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Cambodian Center for Human Rights

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**The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (“CCHR”) Marks the 7th Anniversary of Dr. Kem Ley’s Death**

10 July 2023 marks the 7th anniversary of the death of Dr. Kem Ley, a prominent political commentator and advocate of democracy and human rights. On 10 July 2016, Kem Ley was shot dead in broad daylight at a gas station in Phnom Penh.

In commemoration of the 7th anniversary of the death of Kem Ley, CCHR will conduct a series of activities throughout July as outlined below:

1. From 16 June to 1 July, the public will be invited to write and submit poems remembering Kem Ley.
2. From 01 to 31 July, CCHR will update its Facebook page cover picture to display a picture of Kem Ley.
3. From 03 to 09 July, quotes from Kem Ley will be posted on CCHR’s Facebook page.
4. On 06 July, a traditional Buddhist ceremony, followed by an event commemorating the 7th anniversary of the death of Kem Ley, will take place at CCHR’s office.
5. On 07 July, Radio talk show on the topic: Campaigns to remember Kem Ley and posting the story: “True Word” in Facebook page.

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**Notes to the Editor:**

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