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Good afternoon,

Below is a summary of 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 developments.

- Sam Rainsy of the CNRP was in Japan this week discussing the worsening situation in Cambodia and the need for fair and free elections in July. During the CNRP's parliamentary delegation at the Foreign Correspondents Club in Tokyo, Rainsy called on CNRP and opposition supporters to not participate in the July elections if the party cannot run fairly. Without the representation of political opposition, there is no autonomy for the Cambodian people. You can watch the delegation here.
- Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg testified before US Congress on his company's handling of privacy, safety, and democracy. Leading up to his testimonies, NGOs and civil society groups in Vietnam wrote an open letter criticizing Facebook's implications on international human rights and democracy. This is especially prevalent in Cambodia, as Hun Sen's page received more likes than the total Cambodian population and as posts critical of the PM were continually taken down.
- Hun Sen ordered Cambodia's National Election Committee to threaten criminal charges and fines to anyone urging voters to boycott, responding to Sam Rainsy's call to the Cambodian people to boycott the elections if CNRP and other opposition parties cannot participate and campaign. In his annual Khmer New Year greeting, Hun Sen praised himself for his political crackdown on opposition parties and leaders.

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

Thanks,  
Lindsey

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