

The Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon

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Object: Stop the crime perpetrated by the HUN SEN regime against the
Cambodian people

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Dear Mr. Ban Ki Moon,

We, the Cambodian people around the world, wish to draw your attention to the current political developments in Cambodia. We are concerned that the HUN SEN government has been drifting toward an absolute, authoritarian and murderous nature comparable to his previous involvements with the Khmer Rouge crimes during in the 1970s. We wish to request your intervention to avoid an emergence of a totalitarian regime and a recurrence of crimes of genocide and crimes against humanity in Cambodia.

Mr. HUN SEN, after violating the constitutional rules of Cambodia with the creation of a single-party Parliament, born out of electoral frauds and irregularities of the 28th July 2013 Cambodian elections, had used the armed forces, mainly his private army Brigade 70 and Brigade 911, the same army units used to launch a coup d'etat in 1997 and to massacre protesters in 1998, to again fatally shoot on peaceful workers, resulting in the killings of 5 protesting workers, who just asked for a raise of wage and better working conditions.

HUN SEN's insatiable thirst for control of Cambodia and its population is done through the establishment and the reinforcement of a military and police rule by employing a torturous and murderous system. He is using the national army, and particularly his private army, to terrorize the population and to perpetrate unlawful detentions, tortures and summary and extra-judicial executions. Peaceful civilians and religious people were even threatened inside their homes, brought outside by force and packed in vans like animals to be tortured. An atmosphere of terror is currently prevalent in Cambodia. The representatives of NGOs and civil society have been threatened and obstructed from performing their duties as human rights advocates.

The HUN SEN regime has now revealed its dictatorial nature. All Cambodia's natural and national resources have been plundered to enrich his kleptocratic cronies and to solidify his political party and his grip on power under the guise

and pretext of economic developments. Cambodia has now become a country for sale. Thousands of Cambodian families have been evicted by force from their land due to the organized and systematic lootings of resources and land under the 99-year economic concessional policies. This ongoing practice of economic concessions covers 40% of Cambodia's territory, which represents more than 50% of Cambodia's arable lands. Deprived of their land, which is their only source of income, these Cambodians, who are already destitute and have been excluded from an opportunity in education and health care, will be condemned to a life of slavery.

The HUN SEN authoritarian and corrupt regime is perpetrating a crime against humanity through tortures and the enslavement of the poor and defenseless Cambodians. These acts constitute a flagrant and gross violation of fundamental rights of citizens which were inscribed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. HUN SEN's criminal behavior is reminiscent of the Khmer Rouge crimes which are reprehensible by world standard and in contravention of the United Nations Conventions that warrant an investigation by the International Criminal Court.

The Cambodian people are now threatened by a silent and insidious genocide and Cambodia could plunge into civil strife.

In order to avoid another human tragedy on a large scale and Cambodia plunging into another Khmer Rouge-style murderous regime, we, the Cambodian people, wish to call on the United Nations, the international community and all the signatories of the Paris Peace Agreements to ensure the full implementation of these Agreements and to do everything they could to stop this crime and to establish a true rule of law in Cambodia.

With our sincere gratitude for your kind help.