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Subject: Cambodia Government Threatens to Seize CNRP Leaders' Assets

Hello,

Below is a summary of recent news around the rapidly deteriorating state of democracy and human rights in Cambodia under the rule of Prime Minister Hun Sen's regime. Leaders with the CNRP are available to discuss developments.

- **Cambodia's Ministry of Interior threatened to seize the assets of CNRP officials** if they continue to urge supporters to boycott the July national elections. Ministry spokesperson Khieu Sopheak claimed the seizure of assets would be justified because the exiled CNRP leaders no longer live in Cambodia, but independent observers insist there is no legal precedent for doing so.
- CNRP Vice President **Mu Sochua shared her history of fighting for women's rights in a viral [NowThis video](#)**. Sochua was the first woman to serve as Cambodia's Minister of Foreign Affairs, but was forced into exile after the country's Supreme Court banned her and 117 members of the CNRP from politics. She will also be speaking at the upcoming [Oslo Freedom Forum](#) next week.
- **A Cambodian court extended the pre-trial detention of two Radio Free Asia journalists** in Cambodia's latest crackdown of the free press, which includes shutting down Radio Free Asia's Phnom Penh bureau and The Cambodia Daily. In another threat to freedom of assembly and speech, the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) threatened to sue activist Rong Chhun after he [raised concerns](#) over workers' safety.
- In the latest international rebuke to Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen's authoritarian actions, **the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee passed the Cambodia Democracy Act** to impose sanctions on Cambodian government officials directly responsible for undermining democracy. The bill will next be considered by the full House of Representatives.

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

Thanks,
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