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**From:** Lindsey Giostra  
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**To:** Lindsey Giostra  
**Subject:** As democracy crumbles, Cambodian opposition party seeks support

Hi,

I wanted to share recent news around Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen's human rights violations and authoritarian actions and the ongoing efforts of the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) to restore democracy in the country. Leaders with the CNRP are available to discuss these developments.

- On Tuesday, former Cambodian opposition leader Kem Sokha was [sentenced to an additional six months](#) in prison while he awaits his trial for false charges of treason against Prime Minister Hun Sen's government. A large group of CNRP supporters gathered outside the court only to be [chased away and dispersed by security](#). Mu Sochua, Vice President of CNRP, said of the charges against him: "This is a political case that will require a political solution."
- Mu Sochua [testified before](#) the Subcommittee on International Human Rights in Canada's House of Commons with her guest Kong Saphea, who was [brutally beaten](#) by Prime Minister Hun Sen's bodyguards following a string of opposition attacks. After her testimony, Mu Sochua gathered with [members of the Cambodia-Canadian community](#) and shared her remarks via [Facebook Live](#).
- Ahead of his meeting with Japanese Foreign Affairs Minister Taro Kono next week, Hun Sen said [the meeting will not include discussions](#) of CNRP. While critics reject Japan's soft stance, [Japan is concerned](#) about Cambodia's close ties to China and foreign investments.
- Following the UN, United States, EU and others asserting strong criticisms of Hun Sen and the Cambodian government, the Vietnamese [expressed their concerns](#) of Hun Sen's close ties with China and the ongoing deportation of Vietnamese citizens from Cambodia.
- On Sunday, [Australian MP Mark Butler](#) called on the Australian government to speak out and support the Cambodian people after the Cambodian-Australian community was faced with threats of violence from Hun Sen at the Australian ASEAN Summit.

Please let me know if you're interested in speaking with leaders of the CNRP.

Thanks,  
Lindsey

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