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**From:** Becca Rose  
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Hello,

After former President Obama's speech on the rise of "strongman politics" and threats to global democracy, I wanted to see if you'd be interested in **connecting with Cambodian opposition leaders who have been experiencing the consequences of "strongman politics" firsthand ahead of their country's July 29 elections.** In the lead up to the election, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen dissolved the Cambodia National Rescue Party (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.

With the election just days away, the CNRP is calling for a boycott of what will inevitably be a sham election. If you're interested, I can connect you with the leaders spearheading this effort, including Sam Rainsy, the longtime Cambodian opposition leader, and Mu Sochua, the Deputy President of the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP), as well as global democracy experts who are available to discuss the high stakes of this election.

As it stands, Cambodia is on the verge of becoming an illegitimate government—at great cost to its people. With the EU completing a fact-finding mission and threatening to revoke Cambodian exports' tax-free status, along with 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.

Please let me know if you are interested in connecting with leaders of the CNRP.

Thanks!  
Becca

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