Prime Minister

Samdech Hun Sen

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Dear Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen

May I bring your awareness to trade unionist Chhim Sithar, head of the Labor Rights Supported Union of Khmer Employees, LRSU. There are indications of regular harassment against her advocacy engagement.

She was arrested for the first time in January 2022 and kept in custody, simply because she wanted to attend a strike.

Now on 26th November 2022, she was arrested a second time. The accusation refers to disobeying bail conditions she did not even know.

Dear Prime Minister, you are in the position to know that nobody may be prosecuted on the premise of regulations one does not even know.

There are reports that the harassments are most probably linked to her openly critical stance on governmental repressive measures. But her act of simply expressing opinion is a legal attitude guaranteed in Human Rights.

Dear Prime Minister, I appeal to the authority of your position to call for action. If it is true, that Chhim Sithar is arrested due to expressing her opinion only, then it must be rectified by having her released without delay.

Furthermore, I hope to ensure your unconditional commitment to treat all LRSU activists rightfully as they deserve under the international human rights law which Cambodia ratified.

May you carry out your duties in the noble service of fairness, justice and peace in Cambodia.

With sincere regards