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From: Lindsey Giostra
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2018 9:38 AM
To: Lindsey Giostra
Subject: TOMORROW: Paris Unveils Memorial for Cambodia, expert avail

Good afternoon,

Paris unveiled a memorial statue to honor victims of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge genocide, and **this Saturday, April 21st** there will be an event for the French Cambodian community at Salle des fêtes Espace V Jacques Brel. The event is expected to garner **over 500 participants** with remarks from recently-ousted Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) leaders and members of the French government.

The inauguration of this statue comes at a pivotal time for Cambodia, as Prime Minister Hun Sen continues his egregious attacks on democracy and human rights in the region. Ensuring the security of his own power and wealth, Hun Sen has threatened and killed Cambodians, similar to the actions of the Khmer Rouge during the genocide.

Mu Sochua, Vice President of CNRP, is available for interviews to speak on the importance of this statue, how Hun Sen's actions recall the abuse of the Khmer Rouge, and the actions France can take to help restore democracy and human rights in Cambodia.

WHAT: Community event on the effort to restore democracy in Cambodia

WHEN: Saturday, April 21st at 2pm to 5pm (local time)

WHERE: Salle des fêtes Espace V Jacques Brel
1 avenue Jean Fourgeaud
93420 Villepinte

WHO: Sam Rainsy, Leader of CNRP
Mu Sochua, Vice President of CNRP
André Gattolin, French Senator
Buon Tan, French MP born in Cambodia
Christine Milne, former Australian Senator and former president of Australia Green Party

Let me know if you're interested!

Thanks,
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Subject: Cambodia opposition party urges Indonesia to take action

Good morning,

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.

- CNRP leaders Sam Rainsy and Mu Sochua met with members of Indonesia's House of Representatives to discuss the ongoing political crackdown in Cambodia. Rainsy called on Indonesia to play a role in the ASEAN region in improving and restoring democracy and requested its presence at the July national elections..
- On Tuesday, Paris unveiled a memorial statue to honor victims of the Khmer Rouge genocide. CNRP leaders and members of the French government will be holding a community event in Paris **tomorrow** on their effort to restore democracy in Cambodia and to prevent Hun Sen from returning the country to the abuses of the Khmer Rouge.
- Hun Sen's government plans to deploy more than 100,000 security personnel and "village guards" at polling stations across the region for the upcoming national elections. Although the National Election Committee states this deployment is to ensure the safety and freedom of the elections, the show of force is a clear move to intimidate voters in an election already rigged with the ruling party running unopposed.
- In his Khmer New Year message to the Cambodian people, CNRP leader Sam Rainsy urged democracy, freedom and justice be restored in the region. Rainsy continued his call for Cambodians to boycott the July election if CNRP and other opposition parties are not reinstated by May 14th.

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

Thanks,
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