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Ahead of Cambodia's Sham Election, Cambodian Europeans to Host Rally Calling for an Election Boycott

Rally comes after Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen banned the only viable opposition party from participating in the July 29 national election, among other actions eroding democracy and human rights in the country

Ahead of Cambodia's upcoming sham election on July 29, **hundreds of Cambodian Europeans will hold a rally on Saturday, July 28 at Noon in Geneva, Switzerland to urge Cambodians to boycott the election and to call on the international community, including the European Union and other signatories countries of the Paris Peace Agreement 1991, to reject the results of this undemocratic election.** The rally is one of many happening across the globe, including in Washington DC, Seoul, Paris, and Tokyo as part of the Cambodia National Rescue Party's (CNRP) day of protests.

Over the past year, Cambodia's Prime Minister 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 leadup to the election, Hun Sen has [dissolved and banned](#) the CNRP, the only viable opposition party in Cambodia, [exiled and imprisoned](#) its leaders, and [shut down](#) the largest independent newspaper in the country. The CNRP is calling on its supporters, which includes nearly half of the voting population in Cambodia, to boycott this illegitimate election.

WHAT: Rally urging Cambodians to boycott July 29 election

WHEN: Saturday, July 28
12:00pm - 5:00pm

WHERE: 47 Quai Wilson (in front of Palais Wilson) to Place des Nations (Broken Chair, in front of United Nations Headquarters), 1202 Geneva, Switzerland

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