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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.

- Human Rights Watch released a new [report](#) documenting the history of human rights abuses committed by Hun Sen's security forces, ranging from lethal force against peaceful protesters and land confiscations to labor abuses and low wages. In total, the report [implicates](#) 12 police officers and army generals, including National Police Chief Neth Savoeun and military chief Pol Saroeun.
- The Cambodian government [will send](#) more than 50,000 observers—including from Myanmar, Singapore and China—to monitor next month's general election, despite [preventing](#) independent Cambodian electoral watchdog groups from monitoring. Last year, the Cambodian government closed a group of 30 NGO election monitors after accusing them of trying to promote a revolution.
- CNRP leader Kem Sokha [was awarded](#) the Asian Human Rights Peace Prize by the National Council of Churches, a South Korean rights group, for his efforts to promote human rights and democracy in Cambodia. CNRP Deputy President Mu Sochua received the award on behalf of Sokha, who has been imprisoned since September 2017 on treason charges the UN has [called](#) politically motivated. Days later, Sochua [led a rally](#) of hundreds of Cambodians in Seoul, demanding the immediate release of Sokha and urging Japan to withdraw all support for Cambodia's upcoming elections.

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

Thanks,
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