

Search & Rescue Operation Over

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24 June 2019 - Samdech Techo Hun Sen with victim of the Collapsed Building Incident in Preah Sihanouk Province

A Sad Incident Causing Loss of Lives and Injuries

We can now meet finally. It is a special time that I will let you ask me whatever questions you may have (after my statement). To commence with, I wish to take this moment to convey my deep condolences to those who lost their lives and those injured in this tragic incident (of seven-floors building collapse). Should I have no other obligation to attend the ASEAN Summit for which I could not cancel my journey, I would have been at the incident site since the morning when the incident happened. Still, in the course of the ASEAN summit, I had briefing with and reports from HE Yun Min, the governor of Preah Sihanouk province, the CPP working group leader, Say Sam Al,

chief of staff Vong Pisen, and Mayor Sok Leng.

It is the first ever operation of its kind in Cambodia. It is a sad and tragic case. I wish to take this opportune moment to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to everyone taking parts in the search and rescue operation. Thanks to their efforts, a few hours back, we could save a few more lives. I thank people of all strata and political parties in Cambodia who have contributed materials and even kind hearts for the operation expressing their solidarity and sadness over the loss of lives and the cause of injuries on our compatriots. I had had a feeling that there could be some victims alive that we had to make more efforts. Upon my return from Bangkok, I could not rest. I made my journey here. It turned out, as everybody say it, we finally got through to them alive [...]

A Technical Team Set Up

The tragedy has indeed illus-
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International Labor Day with Workers

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Second 1-May Event with Factories Workers

Are you guys happy? I think I am going to correct our commentator. “No, we are not taking a break from our lunch.” You just go on with your eating. You can continue to eat and listen to my short address. We will keep more time for you guys to go on dancing. Let us make a deal here that after my speech, I will hand out envelopes to female workers with pregnancy. And you all must get up and dance again. Let us exhaust our music band. I have

watched your dance live on Fresh News since 7 am. You all are so fantastic [...]

I am so happy today for such a wonderful event. I thank the president of YI DA company – together with the Ministry of Labor and Vocational Training, as well as the governing board of Kandal province – for organizing such wonderful time, solidarity lunch, and music and dance. We have in all here 3,700 workers. This is my second year to share the joy with workers on 1 May –

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Q&A—Future of Asia Conference

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Answer to Question 1

Trade War Would First Impact Involved Countries

Thank you for the question. We all know that in the recent years, trade war has happened. We may observe to see who is to bear damages. First of all the impacts would be having effect on countries involved in the trade war. For instance, while the US is imposing heavier taxes on Chinese goods, and China would reciprocate in kind, no one else but

people in the US that had had to buy and use those goods to have suffered the impacts. For things that they use to buy at a price of 100 USD for instance, because of the war, they would have to pay 120 USD for instance. The same is true for China. Trade war is therefore having impacts on every people and country involved [...]

World Suffered Both Trade War and Sanctions

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Graduations & Diplomas Presenting

(Unofficial Selections and Translations)

RUPP Graduation & Diploma Presenting Ceremony, 3 June 2019



Working Together for a Nation of Intellectuals

We have noticed that our people are long for knowledge. Some have made it to the University with scholarships and many have been fee-paying students with help from their parents, and spouses. That is the good point we have found among our people and we must be proud of it. We must work together for the achievement of a nation with well-grown intellectuals. I used to say on various occasions that it is difficult to reduce the wealth gap between the rich and the poor. Cambodia is a poor country. We cannot compete with some rich countries such as Qatar whose income per capita is high [...]

Pol Pot Abolished Materialism and Finally Sentiment

In some rich countries like the US, for instance, Bill Gates has been one of the richest men, but how many Americans have made it that far? It would be impossible. The same is true in Cambodia. Every countries have got sets of problem of their own. (It seemed that in this world) only Pol Pot had brought that kind of equality to men. He (Pol Pot) abolished property or ownership of materialism. They did that through moving people from one place to another (and in the end) they could keep nothing with them. They no longer allowed buying and selling as they did not permit using cash. They forbade every activities that a society used to have. In the end, Pol Pot severed sentimental relation between and among men. Woman and man could not choose who s/he loves. They have to be

matched by Angkar (or organization, the Pol Pot's authority.) They could make it happens. As for Cambodia at present, we are making every effort to increase income among the poor to narrow the gap [...]

Equal Chance to Everyone

The middle class in our country has grown rapidly in the last years. Together with the richer class, they have been the core class to support economic growth. The rich paid bigger taxes to our economy. The middle class contributed to supporting economic activities and thus making it stronger. Among them, what we can do is to narrow down the intellectual gap [...] we should offer everyone with equal chance. We must have schools everywhere so that children of the poor and the rich will take classes altogether. We have seen often that children of the poor are doing better in their examinations [...] on various occasions I said to some people who seemed to have come to tell us what to do. I said they were just lucky people who were born in rich countries but they could not be sure that they learnt better. Under the term technical assistance sometimes lied this fact they used data acquired by Cambodians to put together a project [...] they sought supports from donors and financial institutions [...]

Timor-Leste Ready to Join ASEAN

I will meet with foreign minister of Timor-Leste after I finish my speech here. Timor-Leste is making accession to ASEAN. In months to come, there will be a mission to find out whether or not Timor-Leste has complied with every requirements to become a member of ASEAN. I already visited Timor-Leste. Some-

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(Continued from page 1) trated state and competent authorities' responsibilities. On this particular topic, I have said on various occasions that should the concerned authorities be incompetent to prevent illegal constructions, where do we define the state power? Perhaps, in that case, the jobs of governor and/or mayor should be given to perpetrators.

This has been an experience and we are setting up a committee to inspect constructions led by Deputy Prime Minister HE Chea Sophara. It will be a political setup. Deputy Prime Minister Chea Sophara must convened together people with real technical expertise to conduct their studies and give evaluations to buildings under construction.

Ones without permission must be stopped. There must be no more of such incident [...]

Governor Yun Min Resigned

The governor of Preah Sihanouk province HE Yun Min has accepted responsibilities before the Cambodian people and requested to leave his position. Many have talked about stripping him off his position while the incident happened [...]

I affirmed to those comments this was not the time to concentrate on removing this or that person but to search and rescue to save lives. As for the task of having people accepting their responsibilities, we are carrying it through.

We must not allow interventions that cause things to go either too left or too right. Should we remove HE Yun Min right when things went haywire, who would be in his place to lead search and rescue operation?

Though he may have some shortcomings, I wholeheartedly thank HE Yun Min for his efforts [...]

28 Dead, 26 Injured, Financial Help

We have completed this mission and the death toll has accounted to 28, and 26 injured, two of whom we just pulled out a few hours back [...] I met them in the ambulance. I followed them to the hospital. I also visited other victims there. It was sad. I am held by grief for what has happened to take lives of our people and it was a moment I think of those children who have lost their parents (because of such incident).

No matter how much, money is no comparison to life. We will make efforts to resolve this matter and assist those children. I am taking this moment to express my sincere appreciation and thank to generous donors for those who lost their lives.

Ever since when I was in Bangkok, I instructed donation of 10,000 USD for each deceased and five million Riel for each injured one. Thanks to response to my appeal, we have more contributions and we will be able to offer a sum of 30,000 USD for the last two victims just pulled out and not less than 60,000 USD for each deceased.

Being Present on the Spot Helps

(In his positions as Senior Minister) in charge of special mission and First Vice President of the National Committee for Disaster Management, I received no report from him [...] after a meeting (in the ASEAN Summit) I sent him a message to him asking his where about. It was unresponsive.

I asked the governor HE Yun Min if he could see HE Nhim Vanda anywhere near him. I asked to HE Say Sam Al the same question. I called him on phone. He did not answer it.

I asked Deputy Prime Minister

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The world is bearing impacts because of a number of uncertainties. We must see that punishment has not only taken place between countries but those imposed by the Security Council have had effects on many countries involved. A country suffered punishment from the United Nations Security Council such as (in the case of) North Korea, the measures have taken impacts not only on the country itself but also on every country doing businesses with it.

[...] Relating to punishment imposed by the US, taking for instance in the case of Iran, though the punishment was unilateral, the measure has prevented companies in many countries from purchasing oil from Iran. These are the impacts created by trade war. As for Cambodia, we also have suffered impacts to a minimal extent as Cambodia's econo-

my [...] is doing business with not only the US and/or China. Cambodia is doing business with many other countries as well, Japan also included.

We have many trade partners. On the financial front, since we are not integrated fully (to the world system), any financial shaken up in the US and/or China would not have serious impacts on Cambodia. However, we hope that the US and China would overcome their difficulties [...]

Asian Countries – Not Ants under Elephants' Feet

On this topic, I raised a bunch of questions in one of the ASEAN meetings to Managing Director of IMF, President of the World Trade Organization, and even Prime Ministers of Canada and Chile. Trade will go on within the mechanism of the World Trade Organization [...] I think that no one is going to wait for death

from those punishments. Countries, Cambodia also included, should not let themselves be the grass or ants under the elephants' feet. There has been a saying that "while elephants fight, it is the grass or ants that suffers." We, as a country in Asia, should not let ourselves be the ants under the elephants' feet. We must work together to find a way out of this conflict. I surely hope the US and China are working together to seek appropriate solutions for the world harmony. No one in the present world can live alone. Everyone depends on everyone and vice versa [...]

Answer to Question 2**Cambodia Falls to No China's Debt Trap**

... I heard some said that Cambodia could be falling into debt trap (and they infer the trap) of debts to China. My clarification to this thought is it

will not come to that. There are countries whose debt ratios have come to 200%, 300% or even 500% of GDP but they are not in debt to China. They are not traps by China. Countries have been in debt even before the "one belt one road" policy came into action. As for Cambodia, we have maintained our sovereignty in loans. We borrow money only for what we needed and China respects Cambodia's decision. China has not forced us to do this or that (in exchange for financial help). That is the first thing about this issue.

Cambodia External Debt Is at 21.5%

Secondly, we only allow concessional loans – those with low interest rates and long grace periods. We must continue to work on this kind of loans not only with China but also with Japan and other financial institutions. As far as taking external loans is concerned, Cambodia has been very careful. We have taken loans so far only at 21.5%, while the ceiling of public debt-to-GDP ratio could be as large as 40 per cent. I think this is the point people should look at.

Synthesized Initiatives for Regional Win-Win Situation

As far as One Belt One Road policy is concerned, I am happy to hear the Japanese delegation, claimed to represent the Japanese Prime Minister, deliver a speech to the (one belt one road) meeting. I think it is a good thing to have such a collaboration. While we have the One Belt One Road initiative, we also have Japan's Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy Initiative, Indonesia's Indo-Pacific Cooperation, India's Looking East and South Korea's Look-South Policy. There may be other initiatives and we should think of synthesizing them [...] to create a win-win situation in the region. Working together

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and this year is the 133rd International Labor Day.

Hugged, Kissed by and Selfied with Workers

I did not have chance to dance in the Khmer New Year days. I just had it a moment ago. It is my lucky day. Weeks ago, some politicians had (from far away) tried to incite workers to arrest me. I am hugged and kissed by and selfied with workers today. This has clearly shown the close relation between workers and the country's leader/s. It is a great solidarity among us.

1,287 Factories and 790,000 Workers Enjoyed ILD

I wish to take this moment to express my sincere thanks to the 1,287 factories others for organizing the same events for our workers to gather and dance, and have meal together. Compared to last year, this figure has shown that there are 394 factories more throwing the event than last year. As for

workers, this year there are 790,000 workers attending or 260,000 workers more than last year. From this factory, I wish to send my greeting to workers in other factories for attending this joyful event of International Labor Day.

Indeed our workers have rights and they can choose either to come join everyone here for fun and meals or to stay home. Some may also choose to take their demands to the streets. These are rights and we have them in our country [...]

Men and Women in Garments Beauty Contests for 2019

As far as I know there are three candidates from this factory taking beauty contest. I wish them luck in this evening. Starting from 4pm, there will be live program on Bayon TV [...] we will find out who – among our workers – will win the contests for 2019. I hope they will continue to organize such contest in the

following years [...] I do not want to take much of your time. I just wanted to inform you that for every 3,700 workers, I have here with me a gift of 50,000 Riel [...] also 50,000 Riel each for medical staff on duty here and 10 million Riel for the music band. Before I take my leave, I will join you for one or two dances [...]

20,000 USD for Kuntha Bopha Fund

I thank the President of YIDA who has contributed today a sum of 20,000 USD to the Kuntha Bopha Fund. The contribution he makes will indeed benefit our workers and their families too because they also have their children (who may at some point need the Kuntha Bopha hospital service). Well, let me thank the factory owner for sharing each and every workers here a gift of one sarong [...] finally, I wish our workers who are here present the Khmer New Year wishes and the five Buddhist blessings [...] ■

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times, to jump into water is the best way to learn to swim. Cambodia had had some experiences in accession to ASEAN. This year is going to be the twentieth anniversary of Cambodia's accession to ASEAN. We hosted twice the ASEAN Summits. Timor-Leste has trained the required human resources ready for this membership as we did too [...] we have reduced this gap between the new and old members of ASEAN through this brilliant initiative for integration among members. If Timor-Leste makes it to the group, this concept of new and old members of ASEAN would apply. I think there is no need to have old and new members of ASEAN plus Timor-Leste or 2 plus 1 model [...] let us all work together to strengthen each other's capacities [...]

Water Shortage for Consumption Over

There are a few matters that I need to bring up to your attentions. This year's dry season has come to an end. Rainy season has arrived in the last two weeks. We have no more problem about shortage of water for consumption. Generous people, non-governmental organizations, and political parties, had done a great job in digging wells and/or delivering water for people in areas of water-source lacking. Shortage of water for consumption is now over [...]

No More Power Shortage for Coming Years

We still have shortage of water to run turbines in hydro-power plants to stabilize supply of electricity. What happened this year in term of lacking power, we have been seeking the best possible options to ameliorate it in a way that in the coming years, shortage of supply of electricity will not repeat [...] we have learnt our lessons concerning shortage of electricity this year.

Minister Suy Sem massaged me about coal-fueled power generation of 370 megawatts and another plant of 135 megawatts to go into operation today [...] for Phnom Penh alone we need to have at least 400 megawatts ready for intervention. We have placed orders for two generators – one from Finland and another from Germany – and they have to be ready by October. A two hundred megawatts generator from Finland and another two hundred megawatts generator from Germany – will be installed ready to intervene when there would be shortages of electricity from other traditional sources.

Generators and plants will go into operations one after the other and next year, there will be no reason for power shortage. We have this company from Malaysia putting up a 135 megawatts coal-fueled generator in Sihanoukville province [...] in Japan, I have sought Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's consideration on financing high-voltage power lines from the Cambodian-Laotian border to Phnom Penh. We already negotiated with Laos, [...] who needs to sell its power too [...] we also have plans for solar energy but they are not viable because of the weather changes – like cloudy sky and rain. We need to have hydropower plants in rainy season, and other thermal power plants fueled by coal, gas, and oil [...] while Phnom Penh previously thought to use around 30 megawatts, it has now needed 1,000 megawatts. A high demand. We have to rethink on planning for electricity consumption and ways to address it [...]

Tax and Duty Collections, Transference of Vehicle Titles

I just wanted to share with you that in the past five months, we have sustained a good income. For internal tax, we have realized over 58% compared to annual plan, and over

54% of custom duty compared to annual plan. We hope to collect taxes and duty more than we have planned. Our people have improved their tax paying culture [...] there has been this issue concerning transference of title of vehicle ownerships which we sorted out back in 2016/17. I think I made it clear already [...] however, (concerned authority must) expedite the process of resolving the hassle and with fair prices, and make it a short and succinct process [...]

Khmer Noodle (Num Banhjok) a Political Issue

There is this other story about Khmer noodle that I have to bring up. Why the Khmer noodle has become a political issue? [...] they have made it eating Khmer noodle to be patriotic [...] or anyone eating Khmer noodle are the ones supporting them [...] this trick is similar to Pol Pot's rusting steel. With Hun Sen's ax, the rusted steel forged into utensils of every kinds. Win-win policy ended it [...] I heard they would make it June-9 their Khmer noodle eating day. I am calling on members of the Cambodian People's Party to organize noodle eating day [...] if they later declare eating Num Kruok (rice cake burnt or cooked on metal baking pan) or Ban Chheo (a kind of pancake) we will organize eating them too. We will not do it if they say they would eat stone [...] we will eat Num Banhjok for national unity not for division [...]

Arresting Incumbent Prime Minister Is Declaring War

It is human freedom as far as noodle is concerned. Anyone can eat just anything they may want to [...] in Tokyo, I had intention to say it. They declared that they will arrest Hun Sen. What does it mean? It means they are declaring war. It is in this note that I wish to say that I would accompany this "doggy" till the end. They may come anytime. They

mobilized army and people to rise up and arrest Hun Sen while Hun Sen is incumbent Prime Minister. What does such arresting mean? A coup d'etat? A war? [...] they even tried to turn my son-in-law against me [...] someone in another political party sent me a message asking me what if the person came in an airplane and circulating in the sky and landed, and took off, what would I think of doing [...]

Would Stay Till 2035 to Deal with Con Man

Would he have a plane of his own to do so? [...] would this doggy man come in a foreign plane without asking permission from Cambodia? If so, would they risk being shot down? [...] if they actually landed, would the authority not get in and [...] arrest the man with the court order for arrest? [...] once they enter the Cambodian air space, they have to have a landing strip [...] some said they would be accompanied by foreigners. That will be ok. We do not arrest foreigners. We arrest the person with court order for an arrest. I will bring that doggy person to jail. Are they coming on 19 July? I will wait for the person. If this doggy man is not going anywhere, I would stay not just by 2028 but even till 2035 [...] I do not want to use such language but the person has crossed the lines several times. Recently, he accused me of killing Hok Lundy (former Police General) and his son is my son in law. He fooled the public that Hok Lundy's son is working with Samdech Sar Kheng to take revenge to me. I challenge him to swear with death, would he dare? [...] they incited Samdech Sar Kheng to launch a party coup [...] in the Cambodian People's Party, there has never had a habit of fighting for power [...]

Many Working Visits Abroad

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At a Ramadan Iftar Dinner

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First of all, please allow me to express my warm welcome to leaders of Islam at every levels and the whole Cambodian Muslims for coming from tens and hundreds of Kilometers away to make their presences here.

I also welcome the presences of Islam leaders from – as far as I am informed – over 30 other countries to be with us today. I wish to extend my warm welcome to Her Excellency the representative of the Secretary General of OIC for making her presence here and delivering such a meaningful speech.

A warm welcome to ambassadors, Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen who are here present.

RGC Hosting Ramadan Iftar

This is the sixth year in a row that the Royal Government of Cambodia has invited and is hosting the Cambodian Muslims to celebrate their fast breaking event – Ramadan Iftar. Samdech Krola Haom Sar Kheng, Samdech Pichey Sena Tia Banhm and other Deputy Prime Ministers, Senior Ministers, and Ministers are thinking about where to go to join our Muslims in breaking their fasts after the national level Ramadan Iftar.

For this year celebration here, one thing that is a bit different from what we normally have is that my wife is absent. She has so many works to do to prepare for the Cambodian Red Cross, and International Red Cross and Red Crescent Days tomorrow on 8 May.

As Long As Hun Sen Is Prime Minister, Meeting with Muslims Continues

I am so happy today that as a new-term Royal Government, we are able to gather together with our Muslims. As I said

many years now and prior to the elections should the Cambodian People's Party win the elections, I would continue to host such an event.

This is the first year of the sixth legislative term Royal Government of Cambodia. I continue to affirm my previous statement as long as I am serving as the Prime Minister, I will not fail to organize such event.

The heritage to be left by the Cambodian People's Party, and leaders of the Party and the Royal Government will be national reconciliation, and ending of war through win-win policy.

What could be seen as bigger than these was the fact that in the past more than forty years our country not only prevent divisions among races and faiths but also achieve racial and religious harmony.

We prevented divisions within a faith/religion, from one sect to another, and from one religion to another. We have scored forgiveness, understanding, and collaboration within each and among them.

Faiths/Races Do Not Hinder Cooperation/Development

As I have said on various occasions that belonging to different races and pursuance of different religions does not obstruct cooperation and development of the country.

On this point, I hope that younger generations will make whatever they can to defend national reconciliation and racial and religious harmonization. Let us not underestimate this problem.

We have learnt that even in one religion, there have been conflict among many different sects. It is fortunate that we have developed a policy giv-

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is better. Let us not oppose one another. As far as I have learnt, every initiatives are for peace, prosperity and progress in the region. Synthesizing initiatives has been a topic that I frequently brought up in meetings with ASEAN partners. Thank you.

Answer to Question 3

Europe – Selling Head to Foreign Powers

In over a week time now, there has been a scandal in Austria on issue of asking help from a foreign country in order to win the country's elections. In Europe now, people started talking about "selling off heads to foreign power." However, if we were to compare what happened in Cambodia, the issue is starkly different. In Cambodia, those people (in the opposition) already carried out their actions causing deaths and properties damages in late 2013 and early 2014 [...] could Cambodia implement its law to obstruct those who already carried out ravaging actions and aimed to bring down the legally elected government? I am waiting to see actions taken in the case of what happened in Austria. At least, the party in scandal has (had their people) resigned already. What happened in Austria was just asking for help from outside. They had not yet caused deaths and destruction as what happened in Cambodia yet [...]

An Ideology of a Country Would Not Always Be Implementable in Others

For a country that is independent, would we be able to implement our law? In Japan, Japan would carry out Japanese laws. Cambodia too has to implement its law. It is a normal thing. I think every country must respect other to implement own laws. Despites the fact that there could be so and so concerns, still one has to look at the matter based on facts and law. They should not

twisted legal matter into political concerns. That was unjust on Cambodia. That would be unjust on countries when some (external powers) taking actions to prevent them from implementing their own laws. I have said it times and again that an ideology could be appropriate and fit for a country but it could not be implementable in another. That is a very simple fact. One may find a model of democracy in Japan and/or another in South Korea, etc. We should respect each other on this issue.

Nothing but Legal Actions

Some of you may have followed situation in Cambodia. Today, I am declaring that Cambodia will continue with legal actions. I am also waiting for a war to come. They have declared to mobilize Cambodian people – some in Japan, some in South Korea, some in Thailand, and some in Cambodia to wage a war to arrest me. As long as they have not yet ready for what they wanted to do, I would take no actions too. I am declaring from here that I am waiting for a war (that is going to come) through what the treacherous persons out there calling on people to arrest Hun Sen. I will not do anything else but taking legal actions. I will let them time to mobilize people (to do what they think of doing). As long as they do not declare losing the war, I will not move to do anything else.

I will keep going with what I am doing – to issue policies relating to economic development. We just wrapped up the municipal/provincial/district/Khan elections. We will proceed to May 2022 communal elections and July-2023 general elections. We have offered possibility for those barred from political actions. They may choose. If they choose to return to political life, I would offer them their rights. However, I would give only when they ask for it. I

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ing priority to race and religion in Cambodia. HE Osman Hassan has just mentioned in his speech about the fact that there is no racial and religious discrimination in Cambodia.

People are free to exercise their beliefs. It is everyone's freedom to choose whatever faith they wish.

Muslims Get What They Needed in Cambodia

I could say the Cambodian Muslims in Cambodia have been acquiring wider rights in Cambodia. In various instances, they even get more of what they needed than in some Islamic countries. Take for instance, we have arranged for the Muslims to have prayer rooms in airports and other public places.

Today, the Ministry of Health will issue an instruction for hospitals to set up places where Muslims can pray while attending to their medical treatments. We will soon take it further to schools where students coming from the Muslim community would be able to pray while attending lessons.

On the same note, students from Muslims community are free to choose whether they opt to school uniforms or stay with their religious codes. We may ask if countries claiming themselves to be democratic and respecting of human rights are observing these [...]

Muslims Community Voted CPP

This is what the Cambodian People's Party and its Royal Government has been doing. It was not just a theory or a slogan that one chanted only at the time of electoral campaigns. We have made happen. I hope that we will continue to resolve these issues and working out more efforts to resolve more in the new legislative term Royal Government.

I hope that we will be able to give more training to youth in the Muslims community and they would be able to have access to jobs in public and political functions.

Let me take this opportune moment to thank the Cambodian Muslims for always voting to choose the Cambodian people to continue leading the country. They voted in an increasing higher rate than expected for the Cambodian People's Party from one term to another.

Voting Tells Two Facts

That fact that the Cambodian Muslims and people in general went to vote has in fact shown two important facts.

Firstly, since about 83% of registered voters went to voting stations to cast their ballots was an indication of an alive democratic process in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

There had been campaigns by certain circles for people to stay home instead of going to vote. However, 83% of registered voters did [...]

secondly, the Cambodian Muslims as well as the whole Cambodian people have voted to keep peace and development. They have seen clearly who have sufficient ability to keep the hard-won peace and that is the Cambodian People's Party.

Voting CPP to Keep Peace and Development, and for Own Selves

There may have been other parties with good theories and smooth talks but they have not yet been able to show to the people their roles in national reconciliation. They have not been able to play role in keeping peace and process of development.

On the contrary, what they have been able to do best was to inflict national division that the country had suffered in the past hundreds of years, and

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tians ... Have Khmer Noodle

It is my reminder to you please do not get to offer alms to Buddhist monks, the Mosques and even Churches. In our country we have Buddhism, Islam and Christianity, or even Hinduism. They coexist. We may make more to share with them.

They all know how to eat Num Banhjok [...] I heard that 23 trade unions in Phnom Penh will organize the Num Banhjok day for their members. I am calling on landlords with lodgments rented to workers to host a Num Banhjok day for them [...] it is indeed a generosity and an expression of solidarity feeling and relation between lodgments owners and tenants [...] if in factories they can also do that, it would even be fabulous [...] I will have a hard time as to where to go to have Num

lately in the 1980s. We have been able to put an end to that through win-win policy. This is the biggest achievement of all that the Cambodian People's Party will leave as its invaluable heritage for the Cambodian people as a whole.

We all must remember that where there is no peace, no development will be possible. In this instance, people understand that voting for the Cambodian People's Party is voting to keep peace and development, and therefore voting for themselves.

Observatory Membership to OIC

I wish to have the attention of Madame Ambassador representing the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on this point in her speech relating to Cambodia being an observatory member of OIC.

Cambodia really want to become OIC observatory mem-

Banhjok [...]

No Negotiation – Make No Mistake about It

[...] I am sure there will need to have hundreds tons of Num Banhjok in the whole country. Let us care about who come from what party, we just invite them all in and eat. If they show up, fine. If they do not, there is nothing wrong about it. If they make Num Banhjok and invited us, though we may be full from eating our Num Banhjok, we could also join them for a courtesy togetherness [...] however, people should not misinterpret what I am saying. They should not making false analysis about eating Num Banhjok together would be a step to (political) negotiation. Please do not be confused. What I am saying is purely about the Khmer noodle and on 9 June it will be the national unity and solidarity Num Banhjok day in the country [...]

ber to this organization in which there are up to 52 countries members [...] (from the Cambodian standpoint,) I am declaring today that I have appointed HE Osman Hassan as the Special Envoy of the Kingdom of Cambodia to take part in the process of preparing for Cambodia's accession to this organization [...] I wish to have far-reaching relations with those countries to have more hands in supporting the country's socio-economic efforts.

OIC Could Help with Scholarships, Purchase of Goods, and Jobs

They could be able to provide us scholarship to help in training human resource in the Muslims community [...] I hope that we will receive scholarships from them not only for the Muslim students but also Cambodians as a whole. I also wish to see that OIC countries will purchase

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This year I have so many working visits to foreign countries. On 13 June, I will leave for Hungary where I will stay only for one night. I will leave Hungary the next day to Tajikistan for a conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA – a multi-national forum for enhancing cooperation towards promoting peace, security, and stability in Asia). After my return, I will leave again for the ASEAN Summit in Bangkok. It is also an honor for Cambodia that this year I will give a keynote address in Geneva, at the invitation of the Director General of the World Trade Organization, to share Cambodian experiences with other WTO members. I will leave Phnom Penh on 2 July and will return on 5 July. It is a message to Cambodian people in Europe – both supporters and opposition – for their information. I will be in Europe – Budapest and Geneva and the date will be on 13 June and from 2 to 5 July. They may want to get themselves ready for demonstrations [...].



**Putthisastra University
Graduation and Diploma
Presenting Ceremony, 6
June 2019**

**Recommendations on
Medicines and Pharmacy**

Since the Putthisastra University also provide training in medicines and pharmacy, please let me remind our students and the Ministry of Health about this professional career training and development. It is relating to human life. The Ministry of Health must figure out its orientation so that everyone taking up medical career is recognized by law in their medical practices, no matter where they received their training [...] news in the media often has it that medical practices have been carried out by uncertified practitioners at village and/or

communal level in the country. We also have medical and pharmaceutical courses conducted in private universities. We need to coordinate and ensure they become a unified system [...] as for drugs (medicaments), we also have to have a unified standard between those who study in the state university and private university [...]

**Human and Institutional
Capacity Building – Priority**

I would continue to encourage private sector to contribute to human resource training as we deem human and institutional capacity building is a priority for us Cambodia and for every countries in the world. To have a strong and vivid institution we need a strong human resource. The Royal Government has been doing everything necessary to strengthen institutional capacity, starting from human resource development [...] in fact, there had been an indication that after the fall of the regime of Pol Pot, Cambodia has quickly embarked on human resource development endeavor and there have been promising results [...] while noting that middle class has grown large and quick in the country, we must also notice strong growth in human resource [...] neglecting this we would not expect our economy to cope with those of the region and in the world in digital economy and/or industry 4.0 age. We are lucky that our people have learnt about importance of education and work harder to let their children study [...]

**Seasonal Cultivation of Rice
or Other Crops**

The weather pattern seems to have improved now. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, transplanting rice in early season started rather late. With El Nino effects abated to a certain extent, we have observed rain – more or less – throughout the country. I am sure our peo-

ple will continue to work on their seasonal cultivation either rice or other crops [...] though things like geopolitics or political regimes have changed, food consumption has not. No one can produce artificial rice. Some talked about false rice. We may ask how they could make profit, if it is true, since rice grown traditionally has not got a good price [...] recently, the Philippines has opened its rice market for auction [...] we also exported most of our rice to Malaysia [...] rice has been a competitive commodity among country in the Mekong Sub-region. India also is a big rice exporter. Luckily, one strong point that Cambodia has is the market for organic rice [...]

**Growers, Sellers, Buyers
Say “Yes” to Food Safety**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries must in this knowledge urge our people to carry out organic rice cultivation not only because of demand for market out there but also because of our people health requirement. Measures must be taken to encourage people to use available natural fertilizer leading to reducing import of chemical ones. I think we can achieve this goal because we still have large land and people can still increase production through appropriate technology and natural fertilizer [...] buyers also must be wise to choose for chemical free produces. CAMCONTROL must play important role in inspecting produces/products for element hazardous to health [...] the Ministry of Health also must take a lead on issue relating to food safety too [...]

**Num Banhjok - a National
Identity**

I am sure because we have this Khmer noodle day on 9 June, fresh vegetable such as parsley, string bean, and banana flowers would be scarce and therefore going for higher prices [...] Num Banhjok is a

national identity. It does not belong to any political party. Num Banhjok is a symbol of national unity and solidarity. Let us not take it as a political matter. People can eat Num Banhjok any time or any day they may want to [...] that everyone goes for Num Banhjok in one day would in fact encourage, more or less, use of local produces [...] I may have your attention that anyone preparing the Khmer noodle day in the Buddhist pagodas, they may have to think about offering it as alms to the monks too [...] there may have to have a way of producing the noodle. Traditional noodle shops may not produce enough. The Cambodian People’s Party has about seven million members. How could they make it enough? [...] let us – no matter what political party they may belong – eat Num Banhjok together. Let us not paint color on each other. That will be the solidarity among our people [...]

Beware of Food Poisoning

I am calling on our people and concerned mechanisms to take high precaution. On a normal day, there had had food poisoning from eating Num Banhjok. In a special day like this, with so much Num Banhjok produced, I encourage them to take special care about it. The Ministry of Health must be on high alert [...] every team leading (the Num Banhjok day) the event must take full responsibility or anything happened, they would blame Hun Sen [...] some may have their health problems from somewhere or something else and they might have problem on the same day. We must be vigilant and taking extra inspection measures [...] there must be high consideration and actions of sanitation and hygiene. I hope nothing unpleasant will happen [...]

**Buddhists, Muslims, Chris-
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HE Bin Chhin to account for Nhim Vanda. At about 5am, I received a long report from him. That was not what I wanted. I think I have reserved so much understanding on this. When I arrived on the site yesterday I asked him where he was, he said he was at the site. It has been irresponsible and inconsistent [...]

I decided to remove him as the Cabinet member while retaining him as adviser to the Royal Government. If there were a well-led operation, we could have saved more lives [...] this has been an experience that no matter how few lives an incident would involve, being present and standing in command on the spot helps.

Search and Rescue Operation Over, Investigations On

I am really saddened by what happened. We used to hear about building collapses elsewhere such as Bangladesh, India, China, etc. Now it happened in Cambodia. There used to be some small incidents, I reckon. This has been an incident that called for a big operation.

As of this hour, we are declaring search and rescue operation completed [...] however, we have not finished the investigation of what happened and the responsibilities involved [...] once again, I thank the reporters for their busy and tireless efforts to cover live the news of what has been going on here to the public [...] ☺



Facebook Message to Thank Generous People and Forces Who Took Part in the Search and Rescue during the Building Collapse Incident in Sihanouk Province, 25 June 2019

Dear Compatriots,

In the course of dealing with the seven-floor building collapse incident in the province

of Sihanouk causing losses of 28 lives and injured 26 people, besides donations offered by the revered Majesties the King and Samdech Me the Queen-Mother, the Senate, the Royal Government, and the Cambodian Red Cross, and the generous people responding to my appeal, as of 12am of 25 June 2019, the combined donations have reached a sum of 2,198,400 USD.

Each of the 24 injured persons is to receive 10,000 USD, and each of the two last persons, who had stayed under debris for nearly 60 hours before being rescued are to receive 30,000 USD. Based on these figures, 300,000 USD are donated for the injured persons. The rest of 1,898,400 USD is to be divided equally among the 28 persons who lost their lives. Each deceased is to receive 67,800 USD. This has not counted in the Royal Government's assistance of 10,000 USD provided to the families of the deceased one day after the incident took place.

Mr. Seng Teang, Deputy Director of my Cabinet, will arrange for the families of the deceased to cash these donations from banks for the sake of their safety. Let me on this occasion express my sincere thanks to people who, irrespective of political tendency, have been generous in donating financial assistance for the deceased and the injured ones in this incident.

Once again, I wish to convey my thanks and appreciation to everyone and forces taking parts in the search and rescue operation. Their actions have clearly proved their responsibilities and affections to the victims who are our compatriots.

I also thank the Chinese workers and technicians for their involvements in this operation from beginning to end. A friend in need is a friend indeed ☑

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goods from Cambodia, for instance halal food. They should help purchase rice from Cambodia too.

The more they purchase from us, the more jobs we can create for our people. We also wish to seek for jobs for our Muslims [...] we could send our Muslims, the Cambodians in general too, for jobs in those countries as many countries have done.

However, we must ensure that our workers will go to work in a legal manner [...] I hope to have receive positive answers in conformity to spirit of cooperation.

1,200 Cambodian Muslims to Mecca

I am taking this opportune moment to appeal to the Saudi Arabia to not yet close their list of people to go and celebrate Haj (in Mecca) as this year there will be up to 1,200 Cambodian Muslims going there for Haj.

I am leaving this task to HE Osman Hassan to carry through to provide our Muslims with facilitation in their journey to Haj (in Mecca).

The faith of our Muslims people in Islam is high. They have started from a few people each year to dozens of them, and then this year, there are 1,200 of them. I hope Saudi Arabia will give consideration to Cambodia's call.

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lose this war. I am waiting to see what they are going to do to me. They have said to everyone of their might in coming to arrest and try Hun Sen while Hun Sen is ruling the country.

I am sure they are listening to what I am saying. I am waiting for them to come arrest me at home [...] I will do nothing, it is a clear message, but my works at hands and wait for their declared war [...] ☑

The Haji will return performing good deeds and merits as HE Osman Hassan has just enlightened us of Allah's teaching.

Every faiths/religions instruct human beings to do good deed and perform acts of merits. People talk about attacks between Christianity and Islam, or between Islam and Christianity, as they saw what happened in New Zealand, Sri Lanka, etc. I do not believe so. Terrorism does not attach its identity with faith or race [...]

Islam Coexists Peacefully with a Wider Community

I wish to take this opportune moment to express my sincere thanks to OIC Secretary General's representative, and ladies and gentlemen coming from foreign countries and to all Muslims people in those countries and in Cambodia.

Let me underline that though in percentage, the Cambodian Muslims is small, they have coexisted with the bigger community peacefully without discrimination. This will be the heritage that the Cambodian People's Party is passing on to the younger generation.

I hope people of later generation will continue to culture racial and religious harmonization. Finally, I am asking Allah to keep you all in peace and progress, happiness, good health, and safe trip upon your return [...] ☑