hottest battlefield in 1980s, into a market place and development already [...] we are working hard to clear mines and UXOs to liberate land to provide land to people for cultivation and other development purpose [...]

... In 1998, Cambodia has become a unified country with one Constitution, HM the King, the Royal Government, and the armed forces. Even under the French control, they did not rule every part of Cambodia. In the time of World War II, Japan came to Cambodia and they could not control the whole country. In 1998, up to the present, we are able to allow development everywhere and people can go wherever they may wish to [...] aside from turning former battlefields inside the country into market places and development. We have also developed a win-win situation for peace, friendship, cooperation, and development along the border with neighboring countries. Take for instance, the border trade volume between Cambodia and Thailand reached six billion USD, of which 1,000 million is Cambodia's export to Thailand. Why are there so much import from Thailand to Cambodia? We have higher demand for their products and also we imported from them some for material needs in order to re-export [...]

Trading Life for Country's Liberation

.. My mother and my grand aunt went into my room as I woke up from bed in on Sunday morning. She just had her finger pointed at me and said to me if I did know or worry about being killed when I decided to go into the Khme Rouge controlled areas. I calmed them down and said "mother and grand aunt, if I were to die, I would do so alone

or with a few of my entourage. If I didn't, I would bring back the whole land." You may join me thinking again, should I not go into Komrieng/Phnom Proek, or Malai, who could have trusted me? In addition to that, most of them surrendered then not through the Cambodian People's Party but with Hun Sen [...] as we are approaching the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the win-win policy's success in ending the war, I may share with you that for the Pailin area, we could say they have integrated 22 years already, since 1996. My plan was to take back Anlong Veng in 1997. Unfortunately, there was an arm clash in Phnom Penh [...]

Infrastructural Development Added to Political and Administration Integrations

... I had reminded my councilors that it would be insufficient to integrate former Khmer Rouge's areas politically and administratively. We must start investment immediately. We must provide roads which serve us means for connectivity and from there development will come. We started to rebuild the national road 10 right away. We also build a road for connectivity from Bovel too. We now have asphalted them too. We provided them with schools and hospitals buildings [...] I thank our people in the whole Kingdom of Cambodia and every stakeholders for supporting the win-win policy leading to national reconciliation and reunification, and development [...]

Easy to Remember, To Think, and To Tick On

To keep peace and guarantee national development – the easy way to do is to vote for the Cambodian People's Party. The man who stands here is the one who truly defend peace. The Cambodian People's Party has got its position slot number 20. There are 20 political parties to contest in the coming general elections. Judging by the slot number, the Cambodian People's Party is standing in the last position on a ballot – like the last child in the family. Voters

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of accrued benefits of abandoned workers/employees [...] crisis of holding seniority money too long and the business owners had used them for own benefits. (According to a new law) business owners can hold workers' remunerations and benefits for only up to six months. They must release them to workers. They must not neglect this obligation and leave this burden to the Royal Government (to pay on their behalfs). Very often, owing lots of money in remunerations and benefits business to workers, business owners abandoned business leaving their invested capitals [...]

A Cement Factory in Battambang

I am asking you to continue to make sure that you keep your jobs and incomes. Last night there was rain in Phnom Penh and here too. The weather seems to be hot indicating that there could be another rain coming this evening [...] I will have to fly to Battambang province to inaugurate a cement factory, which produces 1.7 million tons per year. We have three cement factories in Kompot. The one in Battambang will make four of them with combined annual production of 7 million tons [...] it has been a popular trend to use cement to build roads than to use tar [...]

It Is Not Necessarily About Changing a New Leader

I thank your parents and grandparents for sharing a journey with me for the last thirty or forty years. We have made our rise from ashes to get this far. We made joint effort to overthrow the Pol Pot's regime and to prevent their returns. We worked together to make and keep peace, and with peace, we have attained chance for development. We have now come to a time when there are more senior secondary schools in one district compared to having only one before [...] everything has transformed almost completely. Change is not necessarily about changing a leader. We have

transformed this country from everyone did not even have things to put on in 1979. We have changed from lighting houses with torch, or kerosene lamp, to doing that by electricity. There has been great changes in our people's living conditions. We must keep our hard-won peace [...]

Promises Making Season, Wooing to Pay People's Micro-financial Debt

The season of making promises seem to have started. Some promised they will offer so much of salary if they get elected. Recently, to my surprise, there have been promises by some that they would pay people debts (to micro-financial institutions). It is a shameful deception. Someone has written weeks ago to seek loans from me and now they promised to pay debts on people's behalf. Has there been any country able to do that? If we can do that, why do we need to borrow money from other countries to build roads, water canals, hospitals, etc.? [...] it is beyond imagination that they make such empty promises [...]

Some promised people that they would pay senior citizens this or that much per month. They keep deceiving people when they themselves do not even know the ability of national coffers [...] money does not come magically. I could not pull myself to believe that in this era already some have continued to deceive people (for political gains). Their topics of interest are nothing new [...] come on, let us make a good campaign and not deceive people. After making promises, some by whispering and some by talking out loud, people continue to be in debts [...] with their moves to deceive people for votes would lead to people turning to more loans and how could they repay on their behalfs?

CPP Capable of Defending Constitutional Monarchy

It is not a good way (to seek people's support). I should have their attentions that that would bring about more problems for people [...] in round table discussion

of the Royal Academy of Cambodia, some have considered monarchy their exclusive right. I wish to affirm on this point who has the true ability to defend the monarchy, even the royal families would not be able to protect themselves. Only the Cambodian People's Party has the ability to defend the constitutional monarchy. Some attach their political parties to the throne and monarchy as their campaign capitals. It is not a good thing [...] the monarchy cannot be protected by only one political party. Doing so is naïve. They should mobilize political parties and people to join together to defend the monarchy [...]

Stand Defending the Throne and Constitutional Monarchy

The monarchy is a common property. It does not belong to anyone group of people of political parties. I am one of those who stand defending the throne and the Constitutional monarchy. I took an oath to Preah Borom Ratanak Kaod when he passed away. We have here three flags of the three mottos – Nation, Religion, and King. Who have initiated all this? There could be no one else but the Royal Government [...] it is not certain that the royals are able to defend the Constitution. Take for instance, Prince Sisovath Sirikmatak, a royal, and he launched the coup. Many royals took to Lon Nol to destroy the monarchy.

I am not a royal but I have proved to truly defend the monarchy. I reported to the Marquis in 1970 in response to the appeal of the former King and head of state. I am calling on people, whoever they may be, not to play with commonly sacred institutions [...] I have said it more than once if anyone wishes to bring down the monarchy, they have to step over my dead body first. Our country is following democracy, liberal pluralism, and constitutional monarchy. Not even the National Assembly has right to amend this point. Let me remind those people who claim exclusive right to defend the monarchy [...] warning you, if there is no

people's participations and the Royal Government's firm stand to defend the monarchy, would they think that the royals would be able to do that? [...]

Ballot Slot Position 20 for CPP

... After the two Buddhist sects head monks publicly drew slot positions for political parties, CPP has had its position number 20 on the ballot [...] some have made jokes of it. I wish, however, to tell people that number 20 is easy to remember, to think and to tick on. It is the last one on the ballot and our people would not have difficulty to find it [...] in addition to this, Cambodia will gloriously celebrate its 20th anniversary the day that war came to a complete end in Cambodia at the win-win palace [...].*

Meeting With Workers In Chba Mon, Kompong Speu, 23 May 2018

Promoting Industrial Development Policy

I thank you so much for embracing me and for the first time that my belt almost went down [...] first of all I wish to express my sincere thanks your warm welcomes to me, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen to this gathering today. I am so happy and excited to come here. I have started this gathering with workers/employees in August last year and now it is already May of this year that I have continued to do so in our efforts to promote industrial development policy for the period between 2015 and 2025 [...]

Two Historic Tasks Achieved in Kompong Speu

... In the past, I came and resolved many issues in the province of Kompong Speu. There are two historic issues that I did here. Firstly, we integrated the Khmer Rouge's division 18 under the command of General Keo Pung. You may note that this national road 44 leading to Oral was in those days not a safe passage. Sometimes we even had to withdraw our troops back to the district head-

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ship. In every elections, national and subnational, especially those in 2013 and the communal council elections in 2017, in communities where reside the Cambodian Muslims, percentage of votes for the Cambodian People's Party were high. On behalf of the Cambodian People's Party and the Royal Government, I wish to thank you profoundly for your trusts and hope that you continue to keep your trusts and turn them into votes for the Cambodian People's Party in the time to come.

20th Anniversary of the Cessation of War

Our country is in its process to implement democratic rights regularly. This morning there was this event to pick ranking number for political parties to contest in the coming elections. Among twenty political parties, the Cambodian People's Party got the number 20. It was so coincident. It has been twenty years now that the war ended in Cambodia. It was an historic event in the last 500 years that Cambodia was in division, un-

der many rules, and armed forces. In 1998, for the first time in its long history, the country has only one rule, Constitution, HM the King, Royal Government, and armed forces. The number 20 seems not by accident. It seemed that Buddha, Allah, and Christ have made it happen (for our people to easy) remember, think, and tick on the ballots [...]

Ramadan Ifta Every Year

... Ramadan is a custom of the Muslims not only in Cambodia but also in the world. I already gave a message on the day that the Muslims started their Ramadan. I am thinking now where and which Mosque will I go for Ramadan dinner [...] I am sure that this year our Muslims are celebrating it with more joys because their living conditions have improved. That happens every year.

We have made joined efforts to achieve a 7% economic growth with a low inflation and higher people's incomes, we are in the stage of being one of the lower-middle income countries. Ambitiously, we have set out our

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would just look for the very last one to tick on. It is easy to remember, to think and to tick on, I said [...] we will go to vote in 58 days [...] some said that they would win if people just decided to stay home [...] they have accepted in this case to abandon their rights to choose. They have told people to dye their fingers with hair colors to prove they have gone to vote. What is that? It is a criminal commitment of faking [...]

They go around telling people not to go to vote. However, to hide the truth that they do not go to vote they have to dye their fingers in hair coloring to prove they do. They forgot that their names are not crossed (or ticked by NEC staff in voting stations) [...] the fugitive ran away from jail but he does things for jails to call him in. Not to go to vote is not a crime to go to jail but to fake finger coloring to be voters is a crime [...] they have fooled people that there would not be a

dissolution of political parties. It happened. They fooled people that the dissolved party would come back alive. It did not. They continued to fool people from registration to voting day convincing them that (the party would) come back alive [...] we have go this far. No cremated corps ever return alive [...]

Full Railway Phnom Penh to Poi Pet Running Soon

I have spoken rather too much but because I am here where it used to be a hot battlefield, I just make it also hot today but not from fighting but from development. We must take benefits from this. People in this area will. I hope that our rail will be functional in full soon. We already have this segment between Pursat and Battambang, and between Battambang and Poi Pet running. We will have the last segment – Pursat to Phnom Penh soon. We have abandoned it for a long time because of war and lack of maintenance [...].

objective to get to high-middle income in 2030. I hope that the Cambodian Muslims will make further efforts to contribute to socio-economic development and to realize poverty alleviation goal [...]

More Students and Highly Educated Muslims

... After the Royal Government recognized status of teachers to the Muslim communities, we have noticed proudly that there has been progress in the field of education among the Muslims communities. The Royal Government has relieved financial burden raised by the communities and families for those teachers. As a result, we have noted that there are more students and highly educated Cambodian Muslims. I am calling for more efforts placed in training not only in religious matters but also technology and skills to find proper jobs to improve their living conditions [...]

Observing Member of Organization of Islamic Co-operation (OIC)

It is a great pleasure that we have made this journey together in peace and development. The speech of HE Osman Hassan has reflected high thought and evaluation [...] we also heard the General Secretary of OIC mention about Cambodia's wish to become an observing member of this organization. It is truly the Cambodian wish. I wish to relay through the General Secretary of OIC to other members the Cambodian intention to be one of its observing members. Cambodia is a small country and there is a small Muslim community but our Muslim community has a wider relation with other countries [...]

Wish Some Would Not Repeat Past Mistakes

We are ensuring peace and development through a liberal pluralistic democracy with regular elections. This is not a political speech or an attempt to respond to anyone anywhere. I just wish that those involved do not repeat their past mistakes. They created war in our country

causing deaths of so many people, and they continued to recognize those killers under the pretext of human rights [...] together, we, combining every races and religions, have stood up to rebuild our country while they continued to allow Pol Pot's killers sitting in the United Nations. Countries placed embargo on us politically and economically. Have those people/countries ever regretted in doing so? Some have till this time tried to inflict us with more damages [...]

Self-Determination Right as an Independent and a Sovereign State

... What I just said is no political message. I just brought it up to remind the Cambodian past in which there had been more than enough sufferings already. Please do not continue to inflict damages on us. Please respect our will. All we wanted is for Cambodia to have sufficient right to make its own decision as an independent and a sovereign state. Should I go around and beg for them? I would not have to do that. We need our self-determination right [...] No one can decide on our behalf because they cannot die on our people's behalf. I hope that the Cambodian Muslims and in the world over join us for Cambodia's successful future [...]

Political Parties to Respect People's Decisions

... I do not wish to go on. I just wanted to reaffirm once again that in exactly two months from today, on 29 July 2018, the general elections will take place. No matter how many (National Assembly) seats ones may receive, all political parties must respect people's decision.

I am sure parties to win seats, to get no seats, and/or to get not many seats will respect people's verdict presented through free, just, and transparent elections organized by the National Elections Committee. I firmly believe that the Cambodian Muslims who wish to keep peace and development will continue to vote for the Cambodian People's Party [...].

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Before commencing my speech on the ceremony to launch the improvement project of the NR 5, since it was last Thursday that our Muslims celebrated fasting day of Ramadan, I wish to take this opportune moment to offer my best wishes to them and to seek Allah's wish for them on this very important event [...] I thank the Japanese Ambassador, HE Hidehisa Horinouchi, who has just read a speech in Khmer. This has illustrated that Your Excellency pays great attention on friendship relations between Cambodia and Japan [...]

Three Stages of NR 5 Improvements

In the next ten years, I think, this (national) road (5) would be the only best road in Cambodia because it is a four-lane road from Prek Kadam through to the border with Thailand financed by Japan. We already launched the ground-breaking ceremony to build the first 84 Km segment on 26 March 2018 from Battambang to Serei Sophoan [...] this second segment of 135 Km is running from Prek Kadam of Kandal to Tholea Ma Am of Pursat. As for the third segment, which will be the last part of the improvement project, we will have two segments together – firstly, from Pursat to the city of Battambang, and secondly, from Serei Sophoan to the city of Poi Pet – which are 370 Km together [...]

RGC Provides 32 Million USD of Counterpart Fund

According to the estimate, and that does not include taxes, the Royal Government of Cambodia has to provide a counterpart fund of 32 million USD on this project to improve the national road 5. We already spent some two million USD to clear mines and UXOs along the projected area. We have reserved some 30 million USD for resolving impacts (on private properties, etc.) of the projects. It is on this note that I have always brought to the attention of related ministries about saving money. With our savings, we would be able

to work on infrastructural investment projects like roads, bridges, water canals, schools, hospitals, etc. by ourselves. Also, we could provide counterpart fund to projects assisted by our foreign friends in grant or concessional financing forms [...]

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe Takes Notice of NR 5 Improvement Demand

... As for this project, we take the loan of 0.01 interest, a term of payment in 40 years, with a grace period of 10 years from Japan [...] as for the national road 5 improvement project here, let me say it out through to HE Ambassador of Japan, this could not have happened if it were not of this grateful notice kindly taken by HE Shinzo Abe (on how important it could be for Cambodia). As I reminded in Battambang the other day, it all started in my visit to Japan to attend the international conference on disaster in Sendai. We then continued to keep it in our discussion from then. This road has a very important role in linking up Cambodian with Thailand on one end and with Vietnam on the other end in response to demand for development in the frameworks of Greater Mekong sub-region and ASEAN.

We refer to it as western corridor of the southern area of the Greater Mekong sub-region. Its economic value is comparatively no less than those of the national road 4 that goes to the blue water port in Preah Sihanouk province, which Japan made major contribution in strengthening its capacity [...] Japan also provided huge non-interest aid and some loans with low interests for development of Cambodia's infrastructures such as national road 5, national road 1, and noticeably and gratefully, the bridge of Kizuna and Tsubasa [...] I hope in November, we will be launching, as Minister Sun Chanthol has said, the improvement project of the last segments [...]

Leadership from War to Peace

... Some could have thought

maybe it was my mistake to bring peace to the country and to lead this country from poverty that people almost had no things to put on to the present time that they have motorcycles and cars, etc. Some had even blamed Hun Sen for traffic congestion. I would not refuse these mistakes. I did not create war as previous leaders [...] I think we should leave this to history and people's judgments. I did not lead the country from peace to war, but from war to peace. I would be satisfied to "have been committed those mistakes" [...]

20-May Day to Remember the Genocide Regime

Yesterday was the day to remember (about the atrocity carried out by the regime of genocide). Why do we decide to set 20 May to remember it? Back then, in the National Assembly we discussed on which day really that Pol Pot issued policy of genocide? On 17 April 1975, Pol Pot evacuated people from Phnom Penh based on pretext that the US might retaliate with bombing the cities. They scared people and moved them out [...] it was until 20 May that they declared their complete achievement of national democratic revolution [...] they made it public that they had rooted out social classes in their efforts to move people out of the cities, homes, and lose their private properties and ownerships [...]

Keeping Remains as Evidence of Genocide

We uncovered this document that certified their cruel policy leading to genocide. We then decided to set 20 May as our day to keep our anger on the regime. Later we changed it to our day to remember the regime's (decision to embark their policy on people). Let us be clear that we have to keep those (human) remains. We cannot allow anyone to cremate them. Some suggested to cremate those remains for the victims' souls to reincarnate. For us, to cremate them means to destroy evidences of genocide. They also keep them in Japan's

Hiroshima. We must keep those in Tuol Sleng and other sites as evidences and we are still in process of trying the Pol Pot's senior leadership too.

Win-Win Policy Reunites Cambodia

... I may have made two mistakes – firstly, overthrow the regime of Pol Pot's genocide, and secondly, to dissolve Pol Pot's political and military organizations. However, it was because its dissolution that we could reunite the country in a long history [...] until 1988, we were able to put an end to war. This year, we are going to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our war-ending day at the win-win monument. We have decided to make the day that Khieu Samphan, Nuon Chea, and their cabinet members reported to the (legally elected) Prime Minister's house as the day we ended the war in Cambodia [...] we are proud to end the war through the win-win policy and by Cambodians. People cannot blame me of the war that I did not make. On 18 March 1970, they launched a coup and I was born on 5 August 1952, and two days away from my eligible age of 18. We untied the knot made by older generations to end the war and to transform former battlefields into markets and development places.

A Road from Thmor Da/ Pursat to Koh Kong

I took a journey of some 5,000 Km in 2016 and 2017 to various regions of the country to which previously no one could have entered. I stayed at Pailin and travelled through Mealai, Komrieng, Phnom Proek, etc. I am seeking to reduce further cost and time to travel and I have made it our priority to build a road from Battambang's Samlot to Thmor Da at Pursat, and on to Koh Kong. This would help transportation of goods to our blue-water port [...] infrastructural development is still my goal and I am calling on Japan, though HE Ambassador, to share with me a view that it is not yet over with the improvement of national

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you about the visit of Chinese Premier Li Keqiang to the Kingdom of Cambodia. We (Cambodia and China) signed an agreement of over 200 million USD for the construction of the national road 3, which HE Sun Chanthol, Minister of Public Works and Transports, and the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, HE Xiong Bo, have stressed its importance to you. Previously, we made efforts to negotiate with South Korea, who had helped in rebuilding the national road 3. However, in response to improvement of people's living condition and demand for national road 3 to support the country's progress, we have the need to widen it further [...] we are working to expand infrastructure linking the rest of Cambodia to the south-western rising star provinces along the sea – Kompot, Kep, Preah Sihanouk, and Koh Kong, to serve not only tourism but its role as economic corridor with links to neighbouring countries [...]

For Salt Transportation and Distribution

There is one important point that is not in the report of HE Sun Chanthol. I wish to stress that aside from serving tourism, hydropower, and future blue water seaport, Kompot is our only province that produces salt. The national road 3 is playing important role along with the province of Kompot to transport and distribute salt to other parts of the country. That was one very important point that I had attracted the Republic of Korea under the time of President Roh Moo-hyun to help us rehabilitate and widen the national road 3. We are working to address the country's development requirement. The current condition of national road 3 rehabilitated by South Korea is great. People are happy with it. Compared to the past condition, it is a good road. However, based on long-term vision, it will be too small for our rapid growing economy [...]

Development, Freedom, Democracy, Human Rights –

by Peace

I could continue to affirm that there would not be development or progress in a war-inflicting country. Development, freedom, democracy, human rights – all are happening only in a country of peace. Some country have taken stern measures to keep national order. Take for instance on May 1, there were protests in France and torching cars happened. The French police arrested over 200 protesters. What was that? This clearly indicates that every country makes efforts to protect peace, security, social order. This is a country, no matter which, has to do. However, what laid us in doubt is that why when Cambodia implements its law, some countries have tried to prevent our lawful measures? [...]

Saving Up for Salary, Educational/Agricultural Infrastructures, and Counterpart Funds

The Royal Government has been saving up to meet the need for salary of our civil servants and the armed forces, the operation of state hospitals, etc., but also to invest in building schools, rural roads, hospitals, etc. We have used our savings. We do not use foreign assistance. Our saving also provides counterpart funding to resolve impacts of projects such as building national road, for instance this one. We use it to clear mines, and UXOs [...]

Cambodia Is Not Stuck in Crisis

I am so proud with what is happening in the Kingdom of Cambodia. I said that some small groups of people have been preaching about Cambodia in crisis. Has Cambodia been in crisis? People continue to travel, to trade, to cultivate, and to manufacture. No one is running away from whom. It has reassured clearly process of progress in Cambodia [...] some people questioned why are there so many Chinese? There are numerous investments projects, how could there be no Chinese? If any countries wish to have many of their people here, they could just launch as many investment projects as the Chi-

nese do. They blamed Cambodia's leadership to move closer to China. The Chinese have been very cooperative in our relations. Some countries have made it hard for us just to be friend with them. With China, a big country and one of the biggest population in the world, they never judge us by size. They maintain status of equal partnership and footing. I have a good working relations with former leaders of China who are older than I was. As of present, I am still working with the Chinese leaders whose ages are less than I am [...] I have been long-serving Prime Minister and I will continue for another ten years, should people vote for me [...]

Concerned Institutions Offer Chances for Political Parties to Contest

I am taking this chance to appeal to concerned institutions to ascertain chances for political parties to contest before and in the elections. Some parties have registered. The Local Democratic Party has just declared its readiness to contest. Not less than ten parties have prepared themselves to deposit the required sum of money in the national treasury. Some parties are in the process of seeking supporter's thumbs. I am calling on local and concerned authorities to facilitate those parties who are seeking to fulfil procedures without discrimination [...]

This is a wide ranging implementation of right by our people to choose their leaders. Should there be only the Cambodian People's Party alone, it would not be a liberal pluralistic democracy country. A political party died because its illegal actions. Some politicians were banned by the court (for reason that) they committed illegal actions. It is their problem. When a political party dies does not mean that liberal pluralistic democracy is dead. Though you boycott the elections [...] you should not forget about other parties' rights to take part in the elections [...] as Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, it is my responsibility to urge the

competent authorities and concerned for political parties to contest in the elections defined by laws [...]

... Some have gone far to predict that the Cambodian UN seat would be stripped off and given to the opposition abroad. We have just sent out another batch of some 400 peacekeeping troops and we have many in Lebanon, South Sudan, Mali, Central African Republic, etc. [...] the UN is demanding more peacekeeping troops from Cambodia. The seat belongs to Cambodia and not to your kind of people [...]

The Elections Will Take Place According to Schedules

The elections will take place according to schedules defined by the elections law which stipulates that every five years, it will be held on Sunday of the fourth week of July. This elections falls on 29 July 2018. The elections calendar has not changed and there will be no prolongation of any sort at all. The Cambodian law requires no recognition (of its elections) from the United Nations or any country at all. The most important factor was that people take parts in the elections according to the process organized by the National Elections Committee [...] In no more than sixty days after the proclamation of the official results, HM the King would convene the National Assembly session, and designate a person of the winning political party to form the Cabinet, which will seek the National Assembly's adoption, followed by a Royal Decree before taking an oath [...] That so and so would not recognize the elections is a normal issue [...] Cambodia's internal problem would only stay a matter of its sovereign right [...]

Continuing to Win People's Supports

I hope that after the elections, sooner or later, I will be attending the exhibition in Nanning, China. I believe that the Cambodian People's Party will continue to win people's supports [...]./■

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quarters of Orak because of instant fighting. However, to implement the win-win policy, as I could recall it was in cold weather season, in early 1996. We started integration of Keo Pung's division 18 that operated in Kompong Speu, carried our ambushes along national road 4, and on to Ta Ken Koh Sla and Kompot. There was a real need for us to ensure peace for people in Kompong Speu. Secondly, we did a great job to provide people in Kompong Speu with water for irrigation, and to Kandal and Phnom Penh as well. I came frequently to north and south Rorlaing Jrey [...]

More Roads and Electricity for Kompong Speu

We also did many other works. Previously, there was no national road here. There was only a trail upon which journeys were unimaginably difficult. We have now put in place a road system and network. Kompong Speu has been quite fortunate that they have the national roads 41 and 44 on each side of the main national road 4. We will make further efforts to do more. We also run lines of electricity through the province of Kompong Speu and it is of great benefit for living condition, business and industrial development in the province [...]

Localize Factories to Provinces – Vision from 1999

Envisioning need for development, we not only set up factories in Phnom Penh. We localize factories to provinces. This was a vision we had and launched since 1999. I brought it to attention during the Royal Government and Private Sector meeting. I recommended localizing factories closer to labor concentration [...] as a result, you can see now that in Kompong Speu alone there are over 200 factories. You may ask yourself should the Royal Government make no peace, would there be an end to fighting in Kompong Speu, in particular, and in the whole country as a whole? Would there be investors, even with peace, but the Royal Government were to ne-

glect communication, transports, electricity, and other related sectors? You may even ask further without these investors and factories, what jobs would you do right now? [...]

After localizing schools successfully closer to homes in rural areas, the Royal Government will celebrate its 20th anniversary next year the vision of localizing factories to provinces to empower investment potential. I could say it was my vision to relate two economic poles together – Phnom Penh and the city of Sihanouk Ville, which serves as economic growth corridor for our country's development [...]

Standing to Keep Peace

This is not an election campaign. You must remember clearly that our country would not be able to secure development, should it not have peace. The one who stand to protect peace in this country is me and the Cambodian People's Party, who in turn obliged me to fulfil this mission as Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia to protect peace and the Cambodian people's peaceful life. Though in this post and task, what I do does not satisfy some in the opposition and foreigners, I have never hesitated [...] however, whether I can continue to deliver or not is up to the people's decisions. I just wanted you to remember that we must protect our hard-won peace and the one who can help you do that would be no one else but the Cambodian People's Party led by Prime Minister Hun Sen [...]

I hope you will continue to help us achieve this. I wanted you to join together to keep peace to allow our country to further develop [...] we started from scratch and your grandparents and parents have been with me along the way and I hope you will join them to do so. We have a long way to go and we need to keep peace and development. To do so, you simply vote for the Cambodian People's Party. It is a firm guarantee. The one person to assure you that is me speaking before

you. I apologize to other political parties for bringing up this issue. However, I have talked this even before the process of registration of political parties for the national elections. They also take this opportune moment to go around and talk to their activists, members and supporters. I meet openly with everyone and I speak openly too. It is not a new thing [...]

Exercise Your Rights Every Five Years

You can remember that on 29 July 2018, or just two months away, the general elections will take place. I am sure your parents and other eligible voters in your families will not abandon their chance every five years to exercise their rights to choose whoever they wish to become their leaders. Some have appealed to our people not to go to vote. That was a violation of people's rights. In Australia, I learnt from it there, they have a law that would fine people who do not go to vote. In our country, going to vote or not would be people's rights. I believe that our people would not overlook their rights. I do not believe majority of voters answer to those who call for boycott of elections. The Cambodian People's Party have over five million members out of the eight million registered voters. They should not forget that fact [...]

They Will fail in Their Referendum

Should they wish to launch a referendum through number of voters, they surely bet to lose [...] they have committed one mistake after the other. They will lose in this referendum battle [...] look, the former King Father did not have the ability to mobilize people to stand up in 1970. After 1979, there was this Sihanoukist movement – FUNCINPEC, and repeated what the King Father said in 1970. In a coalition of tripartite, he could not wake our people to rise. They cannot bring themselves for a comparison with the King Father. They did it already in 2013. Out of 15 million people, they could bring in only tens of thousands of demonstra-

tors. They tried to bring us down already. They led the campaign with foreign supports, but they failed [...]

Domestic Helpers Are Non-Registered Workers

Please allow me to take this moment to bring up one issue. Domestic helpers are also a part of jobs providing sector fulfilled by non-registered workers. I am calling on those who employ them to take good care of them. Their jobs take away lots of their times. They are not like workers in factories, who have their days or times off. As a maid, she would have no Sunday, festive holiday, and even stayed late at night waiting to clean dishes. Let us all who employ domestic helpers be generous for all the good things they have done to our families [...]./*.*

Meeting With Workers In Baviet City, Svay Rieng, 09 May 2018

Strategies to Transform Battlefields and Border Areas

... Why then that we have come to this idea of establishing SEZ here. After ending war, I have pursued two important strategies. Firstly, transform former battlefields into market places and development areas. Secondly, turn border areas with neighboring countries into a peaceful, friendly, cooperative and developing ones. The two strategies have already become realities in the country, except in parts that we have had to work on removing mines and UXOs before allowing our people to access those areas for cultivations and/or development [...]

Svay Rieng Invaded and Bombarded by Former South Vietnamese and the US Troops

... This place, in the past, was area under threats of war and constant fighting. As far as Svay Rieng province is concerned, in our history, there were many bitter experiences along the border area. Before 1975, prior to reunification of

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the South and North Vietnams, the administration in control of Prey Nokor supported by the US launched invasions into the territory of Svay Rieng. The area along the border was under intense bombardments by then US and South Vietnamese troops. The borderline was indeed battlefield. Later, the regime of Pol Pot waged war along the border too. These incidences left many mined fields after the liberation on 7 January 1979. We had even created a female team of de-miners to liberate the land [...]

Transforming Battlefields into Market and Development Places

Our policy or strategy to transform former battlefields into market and development places has now covered the whole Kingdom of Cambodia. We still have pockets of heavily mined areas. We cannot allow our people to trade their lives in those places where we have not yet made sure that there were no more lethal threats of mines and UXOs. We are seeking financial assistance to continue clearing mines and UXOs to protect our people's lives from hidden enemies and to let them make use of those lands for cultivation and development [...]

Making Border Peaceful, Friendly, Cooperative, and Developing Areas

We have to transform borders with neighboring countries into ones of peace, friendliness, cooperation and development. This point has happened and extended through the Cambodian-Vietnamese border, the Cambodian-Thai border, and those with Laos, where formerly were full of trenches and almost regular fighting areas. We have achieved our goal to transform those borders into socio-economic development areas. Not far from the border with Vietnam, we have here SEZ and so many hotels. People of the two countries – Vietnam and Cambodia – are making trades harmoniously. We have done the same with Thailand in Koh Kong, Banteay Meanjei, and

other areas, where there are potential of tourism. In Koh Kong, for instance, we also have this car assembly line [...]

Development Strategy Is Long-Term, Not Quick and Dirty

... You may have noticed this long-term vision and strategy relating to the country's development and making former battlefields market and development places. We also transform border areas into places of peace, friendliness, cooperation, and development. They have realized economic connectivity between Cambodia and neighboring countries, others countries in the region, not only with Vietnam, Thailand and Laos. We have plan to ensure connectivity with China and others in the region too. For example, we are pondering which would be the best access for transportation between Cambodia and China? Which port in China we could ensure quicker transportation of goods to and from Cambodia. This is what we see as long-term vision leadership, and not quick and dirty ones [...]

Keeping Peace, Political Stability, Security, Social Order, Jobs and Employments

Peace has created us chances of investments, which resolve and expand production in our country and jobs for our people. It is because of peace that Cambodia secured an advantage of 5.7 million tourist arrivals in the last year. No one would wish to tour a war-inflicted country. You may watch TVs or other social media means to see that countries like Syria, Libya, Yemen, etc. are in intense war. Cambodia in the past was no different. What I wanted to achieve, and if you wish to keep your jobs and incomes, is first and foremost keeping peace, political stability, security and social order [...]

Your parents and/or grandparents have made great efforts to help liberate the country. Over ten thousands children of people in Svay Rieng and Prey Veng reported to the call for establishing an army under my leadership. The majority of them were

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road 5. Please continue to help us with other projects of priority that we have submitted [...] in my recent trips, I have come through Krokor of Pursat and the province of Kompong Chhnang [...] in 2016 and 2017, we have invested over 13 million USD on education in form of school building [...]

Over 5,000 Cambodian Peacekeeping Troops in 12 Years

What we need now more importantly is to make sure that the country is in peace. The past war took away our chances. Schools destroyed and/or turned into slaughtering houses [...] at whatever cost it may be, we must keep the peace that we have. If we neglected peace, we

from Svay Rieng. We still have not accounted for families of another 49 fallen combatants. I have had to keep them for the time being in Vietnam because we could not account for their families [...] many had fled to Vietnam from the genocide. I recruited many of them. We were able to set up the National United Front for the Salvation of Kampuchea, which acted as political organization and included a youth wing working to liberate the country [...]

Keeping Peace by Voting for CPP

Hence, it is important that you must do whatever to prevent acts of destruction of peace on our country. Those who seek to topple have sought every means to insult. You have learnt of your parents' and/or grandparents' experiences [...] you should continue to take parts in keeping peace. Peace keeping can be achieved surely if you and your families vote for CPP [...] I am going to go on for another ten years, should you support and vote for me. It would be a record-breaking thing but it is more important to quell those who wish to ruin our nation and peace. I would continue to work against them and defend our people, protect and improve your jobs and incomes [...].

would not be able to ensure development [...] people may look at what is happening now in Iraq, Libya, Syria, Yemen, etc. We are monitoring keenly situations in Sudan, South Sudan, Lebanon, Mali, and Central African Republic where we have nearly 1,000 peacekeeping troops there. Many countries helped us in the past. In the past 12 years, we are sending out over 5,000 peacekeeping troops to help others [...]

There Will Be 20 Political Parties Contesting the 29-July Elections

On 29 July 2018, we will have some 20 political parties contesting in the elections. As of this moment, 15 political parties have completed their registrations and undergone stage of inspections. We still have time. We would have about 20 political parties in the race. I am calling on authorities to provide times for them to fulfil their actions [...] political parties are in their stage of going to see their activists wherever they need. The authorities must facilitate their demands.

It is not time for electoral campaign yet but they have rights to go see and meet their activists. Please do not obstruct them when they organize meetings with their members and supporters [...] as the ruling party, the Cambodian People's Party calls on provincial, district, and communal authorities to make sure they have no obstacles [...]

A Driver Who Never Put Passengers in Harm's Way

With contributions from grandfathers, grandmothers, parents, and compatriots, I hope that I will continue to have your support. I have intention and I have made it known already that I have the ability to go on for another ten years at least for the post of Prime Minister [...]

This driver has been behind the wheel for nearly 40 years, and as Prime Minister for 33 years, never put passengers in harm's way. He drove people from place of danger to safety. Hope people will contribute to keeping peace [...].