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**From:** Nick Kauzlarich  
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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, the response of the international community, and the ongoing efforts of the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) to restore democracy in the country. Leaders with the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) are available to discuss developments.

- Former CNRP leader Sam Rainsy met with European Parliament members and EU ambassadors in Brussels this week, urging them to take action against Hun Sen's regime. Rainsy's visit comes after the EU raised concerns regarding the deterioration of democracy in Cambodia and announced it was reviewing Cambodian exports' tax-free status. You can watch Rainsy's Facebook Live during his visit here.
- The Cambodian government announced it will censor online news ahead of the July national elections, drawing widespread condemnation from human rights groups. The measure is the latest crackdown on Cambodia's free press, as Hun Sen has already shut down the country's largest independent newspaper and over a dozen independent radio stations.
- A Cambodian appeals court denied bail to imprisoned CNRP leader Kem Sokha as he awaits trial on treason charges widely dismissed as politically motivated. Kem Sokha's appeal for bail has been rejected four times since his arrest in September, which prompted Hun Sen and the Cambodian Supreme Court to dissolve the CNRP and subsequently ban the party from participating in the upcoming national elections.

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

Thanks,  
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