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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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