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**From:** Nick Kauzlarich  
**Sent:** Friday, July 06, 2018 3:32 PM  
**To:** Nick Kauzlarich  
**Subject:** EU fact-finding mission may put Cambodia's trade agreement at risk

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.

- With just 23 days until the election, the EU launched a week-long fact-finding mission to review Cambodian exports' tax-free status, which could affect 40 percent of all Cambodian exports. The mission will assess Cambodia's compliance with its human rights obligations, and 18 EU parliamentarians have called for its findings to be made public. In response, Cambodian diplomats traveled to the EU to lobby against removing Cambodia from the preferential trade agreement.
- Cambodian garment workers, who predominantly voted for the CNRP in 2013, are being pressured to vote in the upcoming elections out of fear for losing their jobs. According to one garment worker, employees "need to show the management team our fingers. If they are not inked, we will face problems. If the management tells us when to leave, I have to obey." The CNRP has launched a "clean fingers campaign" calling on its supporters to boycott the upcoming elections.
- Japan defended its financial and technical support for Cambodia's electoral process for the upcoming national elections, despite criticism that it cannot be either free or fair without the participation of the CNRP. The country's stance has prompted CNRP protests across the globe urging Japan, which is the main funder of Cambodia's elections, to withdraw all assistance and demand the release of CNRP leader Kem Sokha.

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

Thanks,  
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**From:** Nick Kauzlarich  
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**Subject:** Cambodia's sham election | Opposition Leaders Avail

Hello,

Ahead of Cambodia's upcoming sham election on July 29, **Sam Rainsy**, the longtime Cambodian opposition leader, **Mu Sochua**, the Deputy President of the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP), and global democracy experts are available to discuss the high stakes of this election. The Cambodian election is poised to consolidate the power of Prime Minister Hun Sen and comes during a year that has seen democracy in peril across the globe, with elections in countries from Venezuela to Turkey empowering authoritarian regimes.

Over the past year, Hun Sen, who has been in power for more than three decades, has advanced his egregious attacks on democracy and human rights in Cambodia with one goal in mind: to run unopposed in the July election and solidify his rule for years to come. In the lead up to the election, Hun Sen dissolved the CNRP (the only viable opposition party), imprisoned and exiled its leaders, presided over the murders of landowners protesting his illegal grabs of their land, and shut down the largest independent newspaper in the country as well as over a dozen independent radio stations. With the election less than a month away, the CNRP has called for a boycott of what will inevitably be a sham election.

As it stands, Cambodia is on the verge of becoming an illegitimate government—at great cost to its people. With the EU threatening to revoke Cambodian exports' tax-free status, and the U.S. considering sanctions, Cambodia's illegitimate government will face tremendous consequences, which could spell economic disaster for Cambodia, including tariffs, losing major trading partners, and a reduced credit rating.

Best,  
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