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From: Nick Kauzlarich
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Subject: ICYMI: Washington Post editorial: "The U.S. must confront Cambodia's descent into despotism"

Hello,

I wanted to make sure you saw this recent [Washington Post editorial](#) urging the U.S. to take action against Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, who has banned the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) from participating in the country's general elections this month.

Congress has failed to pass any legislation to curb the regime, and while the U.S. Treasury Department [imposed targeted sanctions](#) against a Cambodian general, a new Human Rights Watch [report](#) identified 12 other Cambodian generals who were involved in a series of human rights abuses to bolster Hun Sen.

The editorial states: **"It might be too late to uphold democratic principles in the upcoming election, but the United States should act to save what little remains of Cambodia's democratic institutions and processes. Targeting Hun Sen's generals—who are linchpins of his repressive rule—is a good place to start."**

As you consider covering the Cambodian elections, please let me know if you're interested in speaking with the exiled leaders of the CNRP, who could discuss Hun Sen's oppressive regime and steps the U.S. could take to restore democracy in Cambodia.

Thanks,
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