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## Passengers on Hijacked Flight Freed; Suspect Arrested

REUTERS

LARNACA, Cyprus/CAIRO - An EgyptAir plane flying from Alexandria to Cairo was hijacked and forced to land in Cyprus yesterday, but the passengers and crew were freed unharmed and the hijacker, whose motives remained a mystery, was arrested after giving himself up.

Eighty-one people, including 21 foreigners and 15 crew, had been on board the Airbus 320 flight when it took off, Egypt's Civil Aviation Ministry said in a statement.

Conflicting theories emerged about the hijacker's motives, with Cypriot officials saying early on that the incident did not appear related to terrorism but the Cypriot state broadcaster saying he had demanded the release of women prisoners in Egypt.

Cypriot authorities determined late yesterday that the belt worn by the hijacker did not contain explosives, Egypt's Civil Aviation Ministry said in a statement.

"Security in Cyprus confirmed that the explosive belt worn by the man who hijacked the plane was fake," it said.

After the aircraft landed at Larnaca airport, negotiations began and everyone on board was freed except three passengers and four crew, Egypt's Civil Aviation Minister Sherif Fethy said.

Soon after his comments, Cypriot television footage showed several people leaving the plane via the

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Siv Channa/The Cambodia Daily

Dressed in CNRP hats and shirts, a group of students parades through Phnom Penh yesterday protesting against deputy opposition leader Kem Sokha's refusal to respond to accusations that he had extramarital affairs.

## CPP Lawmaker Threatens Sokha With Inquiry

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THE CAMBODIA DAILY

CPP National Assembly spokesman Chheang Vun yesterday threatened deputy opposition leader Kem Sokha with a parliamentary inquiry into claims he had a series of extramarital affairs, pointing to the impeachment proceedings against former U.S. President Bill Clinton.

The threat came as Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) Chairman Om Yentieng appeared to threaten to release information incriminating opposition

leader Sam Rainsy if he continues to rebuke the anti-graft body for its involvement in the accusations against Mr. Sokha.

Mr. Vun, who is also a senior ruling party lawmaker, made his threat to launch an "ad hoc" inquiry into Mr. Sokha's alleged indiscretions outside the Assembly after accepting a petition against Mr. Sokha from a student group that also delivered its grievances to the U.N.'s human rights office.

"Being a lawmaker, he should not be summoned for questioning

—but he should be responsible for this scandal since the value of the Khmer women he cheated has fallen," Mr. Vun said, accusing the CNRP deputy leader of "seriously violating the adultery law."

"There is a way for us to take action that does not violate the law, and that means that the permanent committee, in accordance with the Constitution and National Assembly's internal rules, has the right to create an ad hoc committee to investigate this case," he said.

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## Cambodia's Democratic Progress Stymied in 2015

BY KHY SOVUTHY  
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THE CAMBODIA DAILY

The evolution of Cambodia's democracy saw significant setbacks last year, with the government repeatedly violating the law, suppressing freedom of expression and overseeing continued state corruption, according to an annual report released by a watchdog yesterday.

Koul Panha, executive director of the Committee for Free and Fair

Elections (Comfrel), which compiled the study, warned that Cambodia was faltering on its path to democracy with local and national elections approaching in the next two years.

"The government cracked down on the opposition last year—with physical assaults, legal harassment and arrests," he said. "The freedom to demonstrate was also restricted, and the freedom of association is under threat with the new NGO

law."

The Law on Associations and Non-Governmental Organizations came into force in August, despite widespread concern from donors and rights organizations including Comfrel, who fear it will be used to impede the work of those critical of the ruling party.

The report adds that curbs to free speech also moved online last year with the prosecution and

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## AND ALSO

## Tree Man Charged With Mischief

REUTERS

SEATTLE - A man who refused for 25 hours to climb down from the canopy of a giant sequoia in downtown Seattle was charged on Monday with malicious mischief and assault over his treetop standoff, which drew headlines and created a sensation on social media.

Prosecutors also requested a court order to keep Cody Lee Miller, 28, from going near the 24-meter

tree again, according to charging documents filed in King County.

Miller was arrested last week after a daylong confrontation with authorities who tried to cajole him down from the tree, located on public property in downtown Seattle, police said.

Holding authorities at bay, Miller threw pine cones and branches at firefighters, police and pedestrians, and drew a crowd of onlookers.

## Comfrel...

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imprisonment of citizens who expressed anti-government opinions on the Internet. Comfrel also noted that the last year brought numerous examples of the judiciary being beholden to the CPP.

"In total, fourteen CNRP officials and supporters were charged, prosecuted and imprisoned under questionable and dubious legal circumstances," it says.

A separate study released yesterday by Comfrel shows that recorded instances of state-based corruption increased by about 35 percent last year, based on information gathered from rights groups, public surveys and trusted media outlets.

The report found 297 recorded cases of political corruption last

year, including 135 cases of bribes and fraud and 133 related to the misuse of state resources. Complicit in the abuse of power for political gain were "senior government officials and commanders in chief of armed forces as well as senior national police officials," it says.

Political analyst Ou Virak said there was a direct connection between rife corruption, weak legal institutions and a general lack of government accountability, but said that despite its failings, the ruling party had shown signs of being more attentive to the public.

"A lot of young people are now taking part in expressing their own opinion, in massive numbers," he said. "And though the ruling party are not perfect, they are responding to this pressure to try to please voters—that's how democracy should work."

Council of Ministers spokesman Phay Siphon said Comfrel's

## NEWSMAKERS

■ DONALD TRUMP shored up the newborn vote Sunday as daughter Ivanka gave birth to her third child, and Trump's eighth grandchild, Theodore James Kushner. The 34-year-old businesswoman gave birth on Easter Sunday, a particular boon for her father, who just last week was telling the American Israel Public Affairs Committee convention that his daughter was "about to have a beautiful Jewish baby." IVANKA TRUMP converted to Judaism before marrying her husband, Jared Kushner, seven years ago. Ivanka tweeted both a birth announcement and a photo of her new son, whose family also includes 4-year-old Arabella Rose and 2-year-old Joseph Frederick. New baby Kushner isn't the only pending arrival looking to bless the 2016 campaign trail, as CHELSEA CLINTON announced her second pregnancy in December, a sibling for Charlotte, who will turn 2 in September. (LAT)

reports overlooked numerous reforms the government had made to improve the state of democracy and limit corruption.

"That organization never says anything positive about the government. I don't really pay much attention to them," Mr. Siphon said.

"First, the Anti-Corruption Law is working to change the mindset and behavior of government officials. Secondly, we are more closely monitoring wealth irregularities among officials and citizens," he said.

"As for democracy, high-ranking ministers do go to the grassroots to speak to people, which improves the government's core role as a service provider."

CPP spokesman Sok Eysan took his criticism a step further, counting Comfrel among "extremists" working against the government.

"According to the evaluation of some senior figures, democracy in

Cambodia has not decreased," Mr. Eysan said. "United States Secretary of State John Kerry and President Barack Obama even evaluated that Cambodia has been rescued from war and is getting better."

"But there are some Cambodian extremists who make evaluations like this—it is not correct," he added.

Despite progress in some areas, the research's broad findings point to the pressing need for holistic and systematic government reforms, said Preap Kol, executive director of Transparency International Cambodia.

The state's anti-corruption body and the judiciary continue to lack independence, there is not a functioning government audit mechanism, and state revenue collection and spending continue to be opaque, he explained.

"There are many things that need to be done at various levels."

## Passengers...

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stairs and another man climbing out of the cockpit window and running off.

The hijacker then surrendered to authorities.

"It's over," the Cypriot Foreign Ministry said in a tweet.

Speaking to reporters after the crisis ended, Egyptian Prime Minister Sherif Ismail said the hijacker was an Egyptian national but that his motives remained unclear.

"At some moments he asked to meet with a representative of the European Union and at other points he asked to go to another airport but there was nothing specific," he said, adding that the man would now be questioned to ascertain his motives.

Cypriot Foreign Ministry official Alexandros Zenon told reporters during the crisis that the hijacker

appeared to be "unstable."

Egypt's Civil Aviation Ministry said the plane's pilot, Omar al-Gammal, had informed authorities that he was threatened by a passenger who claimed to be wearing a suicide explosives belt and forced him to divert the plane to Larnaca.

Photographs shown on Egyptian state television showed a middle-aged man on a plane wearing glasses and displaying a white belt with bulging pockets and protruding wires.

Fethy, the Egyptian aviation minister, said authorities had suspected the suicide belt was not genuine but treated the incident as serious to ensure the safety of all those on board.

"Our passengers are all well and the crew is all well... We cannot say this was a terrorist act... He was not a professional," Fethy told reporters after the incident.

In the midst of the crisis, witnesses said the hijacker had thrown a letter on the apron in Larnaca, written

in Arabic, asking that it be delivered to his ex-wife, who is Cypriot.

But the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation said the hijacker had asked for the release of women prisoners in Egypt, suggesting a political motive.

EgyptAir also delayed a New York-bound flight from Cairo onto which some passengers of the hijacked plane had been due to connect. Fethy said it was delayed partly due to a technical issue but also as a precaution.

The plane remained on the tarmac at Larnaca throughout the morning while Cypriot security forces took up positions around the scene.

While the reasons for the hijacking were not entirely clear, the incident will deal another blow to Egypt's tourism industry and hurt efforts to revive an economy hammered by political unrest following the 2011 uprising.

The sector, a main source of hard currency for the import-dependent county, was already reeling from the crash of a Russian passenger plane in the Sinai in late October.

President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi

has said the Russian plane was brought down by a terrorist attack. The Islamic State group has said it planted a bomb on the plane, killing all 224 people on board.

The incident has raised renewed questions over airport security in Egypt. Ismail said stringent measures were in place.

There was also some confusion over the identity of the hijacker. Egypt's official state news agency MENA initially named him as Egyptian national Ibrahim Samaha but later said the hijacker was called Seif Eldin Mustafa.

The Cypriot Foreign Affairs Ministry also identified the hijacker as Mustafa.

Passengers on the plane included eight Americans, four Britons, four Dutch, two Belgians, an Italian, a Syrian and French national, the Civil Aviation Ministry.

Cyprus has seen little militant activity for decades, despite its proximity to the Middle East.

A botched attempt by Egyptian commandos to storm a hijacked airliner at Larnaca airport led to the disruption of diplomatic relations between Cyprus and Egypt in 1978.

**Correction:** The article "Four More Officials to Receive New Posts in Cabinet Reshuffle" (March 29) incorrectly identified Ly Phalla as the director of the Agriculture Ministry's general directorate of rubber. He is the former director.

NATIONAL

# No Investigation for Soldiers Who Stormed Forestry Office

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THE CAMBODIA DAILY

There are no plans to investigate a group of soldiers who allegedly threatened to shoot Forestry Administration officials on Monday for refusing to release a military truck that had been seized for transporting wood believed to have been illegally logged, a military police official said yesterday.

According to the head of the Forestry Administration's division in Anlong Veng district, Khorn Khem, 10 soldiers from Platoon 243 of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF) stormed his office on Monday morning with guns drawn to demand that his officials release the platoon's truck. He said the vehicle was impounded as evidence last week after the driver was caught hauling six cubic meters of ill-gotten timber through the district without authorization.

Yesterday, district military police commander Nguon Thearith, who arrived at the scene of the standoff before the soldiers eventually left empty-handed, said there would be no investigation because no one was hurt and he did not see the sol-

diery pointing their guns at anyone. "They misunderstood each other," he said. "The Forestry Administration did not explain to the soldiers the rules of the Forestry Administration, and the soldiers had a permission letter from the Oddar Meanchey provincial government letting them take the truck, so they tried to take it."

Mr. Thearith said the letter had been stamped by provincial governor Sar Thavy's cabinet, but added that the forestry officials would have needed permission from the provincial court—which they did not have—to release the truck.

Mr. Thavy declined to comment yesterday, referring questions to the Forestry Administration.

Mr. Khem, the administration's division chief, said only that he intended to continue pursuing the original illegal logging and transport case against the platoon.

"No one can take the truck that was illegally transporting the timber until the legal procedure is finished with the court," he said, before hanging up on a reporter.

Officials in RCAF's Division 2, which oversees Platoon 243, could not be reached for comment.

# Police Block Meeting Between UN Envoy and Kuoy Villagers

By BUTH KIMSAY  
THE CAMBODIA DAILY

Police in Preah Vihear province on Monday stopped a meeting between the U.N. human rights envoy to Cambodia and ethnic Kuoy villagers attempting to air their grievances over a long-running land dispute between them and a Chinese sugar cane plantation, according to the U.N.

As part of her second fact-finding mission in the country, Rhona Smith met briefly with villagers affected by a sugarcane plantation owned by the Lan Feng company, which in 2011 was granted a 9,000-hectare concession over land the Kuoy say they have been farming for generations. But the meeting in Tbeng Meanchey district's Brameru commune was broken up by plainclothes police officers.

The incident occurred ahead of Ms. Smith's meeting yesterday with deputy provincial governor Sok Hai to discuss issues including police obstruction of interactions between communities and NGOs.

"The [special rapporteur] herself experienced this yesterday when police officers (without identification and not in uniform) told

her team to stop meeting with [Kuoy] indigenous community members in Prome village pending clearance from the district level," said the post to the U.N.'s Human Rights in Cambodia Facebook page.

"The deputy governor apologized for the disruption, pledging to investigate the incident. He also confirmed police should be identified in uniform when on duty," it added.

Roeung Khan, a village representative, said the villagers had enough time to relay some of their concerns to Ms. Smith before the meeting ended.

"We lost the land not because of our carelessness, but we lost the land because the government gave a land concession to the Chinese company," she said.

Despite police breaking up the meeting, Ms. Khan said the villagers would not be muzzled by the local authorities.

"We have faced this problem many times already in the past," she said.

Provincial officials could not be reached for comment.

Ms. Smith's current mission is due to end on Thursday.



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## NATIONAL

# Court Drops Charges Against Two Mother Nature Monks

BY AUN PHEAP  
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THE CAMBODIA DAILY

The Koh Kong Provincial Court has dropped conspiracy charges against two founders of the environmental NGO Mother Nature, but the group's charismatic executive director, Spanish national Alex Gonzalez-Davidson, remains on the hook for the same alleged crime, a court official said yesterday.

Mr. Gonzalez-Davidson, who was deported from Cambodia last year, said in response that he planned to attempt to return to face prosecution, but that the provincial court was "paranoid" that his presence would spoil plans for a show trial.

In August, three Mother Nature activists—Sim Samnang, 29; Tri Sovichea, 26; and Sun Mala, 24—were arrested and charged with threatening to cause damage, accusations that stemmed from their campaign against sand dredging in a Koh Kong estuary.

Prum Thormacheat and So Chantra, two monks who found-

ed the organization with Mr. Gonzalez-Davidson, were subsequently charged as conspirators in the case.

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—ALEX GONZALEZ-DAVIDSON,  
MOTHER NATURE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Yesterday, however, provincial court Investigating Judge Chhum Davy said the charges against the monks had been dropped due to a lack of evidence tying them to the crime.

"I have dropped the charges for the two monks because we don't have enough evidence to accuse the pair. But for Alex, he is still charged because we have enough

evidence to accuse him," Ms. Davy said, refusing to say what evidence the court had against the Spanish activist.

Mr. Gonzalez-Davidson—who was deported in February last year after the government refused to renew his visa over his role in helping set up an illegal roadblock—said in an email yesterday that he was willing to return to Cambodia to stand trial and face the "fabricated" charges, but that he doubted the government would allow it.

"The court seems to think that this is enough 'evidence' to charge me with being an accomplice to a crime, though they don't seem

brave enough to allow me to be present in court to defend myself and present my side of the story," he said.

"To me this is a crystal clear indication that the powerful syndicates who control the Koh Kong court are paranoid that my presence in court will jeopardize their plan to stage a show trial against me and the other activists, as the charges are totally fabricated and as the evidence they have against us is zero," he added.

"If not, I don't see any choice but to fly to Phnom Penh, arrest warrant in hand, and give myself up to the police forces at the airport."

## After 8 Years on Run, Russian Fugitive Apprehended in S'ville

BY BEN SOKHEAN  
THE CAMBODIA DAILY

A Russian fugitive and former associate of jailed oligarch Sergei Polonsky has been arrested in Sihanoukville and will be questioned by the Interior Ministry's anti-terrorism department today after nearly a decade on the run, officials said yesterday.

Vladimir Balatin, 37, has been wanted by Russian authorities since "cheating a company of money" in 2007 and 2008, according to an arrest warrant issued by the Appeal Court in July 2014.

The warrant, signed by deputy prosecutor Hean Rith and dated July 18, states that the Appeal Court was instructed to order the arrest of Mr. Balatin by the Justice Ministry, in response to a request from Russian authorities. It does not say how much money Mr. Balatin is alleged to have stolen or from which company.

Kol Phally, deputy police chief of Preah Sihanouk province, said Mr. Balatin was arrested while riding alone in a taxi on Kamakor Street in Sihanoukville's Bei commune at about 1 p.m. on Monday, when local police recognized him from a photograph.

"We arrested him yesterday in Bei commune and sent him to be questioned at the provincial police headquarters," Mr. Phally said. He referred further questions to Em Voleak, another deputy provincial police chief who is in charge of the case.

Mr. Voleak said the suspect was arrested after officials at the Interior Ministry's anti-terrorism department informed him that Mr. Balatin arrived in Sihanoukville

last week.

"We have been trying to find him for a long time," he said. "We arrested him on the orders of the upper level, which said he was involved in cheating a lot of money from his own country."

Under questioning on Monday, Mr. Balatin told police that he could not remember exactly when he arrived in Cambodia but that he had been living in Phnom Penh for the past four years and visited Sihanoukville frequently, Mr. Voleak said.

"When we asked him what his job was, he said, 'I have no job and just came here as a tourist,'" he added.

In fact, Mr. Balatin was often seen in the company of Mr. Polonsky, a Russian billionaire who was deported from Cambodia to Russia in May and jailed on serious fraud charges. For years, Mr. Polonsky lived in luxury on a private island off the coast of Sihanoukville while avoiding prosecution in his home country and enjoying scant scrutiny—and even protection—from Cambodian authorities.

Y Sok Khy, director of the anti-terrorism department, confirmed that his department was leading the investigation into Mr. Balatin but said he did not know whether he would be deported to Russia. He said the suspect was en route to Phnom Penh as of last night and would be questioned by officials today.

Officials at the Appeal Court could not be reached yesterday. The Russian Embassy in Phnom Penh did not respond to a request for comment.



Police officers hold one of 17 pythons seized from a truck in Kandal province on Monday, in a photograph provided by the anti-economic crime police.

### Police Seize Turtles, Pythons En Route to Vietnam

Police seized 102 endangered turtles and 17 pythons from a truck driving through Kandal province on Monday, arresting the two drivers for attempting to smuggle the animals to Vietnam, officials said yesterday. Officers from the Interior Ministry's anti-economic crime police department stopped the truck in Kien Svay district after an investigation by undercover police, according to Long Sreng, the department's chief. "One hundred and two mountain turtles and 17 pythons were confiscated by economic police from the Ministry of Interior from a smuggling truck on the way to Vietnam yesterday at 5 p.m. on National Route 1," Brigadier General Sreng said. Brig. Gen. Sreng said the wildlife had been hidden beneath foodstuffs including noodles and seasoning. Photographs provided by police show officers pulling some of the animals out of rice sacks, holding up snakes about 3 meters long and weighing a turtle of about 15 kg. The police chief said the animals would be handed to the Wildlife Alliance, adding that the truck had been impounded and the suspects were being questioned. "Economic police are questioning them to find out what the source of wildlife smuggling is, but it will be revealed in the next two days," Brig. Gen. Sreng said. (*Saing Soenthrith*)

NATIONAL

— National Briefs —

Vietnamese Police Arrest Suspected Gold Smugglers

Vietnamese police are holding four Cambodian women they arrested Sunday on suspicion of conspiring to smuggle gold across the border into Takeo province but will release them today due to a lack of incriminating evidence, an official said yesterday. The four friends from Takeo's Borei Cholsar district—some of them relatives of provincial government officials—were stopped and searched just after crossing into Vietnam's An Giang province on Sunday, according to deputy Takeo governor Yos Nasy. Upon discovering that the women were carrying 1 billion Vietnamese Dong, or about \$45,000, in cash, Vietnamese police apprehended the women, believing them to be gold smugglers, Mr. Nasy said, claiming that the women—whom he refused to name—were in fact on a shopping trip. When Vietnamese authorities informed the Takeo provincial government that the women were in custody, Cambodian officials persuaded their counterparts to free the women, he added. "Some of the four are relatives of provincial officials, but we intervened because they are just normal people, and good, and they didn't commit a crime." (Sek Odom)

More Protests Threatened Against Manet's US Visit

Members of the Cambodian-American community in Lowell, Massachusetts, planned to rally outside a City Council meeting yesterday evening to protest a planned visit by Prime Minister Hun Sen's eldest son, Hun Manet, to mark the Khmer New Year, according to the Lowell Sun. The protesters in Lowell, home to the U.S.' second-largest Cambodian community, join a group from Long Beach, California, who successfully lobbied to deter Lieutenant General Manet from joining a Khmer New Year parade there. Lt. Gen. Manet is expected to visit Lowell on April 16 and 17, with meetings scheduled with Edward Kennedy, the city's mayor, and Niki Tsongas, a U.S. congresswoman representing the city, the Lowell Sun reported, adding that he will also give a talk at a restaurant in the city. Although Lt. Gen. Manet announced earlier this week that he would not attend the parade in Long Beach in the face of pledged protests, CPP spokesman Sok Eysan said the ruling party would not make a habit of backing down due to discontent. "We are not required to compromise in an attempt to stop the demonstration, and they are able to protest every time as they wish because that is the right of those people," he said. (Aun Pheap)



Siv Channa/The Cambodia Daily

Ouk Sithorn, second from right, leaves the Phnom Penh Municipal Court yesterday.

Another Case, Another Year In Prison for Military Colonel

BY OUCH SONY THE CAMBODIA DAILY

A military colonel serving a one-year prison sentence for fraud was yesterday handed an identical jail term after being found guilty of accepting a bribe to process a prospective student's application to study at the National Defense University in Phnom Penh.

Ouk Sithorn, 48, who has been suspended from his position in the Defense Ministry's inspections department, has been tried for fraud at least three times for taking money from Defense University applicants and then pocketing it.

In October, Mr. Sithorn was sentenced to a year behind bars for accepting part of a \$10,000 bribe paid to Kim Sokhon, deputy chief of the university's employment office, who had promised to secure admission for three of the plaintiff's nephews. Mr. Sokhon was also convicted in the case but has never been arrested or appeared in court.

Last month, Mr. Sithorn stood trial in a nearly identical case, but it remains unclear whether he was

convicted.

On trial in the third and latest case earlier this month, Mr. Sithorn admitted to accepting \$2,800 from plaintiff Huot Thorn—whom he promised to pay back if his application to the university was rejected—only to use the money to resolve a family issue.

Yesterday, the court announced that he was guilty as charged.

"The court decides to sentence Ouk Sithorn, 39, to one year in prison on a charge of fraud committed in Phnom Penh in 2015," said Presiding Judge Yin Saroeun, adding that the colonel would also be made to pay \$2,500 to Mr. Thorn.

As he was led out of the courtroom, Mr. Sithorn said he would appeal the decision, going on to suggest that others were guilty of the same crime. "I will not let them go free," he said.

Sar Moeun, vice rector of the Defense University, said Mr. Sokhon was still employed by the school.

"He was there this morning," he said, reiterating that he knew nothing about the October conviction.

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## NATIONAL

# Ex-KR Official Denies Blood On His Hands

## Police to Start Night Inspections of Migrants

BY GEORGE WRIGHT  
THE CAMBODIA DAILY

A former Khmer Rouge official yesterday refuted accusations that he had avoided returning to Monduliri province after the fall of the regime because his hands were "stained with the blood of many people."

Testifying at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia via video link from Oddar Meanchey province, Sao Sarun, 92, a former secretary of Sector 105—now Monduliri—denied that atrocities were carried out on his watch. In 2012, Mr. Sarun also testified in the first phase of Case 002.

Under questioning from co-prosecutor Nicholas Koumjian yesterday, the ailing former official was faced with a statement provided to the Documentation Center of Cambodia by a witness named Sal Ra, who claimed Mr. Sarun had avoided returning to Monduliri due to the purges he oversaw.

"He does not dare to go to Monduliri because his hands are stained with the blood of many people," the prosecutor read from Mr. Ra's statement after Mr. Sarun said he could not remember the last time he visited Monduliri.

"Do you have any explanation why people in Monduliri would think that so many people died when you were in charge of the sector?" Mr. Koumjian asked.

"That is not true," Mr. Sarun shot back.

"I went to Monduliri a few times," he continued, changing the subject. "The first time, I stayed there for three months, and I stayed in the provincial town for one week. The governor of Monduliri and the commander of soldiers celebrated and threw a party when I was there."

Mr. Sarun conceded that killings took place under the Khmer Rouge but absolved himself of responsibility before embarking on a rant as Trial Chamber President Nil Nonn attempted to interject.

"Killings did happen in the Pol Pot time—individuals would accuse one another and kill one another," Mr. Sarun said.

"The one who made that report has no good intention and they wanted to kill Khmer people by saying that in the report," he said, referring to Mr. Ra's statement, adding that those who accused him of presiding over purges simply "want to be famous."

BY SEK ODOM  
THE CAMBODIA DAILY

In the latest step in efforts to deport illegal migrant workers, the head of the Interior Ministry's immigration department said yesterday that his officers would begin around-the-clock inspections of businesses, particularly those with many Vietnamese employees.

Immigration police chief Sok Phal announced at an annual meeting of the department that its officers would begin a new policy to conduct inspections at night, with a particular focus on clubs, restaurants and casinos in Phnom Penh.

"About 98 percent of all foreign migrants working in Cambodia are of Vietnamese nationality," said General Phal during an annual meeting in Phnom Penh yesterday.

"I see many foreign migrants at Naga Casino or Casa Club, but we have not made night-time inspections," he said. "We have only been operating in the day, so we can't check if they are legal workers."

The department also released statistics summarizing the last two years of work to rein in the number of illegal migrants working in the country.

In the first 11 months of last year, immigration police and La-



Siv Channa/The Cambodia Daily

**Sok Phal, head of the Ministry of Interior's immigration department, speaks at an annual meeting in Phnom Penh yesterday.**

bor Ministry officials inspected 2,665 enterprises throughout the country for foreign migrants and found 1,930 illegal migrant laborers, according to the data.

Gen. Phal said officers stationed along the border needed to step up their efforts to keep out illegal laborers.

"I also think there is not enough work being done at the Cambodia and Vietnam border to stop illegal immigration," he said.

Following renewed implementation of laws related to foreign

workers, the number of those who possess the documents to show that they are working in the country legally is also on the rise, said Seng Sakada, who heads the Labor Ministry's labor department.

The number of work permits issued in 2015 more than doubled from the previous year to 35,912, leading to a parallel increase in fees paid to the government, Mr. Sakada said.

"The money received from work permits was \$2 million in 2014 and \$5 million last year," he said.

## Leaders Take 'Peace and Development' Award

BY KHUON NARIM  
THE CAMBODIA DAILY

Prime Minister Hun Sen and National Assembly President Heng Samrin were awarded the inaugural Peace and Development award yesterday by the Union Media in Asean (UMA), a Thailand-based media association friendly with the military junta.

At the award ceremony for Mr. Samrin at the Assembly, UMA secretary-general Prasit Sangrueang explained the criteria for the award.

"The person has to provide advantage to their citizens, build achievements and be recognized by their own country and by the world," he said.

He said Mr. Samrin qualified for having helped wrest Cambodia from the Khmer Rouge as a leader of the Vietnamese-backed forces that toppled Pol Pot in 1979 and for subsequently helping develop the country and—he claimed—turn it into a democracy.

"Samdech Samrin led the forces to save the people and bring democracy," he said. "The Cambodian people live comfortably now and have a high GDP in Asean. Cambodia now has roads and tall buildings. Compared to the past, the pres-

ent is very different."

Cambodia remains one of the poorest countries in the Asean bloc, however, and in Transparency International's latest corruption perceptions index it ranked dead-last among the 10 member states. It regularly ranks near the bottom on international indexes of democratic freedoms.

At his own award ceremony yesterday at his office building, Mr. Hun Sen said he had brushed aside many a proffered award but accepted this one in the hopes of fostering good regional relations, going on to paint himself as a champion of the free press.

"Should I explain why I have to receive this award?" Mr. Hun Sen asked rhetorically.

"I accept this award because I want our neighboring media associations to become one institution in order to strengthen cooperation in our region," he said.

"You people here treat me like a democrat," he added. "But to my competitors, I am just a dictator."

"You have to think clearly. Cambodia once had only two black-and-white newspapers, one AM radio broadcaster and one black-and-white television station. Now we have 20 television channels and

about 800 newspapers and magazines. To go from so few to this, is a person a dictator?"

Last year, the Paris-based group Reporters Without Borders ranked Cambodia 139th out of 180 countries in its press freedom index. Most of the country's news outlets are controlled by or affiliated with the ruling CPP.

The organization behind yesterday's award, UMA, organized a press junket for Cambodian journalists in Thailand in the months after the country's 2014 military coup to defend the junta's crackdown on illegal migrant workers.

Suon Bunsak, executive secretary of the Cambodian Human Rights Action Committee, said he was puzzled by the decision to award Mr. Hun Sen a prize for development.

"I wonder, too, because development in Cambodia has caused the violation of human rights...for example, the case of Boeng Kak," he said, referring to the Phnom Penh community from which thousands of families were forced out of their homes to make way for a CPP senator's real estate project.

"The meaning of 'development' does not match the real situation, because where there is development in Cambodia, there is suffering."

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## Inquiry...

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If the claims were found to be true, he said, there would be only one course of action for Mr. Sokha.

"We cannot suspend his immunity, since that requires two-thirds [of votes in the Assembly], but to show the ethics of a lawmaker, he should resign from his parliamentary position if it's true," Mr. Vun said.

He added that Mr. Sokha's case was not unusual in global politics, noting precedents around the world for how such sexual scandals could be dealt with.

"We can see that the U.S. Congress has had a lot of sex scandals. There have been four or five U.S. presidents involved with this issue, and the latest one was Bill Clinton. Bill Clinton was impeached," he said.

"The laws did not allow for [his] removal, but the Congress could impeach and require him to resign from the position. Therefore, the lower house of the U.S. decided that he should leave the position."

Mr. Vun acknowledged that Mr. Clinton was acquitted in the U.S. Senate, but noted that many other politicians had voluntarily resigned after such sex scandals emerged.

The claims against Mr. Sokha stem from dozens of telephone call recordings released on the Internet over the past month apparently featuring Mr. Sokha speaking to mistresses and at times promising them homes.

With Mr. Sokha refusing to publicly react to the accusations, a group of students led by Srey Chamroeun, 24, have waged a campaign trying to force a response. The group's petitioning took a bizarre turn yesterday, with the students donning opposition party T-shirts and hats as they paraded around Phnom Penh.

"We are not related to, or funded by, any political parties to do this, but it stems from our will to find the truth," Mr. Chamroeun said while petitioning.

Besides delivering a copy of their petition to Mr. Vun, the group of about 70 students also visited the U.N.'s human rights office, where they delivered a petition for Rhona Smith, the U.N.'s special rapporteur for human rights in Cambodia, who is currently visiting the country.

The group then headed to the CNRP's headquarters in Meancheay district, where their petition was rejected after a verbal sparring session with opposition supporters. Unsatisfied, they headed to Mr. Sokha's house in the city's north.

Arriving after an hour of driving,

dressed in CNRP gear but chanting about Mr. Sokha's alleged infidelity, the students delivered a petition to a guard outside his home, and then dispersed—but not until playing the recorded telephone calls over loudspeakers.

Standing among the onlookers, Muth Chantha, Mr. Sokha's cabinet chief, said the CNRP had sent written requests to the Phnom Penh municipal police asking for protection but had been denied. The last time protesters came to Mr. Sokha's house, after the beating of two lawmakers in October, they pelted his home with rocks.

Mr. Chantha added that Mr. Sokha, aware of the possibility of more chaos, had not been home.

"I think he's working outside somewhere," he said, declining to be more specific. "I don't really want to talk about this. It is just silly. It is illegal, and they should not even be allowed to come here and do this."

Mr. Chamroeun's student group has so far been successful in petitioning Mr. Yentieng of the ACU to investigate the houses Mr. Sokha allegedly promised mistresses, leading to scorn from some—including Mr. Rainsy, who said the unit did not know its role.

Mr. Yentieng took to Radio France International yesterday to warn Mr. Rainsy to be careful.

"For the case of Sam Rainsy, it doesn't mean we don't have cases with him—we do," Mr. Yentieng said. "But we thought we'd give him some time on this issue, so [we] have not talked yet about about this problem."

"But if he continues to deter our investigation, our unit will clarify it," Mr. Yentieng added.

Mr. Rainsy said he was unafraid. "He's trying to blackmail me, but I could not care less because I have nothing to hide," Mr. Rainsy said by telephone, explaining in a separate email that the CPP was the one who should fear graft inquiries.

"Investigation into the (ill-gotten?) assets of all politicians should proceed now with the participation of independent observers, under the eyes of all citizens."

As for the possibility that parliament will examine Mr. Sokha, CNRP lawmaker Eng Chhay Eang said any such inquiry would only raise more questions.

"There was the case of a group of people beating up lawmakers in front of the National Assembly. We requested the establishment of a committee. It was not created," Mr. Chhay Eang said.

"If the National Assembly permanent committee creates an ad hoc committee to investigate issues below a man's belt, it will make everyone laugh at it."

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## REGIONAL

# One in Five Children in Burma Go to Work Instead of School

REUTERS

BANGKOK - One in five children aged 10 to 17 in Burma go to work instead of school, according to figures from a census report on employment published on Monday.

The Occupation and Industry report—part of Burma's 2014 census—shows about 1.7 million children between 10 and 17 years of age are working.

"Today, one in five children aged 10-17 are missing out on the education that can help them get good jobs and have employment security when they grow up," Janet Jackson, U.N. Population Fund representative for Burma, said in a statement.

Many parts of rural Burma are mired in poverty, and 1 million

people are estimated to be in need of humanitarian aid due to natural disasters and internal conflict, which have driven hundreds of thousands from their homes, according to the U.N.

The 2014 nationwide census—Burma's first in 30 years—was criticized for excluding the country's Muslim Rohingya minorities, who suffer state-sanctioned discrimination.

Most of 1.1 million Rohingya are stateless and live in apartheid-like conditions in the western state of Rakhine.

The main results of the census were released in May 2015 and showed Burma's population stood at 51.4 million—a figure that includes an estimate of the Rohingya

population based on pre-census mapping in Rakhine state, according to UNFPA.

The employment data highlighted a gender gap in the labor market, with about half of women aged 15 to 64 working or looking for a job, compared to 85 percent of men.

The report indicated that more than half—52 percent—of Burma's population is working in one of the agriculture, forestry or fishing sectors.

These findings can be used to improve agricultural productivity to boost economic growth and farmers' earnings, said UNFPA, which assisted the government in carrying out the census.

The report also showed 1 in 5 el-

derly people aged 65 or older still work, mostly in the physically demanding agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors.

"The data suggest that economic realities oblige many people to continue heavy manual labor into old age to survive," Jackson said.

"This underlines the need for adequate social services and policies that serve the aged," the U.N. representative added.

Data from other sources show deep poverty in the country.

Only a third of Burma's households have electric light, the infant mortality rate is 62 per 100,000 live births, and life expectancy stands at 66.8 years compared to neighboring Thailand's 74 years, according to the World Bank.

## Burma Lifts State of Emergency in Conflict-Torn Rakhine State

REUTERS

RANGOON - Burma President Thein Sein, in a surprise move hours before leaving office, lifted a state of emergency in the restive western state of Rakhine, imposed after clashes between Buddhists and minority Rohingya Muslims in 2012.

Thein Sein announced the move

in state media yesterday, a day before a president from Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy will be sworn in at an official handover, after the NLD won the November 8 election by a landslide.

While there have been no major clashes in Rakhine in the last two years, most of Burma's 1.1

million Rohingya Muslims remain stateless and live in apartheid-like conditions. They are denied citizenship and have long complained of state-sanctioned discrimination.

"It is found from the report by the Rakhine state government that the situation in Rakhine state can no longer pose dangers to the lives and property of the people," said the ordinance signed by Thein Sein.

Burma has denied discrimination against the group. It does not recognize the Rohingya as an ethnic minority and instead classifies them as Bengalis. Most Rohingya reject the term, and many families have lived in Rakhine for generations.

Rohingya were denied participation in the November vote, both as voters and as candidates. Before the elections, religious tensions were high, with the NLD deciding not to field a single Muslim candidate on its lists of more than

1,100 hopefuls.

The Rohingya are widely disliked in Burma, where they are seen as illegal immigrants from Bangladesh—including by some in Suu Kyi's party. She risks hemorrhaging support by taking up their cause.

Tensions are rising between the NLD and the Rakhine-based Arakan National Party, one of Burma's most vocal ethnic parties. ANP lawmakers walked out of the regional parliament on Monday wearing black stickers on their jackets, because the NLD denied them the position of the chief minister of the state.

Still, lack of fighting means that some 25,000 Rohingya Muslims have left camps for displaced people and returned to the communities, the U.N. said last week, with the number of people in camps down to around 120,000 from 145,000.

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Burma's National League for Democracy lawmakers line up before a meeting with leader Aung San Suu Kyi in Naypyidaw on Monday.



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## REGIONAL

## Indonesian Sailors Held Hostage in Hijacking

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JAKARTA - The Indonesian government said yesterday that 10 Indonesians were being held hostage by a group claiming to be a militant group in the southern Philippines that apparently hijacked their tugboat and barge.

The company that owns the vessels has received two phone calls since Saturday from someone who claimed to be a member of the hard-line Abu Sayyaf rebel group asking for a ransom, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

"Our current priority is the safety of the 10 crew members," Foreign Ministry spokesman Arrmanatha Nasir said.

According to Nasir, tugboat Brahma 12 and barge Anand 12, carrying 7,000 tons of coal, were on their way from Sungai Putting in South Kalimantan province, central Indonesia, to Batangas in the southern Philippines when they were hijacked.

He said it was not immediately clear exactly when they were hijacked, adding that the tugboat had been released and was in the hands of the Philippine authorities, but that the hijackers were still holding the barge and the crew members.

"Their exact position is still unknown," Nasir said.

Information about the incident was first circulated among a group account of Indonesian sailors on Facebook on Sunday after reading the status of the tugboat's captain, Peter Tonsen Barahama, on his Facebook account saying his boat had been hijacked and all crew members were being held by Abu Sayyaf.

Abu Sayyaf claims to promote an independent Islamic state in western Mindanao and the Sulu Archipelago, in the Philippines, and has engaged in kidnappings for ransom, beheadings of hostages, bombings, assassinations and extortion, making it one of the country's most serious security threats. The U.S. and Philippine governments regard Abu Sayyaf, which was formed in the 1990s with no more than 500 members, as a terrorist organization with links to al-Qaida and its Southeast Asian cell Jamaah Islamiyah.

## Draft Thai Charter Handed Over Ahead of Vote

REUTERS

BANGKOK - Thailand's charter committee handed over a draft constitution to the military government at an auspicious time yesterday, the last step before it is put to a vote in August, something that could speed up Thailand's return to democracy.

If the constitution is adopted in the referendum, a general election is expected to take place in July 2017, more than three years after the army seized power following months of political turmoil.

The charter was handed over at 1.39 p.m. on March 29. Number nine in Thai is pronounced "gao" which sounds like the word for "advance," making it auspicious.

Critics, including the main political parties, say the charter is flawed, that it will enshrine the military's influence, and that it is unlikely to resolve bitter political disputes. The junta has said the draft is not designed to prolong its grip on power.

Controversial clauses include provisions for a 250-member unelected upper house Senate and



Reuters

Meechai Ruchupan, head of Thailand's Constitution Drafting Committee, holds up a draft constitution during a news conference at parliament in Bangkok yesterday.

the appointment of civil servants, including top military commanders, to the Senate.

"There will be a 250-member unelected Senate, which meets the junta's suggestion," Meechai Ruchupan, 77, head of the Constitution Drafting Committee, told reporters at the formal handover ceremony.

The Election Commission said it expects 80 percent of eligible voters to turn out for the August 7 referendum.

The military staged a bloodless coup in May 2014 after months of street demonstrations in Bangkok. It was the latest in a long cycle of military removals of elected governments in Thailand.

## Vietnam Urged to Forge Closer Ties to China

REUTERS

BEIJING - The militaries of China and Vietnam should deepen their exchanges, communication and friendship, China's defense minister said during a visit to Hanoi, amid a festering territorial dispute in the South China Sea.

The two communist-led states' claims in the South China Sea came to a head in 2014, when Beijing parked an oil rig in waters off the Vietnamese coast, leading to anti-China riots.

Since then, they have exchanged high-level visits, including a trip by Chinese President Xi Jinping to Hanoi last year.

Meeting Vietnam Communist Party chief Nguyen Phu Trong, Chinese Defense Minister Chang Wanquan said the two sides should strive to maintain the close ties forged in the past by leaders Mao Zedong and Ho Chi Minh.

The two militaries should "increase high level exchanges and strategic communication, increase friendly feelings, deepen border defense exchanges and practical cooperation on U.N. peacekeeping, military academic research and the defense industry," Chang said in a statement carried late on Monday night by China's Defense Ministry.

While there was no direct men-

tion of the South China Sea, the ministry said the commander of China's South China Sea fleet, Shen Jinlong, attended the meeting.

Last month, tensions heightened between the two nations over territorial sovereignty in the South China Sea after Taiwan and U.S. officials said Beijing had placed surface-to-air missiles on Woody Island, part of the Parcel archipelago that China controls.

Vietnam called China's actions a serious infringement of its sovereignty over the Paracels.

China claims most of the South China Sea, through which about \$5 trillion in ship-borne trade passes every year. Its Southeast Asian

neighbors Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam also claim parts of the sea, as does Taiwan.

Last week, Vietnam rebuked Taiwan for taking journalists to a disputed South China Sea island, saying the trip was "illegal and worthless" and against the international community's wishes.

The Foreign Ministry's comment on the trip, the first by international media to the Spratly archipelago's Itu Aba island, was an unusually fast response by Vietnam, which often takes days to raise objections about territorial disputes.

"Taiwan sending reporters...is a serious violation of Vietnam's sovereignty," a ministry spokesman said.

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# As Divorce Climbs, Young Chinese Question Marriage Pressure

REUTERS

BEIJING - At a registry office in Beijing, Sun Xiangshu and Shi Ci pose for photographs, their wedding certificates in hand, having just officially become husband and wife.

But like many unions in China, this is a marriage that won't last long. In fact, their wedding is a piece of performance art staged by an artist known as Nut Brother.

The two strangers have been brought together to tie the knot then divorce within 48 hours in an attempt to stir debate about the meaning of the institution of marriage in modern China, which has a soaring divorce rate.

"I have a lot of friends who have been forced to get married. Marriage has taken on a lot of things it shouldn't, it has become mixed up with things like sex, property, care for the elderly and social stability," Nut Brother said.

The decision to get married in China has long been a family affair, with parents traditionally having the last word on their children's spouses.

With a patchy social welfare system and Confucian expectations that the younger generation will

take care of the old, questions of material wealth are often more important than compatibility when young people come under pressure to get married and produce the next generation of the family line.

Young people who decide they do not want to tread the traditional marriage path find themselves fighting against established values championed by those at the very top.

"No matter how much times change, no matter how much social structures change, we must all emphasize building a family," President Xi Jinping declared in a Spring Festival address last year.

Traditional Chinese family values were key for social harmony, he added.

But as traditional notions of family obligations increasingly come into conflict with more individualistic aspirations, the divorce rate has soared.

From 2011 to 2014, the most recent years for which data is available, the number of divorces increased by 27 percent. The divorce rate now stands at 2.7 per thousand people, approaching that of the U.S., higher than that of



Reuters

Mock marriage participants Sun Xiangshu and Shi Ci pose for their wedding certificate photo at a civil affairs office in Beijing in a piece of performance art staged by an artist called Nut Brother.

Western Europe. It is fueled in part by the changing social structures that come with China's massive rural-to-urban internal migration in the past decade, as well as by those who find it impossible to maintain a marriage that might appear rosy to those outside of it, but lacks real love.

This is what happened to Shi Ci, who divorced his wife of eight years after it became clear to him that he had been chosen because he could

provide for her, not because she loved him.

"It was bad for both of us. You need mutual appreciation and love to feel like you have any quality of life," he said.

Shi Ci said that for the time being he was not considering marriage again. But, he says, he would never say never.

"Now I think love is most important. Only if I have love will I consider marriage."

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Interested applicants should submit their CVs and Cover Letters addressing your competencies to ChildFund Cambodia office, located at #14, Street 240, Sangkat Chaktomuk, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh or via email [careers@childfund.org.kh](mailto:careers@childfund.org.kh) no later than 17.00PM on 10th April 2016. For detailed Position Description, please contact us via above address.

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## REGIONAL

## Japan, South Korea Bewildered by Trump's Nuclear Advice

BY ANNA FIFIELD  
THE WASHINGTON POST

TOKYO - Donald Trump's suggestion that South Korea and Japan should have their own nuclear arsenals so they can protect themselves—and so the U.S. doesn't have to—has been met with bewilderment in the region.

Government officials on all three sides stressed that there would be no change in the alliance, while newspapers shook their editorial heads.

"We are dumbfounded at such myopic views of a leading candidate in the U.S. presidential race, who tries to approach such critical issues only from the perspective of expenses," the JoongAng Ilbo, one of South Korea's biggest

newspapers, said in a punchy editorial. "Trump must refrain from his penny-wise and pound-foolish approach."

The left-leaning Hankyoreh urged President Park Geun-hye's administration to protest. "The South Korean government needs to express its firm opposition to Trump's foreign policy plan, which constitutes a threat to security on the Korean Peninsula," the paper said, warning that Trump's comments could complicate efforts to persuade North Korea to abandon its nuclear program.

The Republican presidential front-runner argues that the U.S. defense alliances with Japan and South Korea are too expensive.

The U.S. military has stationed

about 54,000 troops in Japan and 28,500 in South Korea. These alliances form the cornerstones of its military presence in Asia. The presence is meant to keep North Korea, as well as China, in check.

But Trump has been complaining that these two countries should be paying for their own defense.

"Now, does that mean nuclear? It could mean nuclear. It's a very scary nuclear world," Trump told the New York Times.

With the irascible North Korean regime threatening more nuclear and missile tests, some politicians and opinion leaders in Seoul have been talking about the need for South Korea to develop its own nuclear weapons, but this idea does not have mainstream support.

The spokesman for South Korea's defense ministry, Moon Sang-gyun, said Monday that he had no comment on Trump's remarks on nuclear weapons. He did, however, tell reporters that the alliance with the U.S. remains strong.

In Tokyo, Yoshihide Suga, the chief cabinet secretary, said there would be no change in Japan's policy of not having nuclear weapons.

"Whoever becomes president of the United States, the Japan-U.S. alliance, based on a bilateral security agreement, will remain the core of Japan's diplomacy," Suga told reporters. "We will adhere to our three principles that prohibit Japan from owning, developing and transporting a nuclear arsenal."

## In Beijing, Roaming Turtle Hawker Means Spring Has Come

BY JULIE MAKINEN  
THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

BEIJING - How did I know spring had sprung in Beijing? Turtle Man arrived suddenly on my street corner.

Winters in the Chinese capital are not snowy, but they can be frigid and fiercely smoggy from the coal burned for heating. They grip the city for months, until one day they release 22 million of us into a balmy bliss.

Seemingly overnight, forsythia bushes flood highway byways with bursts of yellow buds. Magnolia blossoms push forth on branches that have held nothing since November. Pink and magenta petals peek from trees along the Tonghui River.

The pavement too comes alive, with peddlers who seem to have been in hibernation (as have a few of their wares).

I noticed Turtle Man as I was exiting the Second Ring Road one late afternoon. He was holding a long, curving stick as tall as he was. Dangling from the end was a live soft-shelled turtle as big

as a dinner platter.

This particular corner of Beijing is not known for its reptile hawkers. Turtle Man was just as out of place here as if he had been standing in Los Angeles at the corner of Wilshire and Westwood. Taxi passengers craned their necks as they sped by. A man in a three-wheeled cart nearly ran off the road as he gawked.

Turtle soup is a delicacy for many Chinese, who will tell you, with a wink and a nod, that it's particularly good for men. The animals can be bought across the country, along with frogs, snakes and lizards.

I have no appetite for turtle soup. Why had spring brought Turtle Man to my corner?

I rounded the corner to my office, grabbed a colleague and returned to talk to Turtle Man.

"How much for the turtle?" we asked.

Sizing up his prospective customers—two white-collar women, one of them a foreigner—Turtle Man stuck his neck out. "One thousand, five hundred," he said, meaning

yuan, or \$230. "It's 8 or 9 pounds!"

Then he added: "It's a hundred-something years old!"

Even so, he was asking \$230. I figured for such a price and specimen, we were entitled to a few questions about the creature's origins. "Why are you selling it here? Where'd it come from?"

Turtle Man explained he was a migrant from Sichuan province, now digging tunnels in Beijing. Today he had found three turtles, and decided to try hawking one, the way some do in his hometown.

He had tried to sell the turtle near an outdoor market until the police chased him away. But he was determined to keep trying—1,500 yuan would be nearly a third, or even half, of his monthly income.

Turtle Man unhooked the creature from his stick and put it on the pavement. The animal seemed unbothered by the lasso tethered to the hole punched in the rear of its carapace, and poked its pointy head to and fro.

A middle-aged woman in a brown jacket approached. "I want to ask, how much is the turtle?"

she said. Turtle Man was not in the mood to lower his price, at least not while I stood by. "Fifteen hundred!" he said. She looked at him as if he was crazy.

"Do you want to buy it or not?" Turtle Man said to me.

I shook my head and looked to see what the lady in brown would do. I thought Turtle Man might come to his senses and start to bargain with her, but he simply grabbed the lasso, hoisted his captive back onto the display stick and fixed his gaze back on the evening rush hour traffic. The woman went on her way.

Taxis zipped by, along with dozens of scooters. A few people stared, but no one else approached Turtle Man with an offer. The sun started to set.

"What are you going to do if you don't sell it?" we asked, wondering whether there was any chance for the turtle to escape the soup pot and live to see another spring. Turtle Man, though, was entertaining no such notions.

"Cook it myself, of course!" he said. "Good for my health."

## — Regional Brief —

## North Korea Fires Short-Range Missile Along Coast

SEOUL - North Korea test-fired a short-range missile on its east coast yesterday, South Korea's military said, amid heightened tension over the isolated country's nuclear and rocket programs. The missile was fired from near the North Korean town of Wonsan at 5:40 p.m., flew northeast for about 200 km and then "made contact" with the mainland, South Korea's military said. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has presided over a string of short-range missile launches recently in what North Korean state media has characterized as a response to U.N. sanctions imposed for its fourth nuclear test in January. U.S. President Barack Obama will meet South Korean President Park Geun-hye and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Thursday to discuss North Korea's nuclear program, the White House said on Monday. The meeting on the sidelines of the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington will occur the same day Obama talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping. (Reuters)



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Turtle Man, and the live soft-shelled turtle he was trying to sell

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### តំណាងរាស្ត្រគណបក្សប្រជាជន កម្ពុជា គំរាមថា លោក កឹម សុខា អនុប្រធានគណបក្សប្រសាំងថា រដ្ឋសភាអាចនឹង បើកការស៊ើបអង្កេតលើការអះអាងថា លោក មានរឿងអាស្រូវស្នេហាលួចលាក់ដោយលើក ឡើងពីនីតិវិធីប្រឆាំងលោក ប៊ីល គ្លីនតុន ប្រធានាធិបតីសហរដ្ឋអាមេរិក។

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វិធានការដែលមិនបំពានច្បាប់ មានន័យថា គណៈកម្មាធិការអចិន្ត្រៃយ៍ តាមរដ្ឋធម្មនុញ្ញក្តី តាមបទបញ្ជាផ្ទៃក្នុងក្តី គឺមានសិទ្ធិបង្កើតគណៈ កម្មការស៊ើបអង្កេត”។

លោកគូសបញ្ជាក់ថាប្រសិនបើមើលឃើញថា ការអះអាងទាំងនេះជាការពិត នឹងមានវិធាន ការតែមួយគត់សម្រាប់លោក កឹម សុខា ។ “យើងមិនអាចលើកអភ័យឯកសិទ្ធិរបស់គាត់ បានទេ ព្រោះទាល់តែ ២ ភាគ ៣ [ការបោះ ឆ្នោតសភា] ក៏ប៉ុន្តែវាបង្ហាញពីសីលធម៌របស់ អ្នកតំណាងរាស្ត្រ បើសិនជារឿងហ្នឹងពិត ប្រាកដ គាត់ត្រូវលាលែងចេញពីតំណែង”។

លោកបានបន្ថែមថា ករណីរបស់លោក កឹម សុខា គឺជារឿងធម្មតាក្នុងនយោបាយ ពិភពលោក ដោយលើកឡើងពីករណីយុត្តិ សាស្ត្រទូទាំងពិភពលោកស្តីពីរបៀបដោះ ស្រាយរឿងអាស្រូវផ្លូវភេទដូចនេះ ។

លោកថ្លែងថា “យើងមើលឃើញហើយ ថា សភាអាមេរិក មានរឿងអាស្រូវផ្លូវភេទ ជាច្រើន ។ មានប្រធានាធិបតី ៤ ឬ ៥ រូបជាប់ ពាក់ព័ន្ធបញ្ហានេះ ហើយប្រធានាធិបតីចុង ក្រោយគឺលោក ប៊ីល គ្លីនតុន ។ លោក ប៊ីល គ្លីនតុន ត្រូវបានសួរដេញដោល ។ ច្បាប់មិន អនុញ្ញាតឱ្យដកគាត់ចេញពីតំណែងទេ ប៉ុន្តែ សភាអាមេរិកសួរដេញដោល គាត់បាន ហើយ តម្រូវឱ្យគាត់លាលែងពីតំណែង ។ ដូច្នេះ សភាជាដំបូងរបស់អាមេរិក បានអនុម័តឱ្យ គាត់លាលែងពីតំណែង”។

លោកបានទទួលស្គាល់ថា លោក ប៊ីល គ្លីនតុន ត្រូវបានសម្រេចឱ្យរួចផុតពីការចោទ ប្រកាន់ក្នុងព្រឹទ្ធសភាសហរដ្ឋអាមេរិក ប៉ុន្តែ បានគូសបញ្ជាក់ថា មេដឹកនាំជាច្រើនរូបផ្សេង ទៀតទូទាំងពិភពលោកបានស្ម័គ្រចិត្តលាលែង ពីតំណែងបន្ទាប់ពីលេចឮរឿងអាស្រូវផ្លូវ ភេទដូចនេះ ។

ការអះអាង ប្រឆាំង លោក កឹម សុខា បណ្តាលមកពីខ្សែអាត់សន្ទនាតាមទូរស័ព្ទរាប់ សិបភាគដែលគេបានបញ្ចេញតាមអ៊ិនធឺណិត ក្នុងរយៈពេល ១ ខែមកនេះ ដែលក្នុងនោះ លោក កឹម សុខា និយាយជាមួយស្រីកំណាត់ ហើយពេលខ្លះបានសន្យាឱ្យផ្ទះដល់ពួកគេ ទៀតផង ។

ដោយសារលោក កឹម សុខា បដិសេធមិន

បញ្ចេញប្រតិកម្មតបជាសាធារណៈទៅនឹង ការចោទប្រកាន់ទាំងនេះ និស្សិតមួយក្រុម ដឹកនាំដោយយុវជននិស្សិត ស្រី ចំរើន អាយុ ២ ៤ ឆ្នាំ បានចាប់ផ្តើមធ្វើយុទ្ធនាការព្យាយាម បង្ខំឱ្យមានការឆ្លើយតប ដោយដេញតាម លោក កឹម សុខា ដល់ពិធីជួបជុំអ្នកគាំទ្ររបស់ គណបក្សសង្គ្រោះជាតិ នៅទូទាំងប្រទេស ក្នុងរយៈពេលបុណ្យសប្តាហ៍ថ្មីៗនេះ ។

ការដាក់ពន្ធនាគារក្រុមនេះបានដាក់វេន គ្នាយ៉ាងចម្លែកដោយនិស្សិតពាក់អាវយឺត និង មួករបស់គណបក្សប្រឆាំង នៅពេលពួកគេ បើកបរជុំវិញរាជធានីភ្នំពេញ ។

ពេលកំពុងដាក់ពន្ធនាគារ យុវជន ស្រី ចំរើន និយាយថា “យើងមិនពាក់ព័ន្ធ ឬមានគណបក្ស នយោបាយណាមួយផ្តល់លុយឱ្យយើងធ្វើ យុទ្ធនាការនេះទេ ប៉ុន្តែវាចេញពីឆន្ទៈរបស់ យើងខ្ញុំក្នុងការស្វែងរកការពិត”។

ក្រៅពីប្រគល់ពន្ធនាគារដល់លោក ឈាង រុន និស្សិតដែលមានគ្នាប្រមាណ៧០ នាក់នេះក៏បានទៅដល់ការិយាល័យសិទ្ធិមនុស្ស របស់អង្គការសហប្រជាជាតិ ហើយបានដាក់ ពន្ធនាគារលោកស្រី រ៉ូណា ស្ទីត (Rhona Smith) អ្នករាយការណ៍ពិសេសរបស់អង្គការសហប្រជា ជាតិទទួលបន្ទុកសិទ្ធិមនុស្សនៅកម្ពុជា ដែល បច្ចុប្បន្នកំពុងបំពេញទស្សនកិច្ចនៅកម្ពុជា ។

បន្ទាប់មក ក្រុមនេះបានឆ្ពោះទៅទីស្នាក់ ការកណ្តាលរបស់គណបក្សសង្គ្រោះជាតិក្នុង ខណ្ឌមានជ័យ ហើយនៅទីនោះពួកគេបាន ប្រកែកគ្នាមួយប្រាំមួយអ្នកគាំទ្រគណបក្ស ប្រឆាំង ។ ដោយមានមិនពេញចិត្ត ពួកគេបាន ឆ្ពោះទៅគេហដ្ឋានរបស់លោក កឹម សុខា នៅភាគខាងជើងក្នុងរាជធានីភ្នំពេញ ។

ក្រោយពេលមកដល់បន្ទាប់ពីធ្វើដំណើរ អស់រយៈពេល១ម៉ោង ដោយមានពាក់អាវ និងមួកគណបក្សសង្គ្រោះជាតិ ប៉ុន្តែ បាន ស្រែកឡើងអំពីរឿងសហយស្មន់របស់ លោក កឹម សុខានោះ និស្សិតទាំងនេះបាន ប្រគល់ពន្ធនាគារឱ្យសន្តិសុខម្នាក់នៅខាងក្រៅ ផ្ទះរបស់អនុប្រធានបក្សរូបនេះ ហើយបន្ទាប់ មកពួកគេបានបំបែកគ្នាទៅវិញប៉ុន្តែមុនពេល ចាកចេញ ពួកគេបានចាក់ខ្សែអាត់សំឡេង ថតចេញពីទូរស័ព្ទតាមរយៈឧក្រែងសនសព្ទ ដែលពួកគេបានយកមកជាមួយ ។

ពេលឈរនៅក្នុងចំណោមអ្នកឈរមើល

លោក មុត ចន្ទា នាយខុទ្ទកាល័យរបស់លោក កឹម សុខាបានលើកឡើងថាគណបក្សសង្គ្រោះ ជាតិបានសរសេរសំណើផ្ញើជូនគនបាលរាជ ធានីភ្នំពេញដោយស្នើសុំការការពារ ប៉ុន្តែ ត្រូវបានបដិសេធ ។ អ្នកតវ៉ាបានគប់ដីថ្មដាក់ ផ្ទះរបស់លោក កឹម សុខា ពេលពួកគេបានមក ផ្ទះរបស់លោកលើកចុងក្រោយ បន្ទាប់ពីមាន ការវាយដំលើតំណាងរាស្ត្រពីររូបនៅក្នុងខែ តុលានោះ ។

លោក មុត ចន្ទា បានបន្ថែមថា លោក កឹម សុខា ដែលដឹងពីលទ្ធភាពដែលអាចកើត មានភាពចលាចលបន្ថែមទៀត មិនបាននៅ ផ្ទះទេ ។ លោកមានប្រសាសន៍ថា “ខ្ញុំគិតថា គាត់កំពុងធ្វើការនៅខាងក្រៅ ។ ខ្ញុំពិតជាមិន ចង់និយាយអំពីបញ្ហានេះទេ ។ វាឆ្គួតៗហើយ ខុសច្បាប់ ហើយពួកគេមិនគួរត្រូវអនុញ្ញាត ឱ្យមកទីនេះធ្វើរឿងអីចឹងទេ” ។ លោកបាន បដិសេធមិននិយាយបញ្ជាក់បន្ថែមឡើយ ។

រហូតមកទល់ពេលនេះ ក្រុមនិស្សិតរបស់ ស្រី ចំរើន ទទួលបានជោគជ័យក្នុងការដាក់ ពន្ធនាគារលោក ឱម យ៉ិន ទៀង ប្រធានអង្គភាព ប្រឆាំងអំពើពុករលួយដើម្បីស្នើឱ្យមានការ ស៊ើបអង្កេតផ្ទះដែលលោក កឹម សុខា សន្យា ទិញឱ្យស្រីកំណាត់ជាហេតុធ្វើឱ្យមានការរិះគន់ ពីបុគ្គលមួយចំនួន ក្នុងនោះរួមទាំងលោក សម រង្ស៊ី ដែលនិយាយថា អង្គភាពនេះមិនដឹងពី តួនាទីរបស់ខ្លួនផងដែរ ។

លោកឱម យ៉ិន ទៀង បានចេញមុខនិយាយ តាមវិទ្យុបារាំងអន្តរជាតិ (RFI) កាលពីម្សិល មិញ ដើម្បីប្រទានឱ្យលោក សម រង្ស៊ី ប្រយ័ត្ន ប្រយ័ត្នចំពោះការរិះគន់របស់លោក ។

ប្រធានអង្គភាពប្រឆាំងអំពើពុករលួយរូប នេះបានមានប្រសាសន៍ថា “សម្រាប់ករណី លោក សម រង្ស៊ី មិនមែនមានន័យថា យើង គ្មានរឿងពាក់ព័ន្ធជាមួយគាត់ទេ យើងប្រាកដ ជាមាន ។ ប៉ុន្តែ យើងគិតថា ទុកពេលឱ្យគាត់ សិនទាក់ទិនរឿងនេះ ហេតុដូច្នេះ[យើង]មិន ទាន់និយាយទេអំពីបញ្ហានេះ” ។

លោកបានបន្ថែមថា “ប៉ុន្តែបើគាត់នៅតែ បន្តរារាំងការស៊ើបអង្កេតរបស់យើង អង្គភាព របស់យើងនឹងបញ្ជាក់ឱ្យបានច្បាស់” ។

លោក សម រង្ស៊ី បានលើកឡើងថា លោក មិនខ្លាចទេ ។

លោកបានមានប្រសាសន៍ថា “គាត់

ព័ត៌មានជាតិ

ការវិនិច្ឆ័យប្រជាធិបតេយ្យនៅក្នុងប្រទេសកម្ពុជាមានលក្ខណៈដើរថយក្រោយក្នុងឆ្នាំ២០១៥

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យោងតាមរបាយការណ៍ប្រចាំឆ្នាំដែល  
ចេញដោយអង្គការឃីសម័យបានឲ្យដឹង  
កាលពីម្សិលមិញថា ការវិនិច្ឆ័យប្រជាធិប  
តេយ្យនៅក្នុងប្រទេសកម្ពុជាឃើញថា មាន  
ដំណើរថយក្រោយខ្លាំងកាលពីឆ្នាំមុន ដោយ  
រដ្ឋាភិបាលបានរំលោភបំពានច្បាប់ឥតយប់  
ឈប់ បំបិទសេរីភាពនៃការបញ្ចេញមតិ និង  
មិនអើពើចំពោះអំពើពុករលួយដែលកំពុង  
បន្តកើតមានក្នុងរដ្ឋាភិបាល។

លោក គល់ បញ្ញា នាយកប្រតិបត្តិគណៈ  
កម្មាធិការដើម្បីការបោះឆ្នោតដោយសេរី  
និងយុត្តិធម៌នៅកម្ពុជា (ខុមហ្វ្រែល) ដែល  
បានចងក្រោយការសិក្សានេះបានព្រមានថា  
ប្រទេសកម្ពុជាកំពុងធ្វើដំណើររអាក់រអួល  
លើមតិរបស់ខ្លួនឆ្ពោះទៅរកលទ្ធិប្រជាធិប  
តេយ្យ ដោយការបោះឆ្នោតឃុំ-សង្កាត់ និង  
ការបោះឆ្នោតជាតិកាន់តែខិតជិតមកដល់  
ក្នុងរយៈពេលពីរឆ្នាំក្រោយនេះ។

លោកបានថ្លែងថា "រដ្ឋាភិបាលបានបង្ក្រាប  
ទៅលើក្រុមប្រឆាំងកាលពីឆ្នាំមុន ដោយការ  
បង្ករបួសស្នាមលើរាងកាយ ការយាយីផ្លូវ  
ច្បាប់ និងការចាប់ខ្លួនជាដើម។ សេរីភាពក្នុង  
ការធ្វើបាតុកម្មក៏ត្រូវបានរឹតត្បិតផងដែរ  
ហើយសេរីភាពនៃការជួបជុំគ្នាស្ថិតនៅក្រោម  
ការគំរាមកំហែងជាមួយច្បាប់អង្គការមិន  
មែនរដ្ឋាភិបាលថ្មី"។

ច្បាប់ស្តីពីសមាគម និងអង្គការមិនមែន  
រដ្ឋាភិបាលបានចូលជាធរមានកាលពីខែសីហា  
បើទោះជាមានកង្វល់យ៉ាងខ្លាំងពីប្រទេស  
ផ្តល់ជំនួយ និងអង្គការសិទ្ធិមនុស្សនានា រួម  
ទាំងគណៈកម្មាធិការខុមហ្វ្រែល ដែលបានប្តូរ  
ថាច្បាប់នេះនឹងត្រូវគេប្រើដើម្បីបន្តចុះបង្អាក់  
ដល់ការងាររបស់អ្នកដែលរិះគន់គណបក្ស  
កាន់អំណាច។

របាយការណ៍នេះបន្ថែមថាមានការរារាំង  
សេរីភាពនៃការបញ្ចេញមតិតាមប្រព័ន្ធអ៊ីន  
ធើណិតផងដែរកាលពីឆ្នាំមុន ដោយមានការ  
ផ្តន្ទាទោស និងការដាក់ពន្ធនាគារចំពោះពល  
រដ្ឋណាដែលសម្តែងមតិប្រឆាំងរដ្ឋាភិបាល  
តាមប្រព័ន្ធអ៊ីនធើណិត។ គណៈកម្មាធិការខុម  
ហ្វ្រែល ក៏បានកត់សម្គាល់ផងដែរថា កាលពី  
ឆ្នាំមុនមានឧទាហរណ៍ជាច្រើនពីប្រព័ន្ធតុលាការ  
ស្ថិតក្រោមឥទ្ធិពលគណបក្សប្រជាជនកម្ពុជា។

របាយការណ៍ដដែលនេះបន្តថា "សរុប

មកមន្ត្រីគណបក្សសង្គ្រោះជាតិ និងអ្នកគាំទ្រ  
ត្រូវបានចោទប្រកាន់ ផ្តន្ទាទោស និងចាប់  
ដាក់ពន្ធនាគារស្ថិតក្រោមស្ថានភាពដែលគួរ  
ឲ្យសង្ស័យ និងមិនត្រឹមត្រូវតាមផ្លូវច្បាប់"។

ការសិក្សាដាច់ដោយឡែកមួយទៀត  
ដែលចេញដោយគណៈកម្មាធិការខុមហ្វ្រែល  
កាលពីម្សិលមិញបង្ហាញថា ករណីអំពើពុក  
រលួយក្នុងរដ្ឋាភិបាលដែលត្រូវបានកត់ត្រា  
ទុកបានកើនឡើងប្រហែល ៥ ភាគរយ  
កាលពីឆ្នាំមុន ផ្អែកលើព័ត៌មានដែលប្រមូល  
បានពីអង្គការសិទ្ធិមនុស្សនានា ការស្ទង់មតិ  
សាធារណជន និងប្រព័ន្ធផ្សព្វផ្សាយដែលគួរ  
ឲ្យទុកចិត្ត។

របាយការណ៍នេះបានរកឃើញថាករណី  
ពុករលួយទាក់ទិននយោបាយដែលត្រូវបាន  
កត់ត្រាទុក២៥ ៧ករណីកាលពីឆ្នាំមុន រួមមាន  
ករណីស៊ីសំណួក និងឆបោក១៣៥ករណី និង  
ករណីពាក់ព័ន្ធការប្រើប្រាស់ធនធានរបស់រដ្ឋ  
មិនត្រឹមត្រូវ១៣៣ករណី។ ការយុបយិតក្នុង  
ការរំលោភអំណាចដើម្បីផលប្រយោជន៍  
នយោបាយគឺ "មន្ត្រីរដ្ឋាភិបាលជាន់ខ្ពស់ និង  
អគ្គបញ្ជាការកងទ័ព ព្រមទាំងមន្ត្រីគណ  
បាលជាតិជាន់ខ្ពស់ផងដែរ"។

លោក អ៊ូ វិរៈ អ្នកវិភាគនយោបាយបាន  
មានប្រសាសន៍ថាមានទំនាក់ទំនងដោយផ្ទាល់  
រវាងអំពើពុករលួយ ស្ថាប័នច្បាប់ទន់ខ្សោយ  
និងកង្វះគណនេយ្យភាពទូទៅក្នុងរដ្ឋាភិ  
បាល ប៉ុន្តែបានលើកឡើងថាបើទោះជាដូច្នោះ  
គណបក្សកាន់អំណាចបានបង្ហាញពីសញ្ញាថា  
កាន់តែយកចិត្តទុកដាក់ចំពោះសាធារណជន។

លោកបានថ្លែងថា "ឥឡូវនេះយុវជនជា  
ច្រើនបានចូលរួមសម្តែងមតិរបស់ខ្លួនក្នុង  
ចំនួនដ៏ច្រើនហើយបើទោះជាគណបក្សកាន់  
អំណាចមិនល្អឥតខ្ចោះក៏ដោយក៏ពុកគេឆ្លើយ  
តបចំពោះសម្តែងនេះដែរ ដោយព្យាយាម  
យកចិត្តទុកដាក់បោះឆ្នោត ដែលនេះជាដំណើរ  
ការលទ្ធិប្រជាធិបតេយ្យ"។

លោក ផៃ ស៊ីផាន អ្នកនាំពាក្យទីស្តីការ  
គណៈរដ្ឋមន្ត្រីបានមានប្រសាសន៍ថា របាយ  
ការណ៍របស់គណៈកម្មាធិការខុមហ្វ្រែលបាន  
មើលរំលងកំណែទម្រង់ជាច្រើនដែលរដ្ឋាភិ  
បាលបានធ្វើដើម្បីលើកកម្ពស់លទ្ធិប្រជាធិប  
តេយ្យ និងដាក់កម្រិតលើការប្រព្រឹត្តិអំពើ  
ពុករលួយ។

លោក ផៃ ស៊ីផាន បានមានប្រសាសន៍ថា  
"អង្គការនេះមិនដែលនិយាយអ្វីវិជ្ជមានពី

រដ្ឋាភិបាលឡើយ។ ខ្ញុំមិនយកចិត្តទុកដាក់ខ្លាំង  
ចំពោះពួកគេទេ"។

លោកបានថ្លែងថា "ទី១ ច្បាប់ប្រឆាំងអំពើ  
ពុករលួយធ្វើឡើងដើម្បីកែប្រែផ្នត់គំនិត និង  
ឥរិយាបថរបស់មន្ត្រីរដ្ឋាភិបាល។ ទី២ យើង  
ឃើញមើលយ៉ាងដិតដល់អំពីភាពមិនប្រក្រតី  
ទាក់ទងទ្រព្យសម្បត្តិក្នុងចំណោមក្រុមមន្ត្រី  
និងប្រជាពលរដ្ឋ"។

លោកបានបន្ថែមថា "ចំណែកលទ្ធិប្រជា  
ធិបតេយ្យវិញ រដ្ឋមន្ត្រីជាន់ខ្ពស់ជាច្រើនបាន  
ចុះទៅកាន់មូលដ្ឋានដើម្បីសំណេះសំណាល  
ជាមួយប្រជាពលរដ្ឋដែលក្នុងនោះកែលម្អ  
តួនាទីស្តុលរបស់រដ្ឋាភិបាលឱ្យបានប្រសើរ  
ឡើងក្នុងនាមជាអ្នកផ្តល់សេវា"។

លោក សុខ ឥសាន អ្នកនាំពាក្យគណបក្ស  
ប្រជាជនកម្ពុជា បានរិះគន់កាន់តែខ្លាំងជាង  
ហ្នឹងទៀតដោយចាត់ទុកគណៈកម្មាធិការខុម  
ហ្វ្រែលក្នុងចំណោម "ក្រុមជ្រុលនិយម" ដែល  
ប្រឆាំងរដ្ឋាភិបាល។

លោកសុខឥសានបានថ្លែងថា "យោងតាម  
ការវាយតម្លៃរបស់ឥសានជនជាន់ខ្ពស់មួយ  
ចំនួន លទ្ធិប្រជាធិបតេយ្យក្នុងប្រទេសកម្ពុជា  
មិនបានធ្លាក់ចុះទេ។ លោក ចន ឃើរវិរដ្ឋមន្ត្រី  
ការបរទេសអាមេរិកនិងលោកបារ៉ាក់ អូបាម៉ា  
ប្រធានាធិបតីអាមេរិកបានវាយតម្លៃថាប្រទេស  
កម្ពុជាទើបតែដើរផុតពីសង្គ្រាមហើយកំពុង  
តែប្រសើរឡើង"។

លោកបានបន្ថែមថា "ប៉ុន្តែមានអ្នកជ្រុល  
និយមខ្មែរមួយចំនួនដែលធ្វើការវាយតម្លៃ  
បែបនេះ វាមិនត្រឹមត្រូវទេ"។

លោក ព្រាប កុល នាយកប្រតិបត្តិអង្គការ  
តម្លាភាពកម្ពុជាបានមានប្រសាសន៍ថាបើទោះ  
ជាមានការរីកចម្រើនក្នុងវិស័យមួយចំនួនក៏  
ដោយ ក៏លទ្ធផលនៃការសិក្សាស្រាវជ្រាវ  
នេះចង្អុលបង្ហាញឲ្យឃើញថា ចាំបាច់ត្រូវ  
ដោះស្រាយជាបន្ទាន់ចំពោះបញ្ហាកំណែ  
ទម្រង់រដ្ឋាភិបាលជាលក្ខណៈប្រព័ន្ធដែរ។

លោកបានពន្យល់ថា អង្គភាពប្រឆាំង  
អំពើពុករលួយ និងស្ថាប័នតុលាការបន្តខ្វះ  
ឯករាជភាព មិនមានយន្តការសវនកម្មរបស់  
រដ្ឋាភិបាលដែលកំពុងដំណើរការ និងការ  
ប្រមូលចំណូលរបស់រដ្ឋ ហើយការចំណាយ  
ចេះតែបន្តដោយគ្មានតម្លាភាព។

លោកបានបន្ថែមថា "មានបញ្ហាច្រើនទៀត  
ដែលត្រូវធ្វើនៅគ្រប់ថ្នាក់ទាំងអស់"។

ព័ត៌មានជាតិ

គុណការលើកលែងការ...

តមកពីទំព័រ ១៣

ប៉ុន្តែ ថា សាលាដំបូងខេត្តនេះ "ព្រួយបារម្ភ" ថា វត្តមានរបស់លោកនឹងធ្វើឲ្យខូចផែនការ បើកសវនាការដែលគ្រាន់តែជាអាណត្តិ។

កាលពីខែសីហា សកម្មជនអង្គការមតា ធម្មជាតិបីនាក់ គឺ ស៊ីម សំណាង អាយុ២៩ ឆ្នាំ ទ្រីសុវិជ្ជា អាយុ២៦ ឆ្នាំ និង ស៊ីនម៉ាឡា អាយុ ២២ ឆ្នាំ ត្រូវបានចាប់ខ្លួន ហើយចោទប្រកាន់ ពីបទគំរាមបង្កការខូចខាត ជាការចោទប្រកាន់ ដែលកើតចេញពីយុទ្ធនាការរបស់ពួកគេ ប្រឆាំងការបូមខ្សាច់នៅក្នុងពាមមួយក្នុងខេត្ត កោះកុង។

ក្រោយមកព្រះតេជគុណ ព្រំ ធម្មជាតិ និង ព្រះតេជគុណ សុចន្ត្រា ជាព្រះសង្ឃដែល បង្កើត អង្គការនេះជាមួយលោក ហ្គានសេ ឡេស ដេវីដសុន ត្រូវបានចោទប្រកាន់ថា ជាអ្នកសមគំនិតនៅក្នុងករណីនេះ។

ទោះជាយ៉ាងណាកាលពីម្សិលមិញ លោកស្រី ឈុំ ដារី ចៅក្រមស៊ើបសួរនៅ សាលាដំបូងខេត្តនេះបានលើកឡើងថា ការ ចោទប្រកាន់លើព្រះសង្ឃទាំងពីរអង្គនេះ ត្រូវបានលើកលែងដោយសារគ្មានភស្តុតាង

ភ្ជាប់ព្រះអង្គទាំងពីរទៅនឹងបទល្មើសនេះ។

ដោយបដិសេធមិននិយាយថា តើភ័ស្តុ តាងអ្វីដែលសាលាដំបូងមានសម្រាប់ដាក់ បន្ទុកលើសកម្មជនជនជាតិអស្ស័យរូបនេះ លោកស្រី ឈុំ ដារី បានលើកឡើងថា "ខ្ញុំ លើកលែងការចោទប្រកាន់លើព្រះសង្ឃ ទាំងពីរអង្គ ព្រោះយើងគ្មានភស្តុតាងគ្រប់ គ្រាន់ដើម្បីចោទប្រកាន់ព្រះអង្គទាំងពីរ។ ប៉ុន្តែ សម្រាប់ អាឡិច គាត់នៅតែត្រូវបាន ចោទប្រកាន់ ព្រោះយើងមានភស្តុតាងគ្រប់ គ្រាន់ដើម្បីចោទប្រកាន់គាត់"។

លោក ហ្គានសេ ឡេស ដេវីដសុន ដែល ត្រូវបាននិរទេសកាលពីខែកុម្ភៈ ឆ្នាំមុនបន្ទាប់ ពីរដ្ឋាភិបាលបានបដិសេធមិនព្រមបន្តទិដ្ឋាការ ឲ្យគាត់ដោយសារមានជាប់ពាក់ព័ន្ធនៅក្នុង ការជួយដាក់របាំងបិទផ្លូវខុសច្បាប់នោះ បាន លើកឡើងក្នុងអំឡុងពេលមួយកាលពីម្សិលមិញ ថា លោកចង់ត្រឡប់មកប្រទេសកម្ពុជាវិញ ដើម្បីប្រឈមនឹងការផ្តន្ទាទោសនិងប្រឈម ចំពោះករណីចោទប្រកាន់ "ដែលគេប្រឌិត ឡើង" ប៉ុន្តែថាលោកមានមន្ទិលថារដ្ឋាភិបាល ប្រហែលជាមិនអនុញ្ញាតទេ។

លោកបានថ្លែងថា "គុណការហាក់បីដូច

ជាគិតថា នេះគឺជាភ័ស្តុតាងគ្រប់គ្រាន់ដើម្បី ចោទប្រកាន់ខ្ញុំពីបទសមគំនិតនៅក្នុងបទ ល្មើសនេះ តែទោះជាយ៉ាងណាក៏គេហាក់ បីដូចជាមិនក្លាហានគ្រប់គ្រាន់ក្នុងការអនុញ្ញាត ឲ្យខ្ញុំបង្ហាញខ្លួននៅក្នុងគុណការដើម្បីការពារ ខ្លួននិងបង្ហាញពីផ្នែកនៃ រឿងរ៉ាវរបស់ខ្ញុំ រើសោះ"។

លោក បាន បន្ត ថា "ចំពោះខ្ញុំ នេះ គឺ ជា ទទ្ទឹករណ៍ យ៉ាងច្បាស់ក្រឡែតថា ក្រុមមាន អំណាចដែលគ្រប់គ្រងសាលាដំបូងខេត្ត កោះកុងមានការ "ព្រួយបារម្ភ" ថា វត្តមាន របស់ខ្ញុំនៅក្នុងគុណការនឹងធ្វើឲ្យខូចផែនការ របស់ពួកគេនៅក្នុងការបើកសវនាការដែល គ្រាន់តែជាអាណត្តិដើម្បីប្រឆាំងរូបខ្ញុំ និង សកម្មជនផ្សេងៗទៀត ព្រោះការចោទប្រកាន់ គឺជាការប្រឌិតទាំងស្រុងហើយភ័ស្តុតាងរបស់ ពួកគេដាក់បន្ទុកមកលើយើងគឺសុទ្ធ"។

លោកបានបន្ថែមទៀតថា "បើមិនអាច វិលត្រឡប់មកវិញបានទេ ខ្ញុំគ្មានជម្រើស ផ្សេងណាមួយឡើយក្រៅពីធ្វើដំណើរមក រាជធានីភ្នំពេញ ដោយកាន់ដីការចាប់ខ្លួនក្នុង ដៃ ហើយប្រគល់ខ្លួនឲ្យកងកម្លាំងនរក្តិបាល នៅអាកាសយានដ្ឋាន"។ **ស៊ីយណាង**

មិនមានការស៊ើបអង្កេត...

តមកពីទំព័រ ១៣

រក្សាទុកជាភ័ស្តុតាងកាលពីសប្តាហ៍មុន បន្ទាប់ ពីតាមទាន់ឃើញដឹកឈើខុសច្បាប់ចំនួន ៦ ម៉ែត្រក្នុងឆ្នេរកាត់ស្រុកនេះដោយគ្មានការ អនុញ្ញាត។

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លោកបានថ្លែងថា "ពួកគេយល់ច្រឡំគ្នា។ រដ្ឋបាលព្រៃឈើមិនបានពន្យល់ប្រាប់ទាហាន ទាំងនោះពីច្បាប់ព្រៃឈើទេ ហើយទាហាន ទាំងនោះមានលិខិតអនុញ្ញាតពីអាជ្ញាធរខេត្ត ខត្តរមានជ័យឲ្យពួកគេមកយករបងយន្តនេះ ដូច្នោះហើយពួកគេបានព្យាយាមយករបងយន្ត ទៅវិញ"។

លោក ធារិទ្ធ បានមានប្រសាសន៍ថា លិខិត នេះ ត្រូវបានបោះត្រា ដោយ ខុទ្ទ កាលី យ របស់លោក ស ថារី អភិបាលខេត្ត ប៉ុន្តែ បាន បន្ថែមថា មន្ត្រីរដ្ឋបាលព្រៃឈើ បាច់ត្រូវ មានការអនុញ្ញាតពីសាលាដំបូងខេត្តដើម្បី ប្រគល់របងយន្តនេះឲ្យវិញ។

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ទៅរដ្ឋបាលព្រៃឈើ។

លោក ខន ខែម បានមានប្រសាសន៍ត្រឹម តែថា លោកមានបំណងបន្តស្វែងរកករណី កាប់ឈើខុសច្បាប់ដំបូង និងករណីដឹកជញ្ជូន ប្រឆាំងកងអនុសេនាតូចនេះ។

មុនពេលដាក់ទូរស័ព្ទអ្នកយកព័ត៌មានចុះ លោកបានថ្លែងថា "គ្មាននរណាម្នាក់អាចយក របងយន្តដែលដឹកឈើខុសច្បាប់បានទេ រហូត ដល់នីតិវិធីផ្លូវច្បាប់ត្រូវបានបញ្ចប់នៅ តុលាការ"។

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# US Successfully Cracks Apple's iPhone, Drops Legal Action

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SAN FRANCISCO - The U.S. Justice Department said on Monday it had succeeded in unlocking an iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino shooters and dropped its legal case against Apple, ending a high-stake legal battle but leaving the broader struggle over encryption unresolved.

The abrupt end to a confrontation that transfixed the tech industry was a victory for Apple, which vehemently opposed a court order obtained by the Justice Department that would require it to write software to get into the iPhone.

"From the beginning, we objected to the FBI's demand that Apple build a back door into the iPhone because we believed it was wrong and would set a dangerous precedent," Apple said in a statement late on Monday. "As a result of the government's dismissal, neither of these occurred. This case should never have been brought."

But the larger fight over law enforcement access to encrypted information is by no means over. The technology industry is adamant that anything that helps authorities bypass the security features of tech products will undermine security for everyone.

Government officials are equally insistent that all manner of criminal investigations will be crippled without access to phone data.

At issue in the case was a county-owned iPhone used by Rizwan Farook, one of the husband-and-wife shooters in the December ram-

page in San Bernardino, California, in which 14 people were killed and 22 wounded. The couple died in a shootout with police afterward.

After saying for weeks in court filings and congressional testimony that Apple possessed the "exclusive technical means" to unlock Farook's phone, the Justice Department unexpectedly announced on the eve of a court hearing last week that an unidentified outside party had presented it with a technique that might open the phone without help from Apple.

In a two-page court filing on Monday, the Justice Department said the government had "successfully accessed the data stored on Farook's iPhone and therefore no longer requires the assistance from Apple." It asked a federal magistrate in Riverside, California, to withdraw the order compelling Apple to assist.

Apple had argued that the government request and resulting court order were a massive overreach that would give courts unlimited authority to force private companies to work as their agents. It argued that Congress had specifically declined to give the government such powers over electronic surveillance and data collection.

"We will continue to help law enforcement with their investigations, as we have done all along, and we will continue to increase the security of our products as the threats and attacks on our data become more frequent and more sophisticated," Apple said in its statement.

Tech industry leaders including Google, Facebook, Microsoft and more than two dozen other companies filed legal briefs supporting Apple. The Justice Department received support from law enforcement groups and six relatives of San Bernardino victims.

The Justice Department's apparent discovery of an iPhone hacking technique presents thorny questions about how that knowledge will be shared.

If the government tells Apple about the details, the company would presumably fix whatever vulnerability was used and thus render the method ineffective. If the government withholds the information, Apple could face a public perception problem about the security of its phones.

There are also a number of pending cases across the country where law enforcement officials are asking for access to iPhones. It is not clear if they will have access to the break-in technique.

In one New York case, Justice Department officials needed to respond by yesterday to an Apple request to delay the proceedings. That could provide clues as to how the government intends to deal with other iPhone cases.

On a conference call for reporters on Monday, a senior U.S. law enforcement official said it was too soon to say whether the government's technique would work on other iPhones, or if it would share information with Apple or other law enforcement agencies.

The FBI said in a statement it would not comment on the technical steps taken to access the phone's data.

"The full exploitation of the phone and follow-up investigative steps are continuing," David Bowdich, assistant director in charge of the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office, said in a statement.

The Justice Department suggested on Monday it would keep seeking unorthodox means of getting information, including through the courts when needed.

"It remains a priority for the government to ensure that law enforcement can obtain crucial digital information to protect national security and public safety, either with cooperation from relevant parties, or through the court system when cooperation fails," Justice Department spokeswoman Melanie Newman said.

"We will continue to pursue all available options for this mission, including seeking the cooperation of manufacturers and relying upon the creativity of both the public and private sectors."

On Capitol Hill, critics of the Justice Department's efforts called for further vigilance.

"Those worried about our privacy should stay wary—just because the government was able to get into this one phone does not mean that their quest for a secret key into our devices is over," said Representative Darrell Issa, a California Republican who sits on the House Judiciary Committee.

## Brazil Lawyers File New Impeachment Case Against Rousseff

REUTERS

BRASILIA - The Brazilian Bar Association (OAB) filed a request on Monday to impeach President Dilma Rousseff for obstructing justice, fiscal accounting tricks and granting international football

body FIFA tax-exempt status during the 2014 World Cup.

Rousseff already faces an impeachment process over the alleged manipulation of government accounts that opposition parties maintain helped her win narrow

re-election in 2014 by allowing her to boost public spending.

Rousseff supporters tried to physically block the entry of the new impeachment request in the lower house of Congress, shouting the left-wing slogan "Nao pasaram!" (They shall not pass) while pushing and shoving opponents of the embattled president.

The most serious impeachable offense in the new request is the alleged interference by the president in investigations into the massive Petrobras corruption scandal. It is based on plea bargain testimony by Senator Delcídio Amaral, a key legislative ally for Rousseff before he was arrested in November.

The OAB added the controversial appointment last week to Rousseff's Cabinet of her predecessor and mentor Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, which the lawyers argued was an illegal move to shield

him from prosecution in the Petrobras graft probe. Lula's appointment was suspended pending review by the Supreme Court.

The OAB, which represents 1 million lawyers, also listed a complaint that is shared by many Brazilians that the Rousseff government hurt Brazil's interests by granting FIFA a generous blanket tax exemption when it held the World Cup in Brazil.

The World Cup generated revenues of \$4.8 billion for FIFA, against expenses of \$2.2 billion, according to FIFA's website.

The new impeachment petition will join a dozen others waiting for consideration by the speaker of the house, Eduardo Cunha, a fierce critic of Rousseff who himself is facing corruption charges related to the Petrobras case for allegedly receiving millions in bribes and having undeclared Swiss bank accounts.



### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

URC Cambodia is an American NGO that provides support to the Ministry of Health in Cambodia to strengthen the Cambodian Health System. URC is leading the five-year Quality Health Services (QHS) Project that began in January 2014 and will continue through 16th January 2019 and the Social Health Protection (SHP) Project that began in December 2013 and will continue through December 2018.

URC Cambodia is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of **Nutrition Technical Coordinator** to be based in URC Cambodia, Phnom Penh Office.

For more details about the Job Description, please follow this link: [www.urccambodia.org](http://www.urccambodia.org). The application deadline is **7<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**.

**Submission of Applications:** All interested candidates should send CV with a cover letter to URC Office at 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> floor, # 10, street 214, Sangkat Chey Chum Neas, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia or [hr-cambodia@urc-chs.com](mailto:hr-cambodia@urc-chs.com)

**Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.**  
**Qualified female candidates are encouraged to apply.**



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) was founded in 1943 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to assist the poor and disadvantaged. CRS returned to Cambodia in 1991 and currently works in the sectors of Health and Inclusive Education, with approximately 11 local partners. A head office is located in Phnom Penh. CRS Cambodia is the hub office for Southeast Asia programming, including Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and other outreach countries.

**Job Announcement  
Inclusive Education (IE) Project Officer - Based in Phnom Penh  
(Previous applicants do not need to apply)**

**JOB SUMMARY**

Under the direct supervision of Education Program Manager, the Inclusive Education Project Officer will provide overall capacity building to partners on education related topics, provision of technical assistance to partners, management of the education projects (coordination, planning, manage implementation, budgeting, reporting, and monitoring) and networking with education sector stakeholders at national and sub-national levels. S/he will significantly contribute to the design of new project opportunities on education and contribute to the overall growth of the education program of CRS.

**PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Project and financial management of CRS Inclusive Education projects under the direction supervision of Education Program Manager.
2. Capacity strengthening, monitoring and supervision to CRS partners to ensure that objectives and indicators are met, there is compliance with CRS and/or donor policies and procedures, and resources are used appropriately according to CRS guidance.
3. Working closely with the MEAL Specialist to document learning, beneficiary accountability, achievements and report to key stakeholders.

**SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**1. Project Management and Implementation:**

- **Project Implementation:** Supports and provides direction, in the planning and implementation of the projects to the implementing partners. Support partners to ensure that plans are implemented effectively and according to the MEAL plan. Anticipate needs and problem areas and coordinate necessary support.
- **Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning:** Make regular field visits to project sites, meeting with project counterparts and participants to monitor quality or implementation of activities. Monitor program outputs, results and objectives according to indicators and project MEAL system. Leads in timely data collection, analysis and reporting. Draft trip, donor, and other reports as required. Document lessons learnt and relevance of program strategic approaches. Ensure beneficiary accountability using CRS tools.

**2. Technical Support:**

- Design facilitation guide and/or facilitate trainings related to disability, screening and inclusive education for the government personnel, School Support Committee, Health Professional, and parents.
- Support partners to develop linkages with government and other NGOs to ensure that systems and relationships are in place; and to ensure that project accomplishments are according to the objectives and indicators agreed upon.
- Provide partners with technical support on the development of school mapping; improvement of teaching and learning quality in schools; develop training plan and training materials; providing input to the development of awareness raising/advocacy materials; conducting and/or facilitating training process and; evaluating the impact of training at community level to ensure high program quality and alignment with policies, guidelines of the Inclusive Education and disabilities sector in the country.
- Coordinate and provide technical support to program staff and partners ensuring participatory and gender-responsive approaches.
- Assist the program managers as per the tasks assigned
- Directly collaborate with supervisors to identify and review the internal or external resources and contribute to project design processes related to Education programs

**3. Finances**

- **Financial Oversight:** Provide support to project team in developing and monitoring annual program budgets. Maintain regular financial planning, review and adjustment.
- **Financial Reporting:** Work in close coordination with CRS Finance team and partners to ensure effective tracking and reporting on budget expenses, to include financial reports, monthly/quarterly cash forecasts as required by supervisor, in accordance with CRS policies and procedures. Support and ensure judicious and efficient use of project resources.

**4. Partnership, Advocacy and Networking**

- **Internal Relations:** Coordinate with other CRS managers and projects staff to identify opportunities for sharing information/lessons/best practices. Also work with CRS administration and finance staff as needed to ensure management quality with CRS and partner operations.
- **Partner Relations:** Maintain positive working relations with relevant government bodies, international organizations, civil society organizations and local partners. Provide necessary project related information with clear guidance and maintains regular and respectful communications with the partners, in coordination with the supervisor. Addresses any challenges in partnership relations immediately in close coordination with the supervisor and the team.
- **Networking and Advocacy:** Maintain positive relations with partners and relevant civil society organizations. Attend regularly in external meetings and networking activities related to education/disabilities programming.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCES**

- University degree in education, social science or other equivalence
- At least 3 years experiences in working in Basic Education, Inclusive Education and/or Disabilities project with NGOs.
- Knowledge of educational/disabilities policies/laws related and project management including project development, design and provision of training, monitoring and evaluation, budget management, and report writing
- Ability to travel to the field at least 50% of the time
- Ability to work independently as well as in a team with diverse groups of people in a multicultural team environment
- Self-motivated and able to prioritize work and multi task to meet deadlines
- Experience working successfully in partnership with government, local partners, and community for program implementation and capacity building
- Proficiency in spoken and written English and Khmer
- Excellent organization, planning and analytical skills; detail oriented
- Good computer skills (Word, Excel, Power-point, E-mail and Internet - required).

Interest candidate should submit their CV and covering letter, on or before **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

To CRS recruitment email: [kh.recruitment@crs.org](mailto:kh.recruitment@crs.org), or send to CRS Cambodia Office: House # 64, Preah Norodom Blvd, Corner Street 178, Sangkat Cheyechumneas, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



**Job Announcement**

GIZ is a federally owned enterprise and is supporting the German Government in achieving its objectives in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development.

We are looking for a candidate for the position of **Project Manager** (national professional) for the Regional Fit for School Programme in Cambodia, based in Phnom Penh.

The regional Fit for School Programme in Southeast Asia is designed to address needs at the regional level as well as at the national / sub-national level in Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Laos. Models for resource mobilization and school-based implementation of WASH interventions were based on the Fit for School approach for effective school health programmes, as exemplified in the Philippine Department of Education's Essential Health Care Program (EHCP). Implementation of the EHCP is characterized by an intersectoral approach, which links the existing structures of the education sector with health and other budgets from national or local government units for procurement of materials (deworming medication, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste) for implementation of daily evidence-based, preventive health interventions.

In order to support the implementation of school health programmes based on the Fit for School approach by the Ministries of Education (implementing partners) and other relevant stakeholders in the partner countries, the programme supports national partners in the development, implementation, and evaluation of effective school health programs based on the Fit for School approach by adjusting the Fit for School approach to respective country specific contexts in Laos, Cambodia and Indonesia. The partners (MoEs) in these countries currently implement the programme in model schools and implementation templates were developed based on these experiences during the first programme phase (11/2011 – 11/2015). In the second phase (12/2015 – 11/2018) the programme supports government partners to scale-up the programme to reach more schools.

**Main duties of the position include:**

- Support and advise national partners in modelling, planning, implementing and evaluating of a school health program based on the Fit for School approach
- Coordinate support for program implementation in selected schools with local school authorities, principals, teachers, parents, community leaders, and local development partners
- Support national partners in monitoring and evaluation of the program
- Facilitate periodic meetings with the national steering and/or working groups
- Support and coordinate with the Regional Fit for School Team in program management and results-based monitoring and reporting
- Establish and coordinate a network within the health, education and water/sanitation sector to promote intersectoral and interministerial collaboration in the field of school health (e.g. support national partner in creation of functional intersectoral working groups)
- Coordinate program efforts with development partners supporting school health and WASH and, if feasible, with private industry partners
- Support South-South Development by establishing a strong network among all Fit for School programs within SEAMEO network

**Required qualifications and experience:**

- University degree in a medical field, health science and/or education or a related subject
- At least five years' working experience in implementing education and health promotion measures in developing countries with a special focus on intersectoral collaboration (e.g. education, water and sanitation)
- Working experience on national and international level
- Skills / Experience in health promotion, school health, health communication, project management
- Experience working with the Ministry of Education and Sports and/ or Ministry of Health and/or Ministry of Rural Development
- Project and personnel management experience
- In depth knowledge of the local context in Cambodia
- Fluency in English and Khmer

**Applicants who meet the requirements should send:**

- A cover letter briefly describing and justifying how they meet the above mentioned requirements
- An updated CV (Certificates should not be included with the application)
- Most recent recommendation letters from the previous employers

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By email: [sathavy.ros@giz.de](mailto:sathavy.ros@giz.de)  
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**Closing date: 12 April 2016**

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# Taliban Faction Taunts Pakistan PM After Easter Bombing

REUTERS

ISLAMABAD - The Pakistani militants who bombed a Lahore park on Easter Sunday, killing 70 people, taunted Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif yesterday, declaring their war had come to his doorstep.

The military has said it is hunting the Taliban's Jamaat-ur-Ahrar faction and has carried out several raids since the suicide bombing, but neither the military nor the government has given any details.

Jamaat-ur-Ahrar claimed responsibility for the bombing, saying it had targeted Christians celebrating Easter and warning it would step up attacks.

Lahore is the capital of Punjab, Pakistan's richest and most populous province and Sharif's political heartland.

"Let Nawaz Sharif know that this war has now come to the threshold of his home," tweeted Jamaat-ur-Ahrar spokesman Ehsanullah Ehsan. "The winners of this war will, God willing, be the righteous mujahideen."

Jamaat-ur-Ahrar, an indepen-



Family members touch a coffin of a relative who was killed in a blast outside a public park on Sunday during a funeral in Lahore, Pakistan, on Monday.

dent faction of the Pakistani Taliban that also previously declared loyalty to the Islamic State group, has carried out five major attacks in Pakistan since December.

In a televised address to the nation on Monday, Sharif vowed to continue pursuing militant groups.

"I am here to renew a pledge that we are keeping count of ev-

ery drop of blood of our martyrs. This account is being settled, and we will not rest till it is paid," Sharif said.

The prime minister did not mention what steps would be taken in the aftermath of Pakistan's worst militant attack since gunmen stormed a Peshawar school killing 134 children in December 2014.

## Belgian Police Seek Tips Into 'Man in White' Bomb Suspect

BY STEVEN MUFSON  
THE WASHINGTON POST

BRUSSELS - Belgian police released new surveillance video Monday and issued a fresh call for help to identify "the man in white," one of three attackers at Brussels Airport and the only one believed to have survived last week's terrorist bombings.

The appeal came after investigators freed a suspect taken into custody and initially charged with participating in a terrorist attack.

But the man, Faycal Cheffou—who resembles the attacker shown in the airport surveillance image and was identified by a taxi driver who took the attackers to the airport—refused to answer questions, and there was not enough evidence to hold him, the prosecutor's office said. Prosecutors will decide later in the investigation whether to proceed with any charges against him, officials said.

The release of Cheffou, who in the past has publicly promoted extreme Islamist beliefs in Brussels, reopened the manhunt for the "man in white" and raised further questions about the extent of the network behind last week's bloodshed.

In the video, the third airport attacker is shown in a dark floppy hat, glasses, a goatee and a white

jacket pushing a luggage cart with a black suitcase on it shortly before two bombs exploded March 22. A photo from the video was made public shortly after the attacks, but the video gives a slightly better view.

One bomb—believed to be the one wheeled by the man—did not detonate in last Tuesday's carnage, which began at the airport and was followed by a suicide blast in a busy subway station.

Meanwhile, police across Europe widened antiterrorism crackdowns as prosecutors in Belgium charged three other people suspected of having links to militant networks, further adding to signs that the multi-nation probes were moving rapidly beyond the bombings in Brussels.

Yet even as the authorities chased new leads, there was still more reckoning from the Brussels attacks claimed by the Islamic State militant group.

Belgium's health minister raised the death toll to 35, not counting three suicide bombers. About 300 people were injured, and 96 remain hospitalized, according to the Belgium Crisis Center.

Nearly half of those killed were foreign nationals. The Belgian Foreign Ministry said not all of the wounded have been identified

because some remain comatose.

Pending passing certain tests yesterday, the Brussels Airport could reopen today but at no more than 16 percent of capacity, officials said.

Belgian police said they are looking at as many as eight people, including Mohamed Abrini and Naim el Hamed, a 28-year-old Syrian.

In Brussels, the federal prosecutor identified the three people, who were charged with participation in the activities of a terrorist group, only as Yassine A., Mohamed B. and Aboubaker O. They were among nine people detained Sunday morning by police for questioning; the rest were released.

It was not immediately clear whether the latest suspects played roles in planning the suicide blasts at the Brussels Airport and a metro station. But the police sweeps across the E.U. appeared aimed at heading off possible new attacks.

The raids and arrests added to a picture of multinational networks reaching far beyond I.S. strongholds in Iraq and Syria, where the group recently has suffered setbacks.

On Monday, Dutch police said they arrested three other men allegedly linked to terrorism plan-

Military and government officials on Monday said the military was preparing to launch a new paramilitary counterterrorism crackdown in Punjab.

The move, which has not yet been formally announced, represents the civilian government once again giving special powers to the military to fight Islamist militants.

"The PM ordered a joint operation of the counterterrorism department and Rangers in the border areas of Punjab against terrorists and their facilitators," said one government official who attended a meeting with Sharif and Punjab officials on Monday.

Two military officials and one other government official confirmed the decision on condition of anonymity. Sharif made no mention of the crackdown in his speech, and his party has long opposed any militarized operation against militants in its heartland.

The government also announced that Sharif would be canceling a planned trip to the U.S. to attend the Nuclear Security Summit, due to begin on Thursday.

A day earlier, Dutch authorities captured a 32-year-old French citizen in Rotterdam who was suspected of having ties to an apparent foiled attack in France last week. They gave his name only as Anis B.

Wim de Bruin, a spokesman for the Dutch prosecutor's office, said in an interview that police found mobile phones, SIM cards, ammunition, money and drugs when they captured him.

Dutch police said two of the three other detained men, aged 43 and 47, were of Algerian origin. No information was released about the third suspect.

Italian police, meanwhile, were holding Djamel Eddine Ouali, a 40-year-old Algerian suspected of providing false documents to the I.S. militants behind the attacks in Paris and Brussels. He was arrested over the weekend.

In central Brussels, tensions that marred a memorial event Sunday threatened to recur.

On Monday, a group called Identity Generation spread fliers calling for a demonstration with the slogan "Expel the Islamists" on Saturday in Molenbeek, an overwhelmingly Muslim middle-class neighborhood in Brussels and a hub for some of the suspected plotters in last year's Paris attacks.

**INVITATION TO BID**

**Ministry of Commerce  
Trade Development Support Program  
TF No. TF093573**

**Wishes to Purchase:  
Supply and Installation of Tablets  
Ref: TDSP/2014/095/1**

- The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has received a grant from the Multi-Donor Trust Fund contributed by the European Union, DANIDA and UNIDO and manage by the World Bank (Development Partner) toward the cost of Trade Development Support Program (TDSP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to payments under the Contract for Supply and Installation of Tablets (Ref. TDSP/2014/095/1).
- The following goods are required within 4 weeks from the date of contract.

No.	Item Description	Qty (Unit)
1	Tablet	35
2	Protection case	35
3	Power bank	35
4	Clip-on lens	35
5	Micro SDXC Card 64GB	35

- Interested qualified eligible suppliers are invited to obtain a copy of the bidding documents free-of-charge from the address given below by submitting a written application. Except for the submission of a written application, there shall be no other conditions for obtaining the bidding documents.
- To be considered eligible and qualified a bidder must:
  - Have completed at least two contracts for supply of similar goods in the preceding 3 years of not less than 50% of the bid price in each contract.
  - Have completed contracts with a total cumulative value equal to at least two times the value of the bid price in the preceding 2 years.
  - Not be under any notice of disbarment issued by the Government or the World Bank.
- Bids must be delivered to the address given below at or before **22 April 2016 at 2:30PM** (local time). Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in public immediately thereafter at the address given below in the presence of the Bidders' representatives and the project's beneficiaries from the concerned local community who choose to attend shall be allowed to be present in person.
- The Purchaser shall award the Contract to the Bidder whose offer has been determined to be the lowest evaluated bid and is substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents, provided further that the Bidder is determined to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid and performance securing declaration as described in the bidding documents. Any bid not accompanied by one will be rejected as non-compliant.
- In case of any difficulty in obtaining the bidding documents, interested parties may contact in writing to Mr. Chhieng Pich, Project Director, Department of International Cooperation, #19-61, MoC Road (113B), Russian Federation Blvd., Phum Teuk Thla, Sangkat Teuk Thla, Khan Sen Sok, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: 023 866 074, E-mail: [chhiengpich@gmail.com](mailto:chhiengpich@gmail.com) and also send a copy of the communication to The Director, Department of Investment and Debt Management, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Street 92, Sangkat Wat Phnom, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Fax No. (855-23) 725 341 and Dr. Lan Van Nguyen, Task Team Leader, World Bank Cambodia Office. E-mail: [nlan@ifc.org](mailto:nlan@ifc.org)
- The Government of Cambodia and/or the Development Partner will declare a firm ineligible either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract financed by the Government of Cambodia and/or the Development Partner respectively, if it at any time determines that the firm has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent, coercive or collusive practices in competing for or in executing a contract.
- The address where the document may be inspected, obtained and for bid submission is: Ministry of Commerce, Department of International Cooperation, #19-61, MoC Road (113B), Russian Federation Blvd., Phum Teuk Thla, Sangkat Teuk Thla, Khan Sen Sok, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Attn: Mr. Long Kemvichet, Chief of Procurement  
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Kingdom of Cambodia

Invitation for Bids

**Second Greater Mekong Sub-region Regional Communicable Diseases Control Project Additional Financing (GMS-CDC2 AF)  
ADB Grant No. 0448 CAM (EF)**

**Contract No. HSSP2-GMS2-AF-NCB-16-G-01: Supply and Installation of Loop Mediated Isothermal Amplification (LAMP) test for 20,000 cases with 2 Machines**

- The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has received a Grant from the Asian Development Bank toward the cost of the **Second Greater Mekong Sub-region Regional Communicable Diseases Control Project-Additional Financing (GMS-CDC2 AF)**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Grant to payments under the contract for **Supply and Installation of Loop Mediated Isothermal Amplification (LAMP) test for 20,000 cases with 2 Machines, Bid No. HSSP2-GMS2-AF-NCB-16-G-01**.
- The Royal Government of Cambodia, **Ministry of Health (MoH)** represented by the **Second Greater Mekong Sub-region Regional Communicable Diseases Control Project-Additional Financing (GMS-CDC2 AF)** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Supply and Installation of Loop Mediated Isothermal Amplification (LAMP) test for 20,000 cases with 2 Machines**.
- Procurement will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedures and under the laws and regulations governing public procurement within the Kingdom of Cambodia.
- This invitation is open to all eligible bidders from eligible source countries as described in the Bidding Document.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Ministry of Health, Second Greater Mekong Sub-region Regional Communicable Diseases Control Project (GMS-CDC2) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from **30<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016** from 07:30 a.m. to 12:00 pm. and 2:00 pm. to 5:30 pm.
- Qualification requirements include:  
The documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications to perform the contract if its bid is accepted shall establish to the Purchaser's satisfaction:
  - The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence that it meets the following experience and financial requirements:
    - that the Bidder has satisfactorily completed at least two contracts for supply of similar goods in the preceding three years of not less than 50% of the bid price in each contract.
    - that the Bidder has completed contracts in the total cumulative amount equal to at least two times the value of the bid price in the preceding two years.
    - that the Manufacturer of the offered goods, if a different entity from the Bidder, has experience of at least 3 years in the manufacturing of similar goods.
    - that the Bidder has availability of liquid assets through either:
      - access to a line of credit or cash in bank account of an amount at least 50% of the bid price, net of other contractual commitments;
      - credit terms with vendors specifically for the goods to be supplied under the contract, and valid for at least 6 months after the deadline date for submission of bids specified in ITB Clause 21.
  - that, in the case of a Bidder not doing business within Cambodia, the Bidder is or will be (if awarded the contract) represented by an Agent in Cambodia equipped and able to carry out the Supplier's maintenance, repair, and spare parts stocking obligations prescribed in the Conditions of Contract and/or Technical Specifications;
  - that the Bidder gives to the Purchaser the authority to seek references from the Bidder's bankers and
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee **USD 35.00** or its equivalent in Cambodian **Riels 143,500.00**. The method of payment will be in Cash. The Bidding Documents may be collected in person at the discretion of the bidder. Other than payment of the non-refundable fee specified above, there shall be no other conditions for purchase of the bidding documents.
- In case of any difficulty in purchase of the bidding documents, interested parties may contact in writing to Program Director: Prof. Eng Huot, No. 53, Street No. 281, Sangkat Boeung Kak I, Khan Toul Kork, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel.+855-23 880 260, Fax:+855-23 880 262. E-mail: [enghuot@online.com.kh](mailto:enghuot@online.com.kh) and also send a copy of the communication to:
  - The Director  
Department of Cooperation and Debt Management  
Ministry of Economy and Finance  
New Building 2nd Floor, ST.92, Sangkat Wat Phnom,  
Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Fax: 855-23 725 341
  - For the Asian Development Bank  
Dr. Gerard Servais  
Senior Health Specialist  
Southeast Asia Regional Department  
Asian Development Bank  
Tel (632) 632-5282. Email: [gservais@adb.org](mailto:gservais@adb.org)
- Bids must be delivered to the address given below at **10:00 hours on or before 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives and the project's beneficiaries from the concerned local community who choose to attend shall be allowed to be present in person at the address given below at **10:00 hours on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016**.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Securing Declaration as described in the Instructions to Bidders.
- The Royal Government of Cambodia and/or the Development Partner will respectively declare a bidder ineligible either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract financed by the Royal Government of Cambodia and/or the Development Partner respectively, if it at any time determines that the bidder has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent, coercive, collusive or obstructive practices in competing for or in executing a contract.
- The address referred to above is
  - The address for (i) obtaining of information (ii) collection of bidding document (iii) submission of bid document, and (iv) opening of bids:  
Ministry of Health, Second Greater Mekong Sub-Region  
Regional Communicable Diseases Control Project (GMS-CDC2)  
C/O:  
HSSP2 Office : # 53, Street 281, Sangkat Boeung Kak I,  
Khan Toul Kork, Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia.  
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# Turkish President Says Will Meet Obama at US Summit

REUTERS

ISTANBUL - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said yesterday he would meet U.S. President Barack Obama at a nuclear summit in Washington this week, amid differences over Syria and Turkey's domestic policy direction.

Erdogan will be among more than 50 world leaders at the Nuclear Security Summit on Thursday and Friday. There has been intense speculation in the Turkish media as to whether he would meet Obama, with some suggesting a failure to do so would be a deliberate U.S. snub.

NATO member Turkey is part of the U.S.-led coalition fighting the Islamic State militant group in Syria and Iraq, but the two allies are sharply divided over a Kurdish militia in northern Syria that has enjoyed U.S. military support but which Turkey sees as a threat to its national security.

Washington has also grown increasingly critical of Turkey's record on freedom of expression. U.S. Vice President Joe Biden said during a visit in January that Turkey was setting a poor example for the region in intimidating media and accusing academics of treason.

"Our colleagues have planned a meeting with Obama, just as we met at the G20," Erdogan told a news conference in Istanbul before his departure for the U.S.

# Nigeria's Ruling Party Slams Ministry Over Gas Shortages

REUTERS

ABUJA, Nigeria - The national leader of Nigeria's ruling party, the All Progressives Congress, has criticized the minister of state for petroleum over comments made about fuel shortages that have gripped Africa's biggest oil producer.

An economic crisis caused by low oil prices has created shortages as fuel importers cannot get the dollars needed to buy petrol and the state oil firm has not been able to sign agreements quickly enough to exchange crude oil for gasoline.

Despite being Africa's top oil producer, Nigeria relies on imported fuel for around 80 percent of its energy needs because its four refineries have never reached full production due to sabotage and poor maintenance.

Emmanuel Ibe Kachikwu, appointed both head of the state oil firm and minister of petroleum last

The two leaders last met at a G20 summit in Turkey in November.

"More than 50 leaders are attending the summit upon Obama's invitation, and we are going to talk with a majority of them. We are going to hold a bilateral meeting with Obama," he said, adding he did not know how long the meeting would last.

Erdogan also said he wanted U.S. authorities to take steps against a network of schools run by a movement affiliated with Islamic preacher Fethullah Gulen, a U.S.-based Turkish cleric whom Erdogan has accused of running a "parallel" state and of plotting to overthrow him.

Erdogan was once an ally of Gulen, whose network of followers runs schools worldwide. The two publicly fell out after police and prosecutors Erdogan saw as sympathetic to Gulen launched a graft probe that touched on the Turkish leader's inner circle in 2013.

Gulen, who faces terrorism charges in Turkey, denies his followers tried to topple Erdogan.

The arrest last week in Florida of a Turkish-Iranian gold trader, Reza Zarrab, who was at the center of that graft investigation, did not concern Turkey, Erdogan said.

"The real money launderers are [in the U.S.]. Have the authorities taken any steps toward them?" Erdogan said of Gulen's network.

year by Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari to oversee energy sector reforms, said last week he could not perform magic to end the fuel shortages.

In a ten-paragraph statement entitled "Kachikwu needs to know that respect and good performance will do what magic cannot," Bola Tinubu, who leads Buhari's APC party, criticized the former Exxon-Mobil executive for comments he said had been "unhelpful."

"The fuel shortage is severely biting for the average person. They are forced to remain in lines far too long, for too much time, to pay too much money for too little fuel," he said in the statement, issued late on Saturday and seen by reporters on Monday.

"This is no joking matter. Livelihoods and people's welfare are at stake," added Tinubu, an influential politician and former governor of Lagos state, a commercial hub.

KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA  
NATION RELIGION KING

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION YOUTH AND SPORT  
SECOND EDUCATION SECTOR SUPPORT PROJECT (SESSP)  
GPEF GRANT NO. TF017490

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Community Pre-School Construction National Site Engineers  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION

The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has received a grant from the Global Partnership of Education (GPE) to fund the Second Education Sector Support Project (SESSP). The grant is administered by the International Development Associate (IDA). The SESSP project is implemented by the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport (MoEYS). The objectives of the Project are to assist the RGC to: (i) expand access to early childhood education for 3-5 year olds; and (ii) contribute to improved access to and quality of basic education, particularly for those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The project is now seeking qualified and experienced National Engineers to oversee the quality and timeliness of pre-school construction works carried out by the community in rural and remote areas.

#### Contract Duration

Contract duration is initially for 4 months with the possibility of extension depending on the satisfactory performance, the needs of the project, and fund availability. The contract is subject to a probation period of one month.

#### Qualifications and Experience Required

1. Government recognized Degree in civil engineering or architecture
2. Minimum 1 year work experience in construction at site level
3. Evidence of willingness and ability to work at provincial level in any provinces and districts assigned including remote areas with limited facilities.
4. Evidence of willingness and ability to travel daily to construction sites using own transport and / or local transport including taxis, boats and motor bikes as required.
5. Evidence of willingness and ability to transfer skills to members of Community Pre-School Construction Committee and workers on site
6. Ability to communicate in English an advantage.

#### How to Apply

The Ministry of Education Youth and Sport invites expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced individual consultants to undertake the above mentioned services. The Individual Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Procurement Manual for Externally Financed Projects/Programs in Cambodia, May 2012 and the World Bank's Consultant Guidelines January 2011.

In submitting their expressions of interest, the interested candidates are kindly requested to provide their updated curriculum vitae, indicating their personal and technical skills, academic qualifications, and experience in similar assignments, along with the names of at least three (3) referees with contact information (e-mail address, telephone or fax numbers).

Interested candidates may obtain copies of the detailed Terms of Reference (in English) for the assignment from the address or e mail below during office hours from **8:00 to 12:00** and from **13:30 to 17:30 hours**, Monday through Friday, except public holidays.

Expressions of interest must be submitted to the address below by email or hard copy, no later than **12 April 2016 Before 17:30 hours**:

#### Mr. Chey Sith

Director of Procurement Unit,  
MoEYS and Project Procurement Officer, SESSP  
Ministry of Education Youth and Sport  
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Email: procurement@moeys.gov.kh,  
www.moeys.gov.kh/en/procurement

## Briefing

### Abe Upholds Plan to Raise Sales Tax as Scheduled

TOKYO - Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said yesterday he plans to raise the consumption tax as scheduled in April next year unless there is a major economic shock on the scale of the collapse of Lehman Brothers or a major earthquake. Referring to the planned tax hike by 2 percentage points to 10 percent, Abe said, "To pass this world-acclaimed social security system to the next generation and secure confidence from markets and the international community [about Japan's fiscal health], there is no change in the plan to raise it next year unless situations such as a Lehman-style [market] shock or a major earthquake occur." Abe made the comments after the Diet passed a record \$852 billion state budget for fiscal year 2016 starting Friday as part of efforts to bolster the economy, which he said "remains on a recovery trend" on the back of improved employment and income. Abe had also said recently that raising the levy would be meaningless if it ended up reducing tax revenues. (*Kyodo*)

### Taiwan's CTBC in Talks To Buy Stake in Thai Firm

TAIPEI - CTBC Financial Holding Co., the parent of Taiwan's biggest credit card issuer, is in talks to buy a stake of up to 40 percent in Thai firm LH Financial Group's banking unit, a person familiar with the matter said yesterday. The potential deal is a non-binding proposal worth around \$450 million subject to regulatory clearance in both Taiwan and Thailand. Officials at the financial services firm could not be reached for comment. The potential deal to buy into the unit, LH Bank, is the latest expansion by CTBC into China and Southeast Asia, as it seeks to expand revenue away from its competitive home market. CTBC has previously said it wants overseas banking revenue to grow from its present 36 percent to 50 percent of total revenue in five years. It currently has 100 overseas branches, offices and subsidiaries, with Southeast Asia a key focus. LH Financial has long sought a partner for its banking unit to boost its electronic banking and fend off fierce competition. LH Financial reported a net profit of \$47 million in 2015. It had assets of about \$5.5 billion at the end of February, according to data from Thai stock exchange. (*Reuters*)



Farmers collect corn at a farm in Gaocheng, Hebei province, China, last year. Reuters

## China to End Corn Stockpiling, Free Up Prices

REUTERS

BEIJING - China plans to scrap its corn stockpiling scheme and allow markets to set prices for the grain, pushing to boost efficiency on its farms and to narrow a gap between local and international prices that has sparked a surge of cheaper imports.

The government will instead subsidize corn growers and encourage commercial firms to buy grain from farmers at market prices, the State Administration of Grain said in a statement yesterday.

The new policy, which marks the biggest reform in China's grains sector for a decade, is aimed at improving quality and efficiency in its agricultural sector as part of the country's "supply-side reform."

But it could prove costly for Beijing, potentially leaving it with huge financial losses as falling prices devalue massive stockpiles that hold over half the world's corn supplies.

And as domestic prices start to shift in line with international markets, Chinese demand for imports of corn and corn substitutes such as sorghum, feed-grade barley and distillers' grains is expected to tank, hitting major suppliers such as the U.S. and Australia.

"We hope the new reform would let the market play more of a role in the formation of prices," Liu Xiaonan, a deputy director with the National Development and Reform Commission, said in the statement.

The new policy will take effect

in the world's No. 2 corn consumer from the 2016-2017 marketing year that starts in October.

"Imports after autumn would be very difficult and could come to a halt," said Li Qiang, an analyst with commodity advisory Shanghai JC Intelligence Co. Ltd.

"Given the market-oriented reform of domestic corn prices, it is possible that China would be able to export both corn and corn products."

Beijing's 9-year-old stockpiling system, designed to support its huge rural workforce, has artificially lifted corn prices around 30 to 50 percent above global markets, triggering a record volume of imports of corn and corn substitutes in 2015.

Government officials signaled the policy change last month. Chen Xiwen, deputy director with the Communist Party's Central Rural Working Leading Group, said the move would make domestic corn prices cheap enough to deter imports.

The step was also flagged over the weekend by local television, and has already driven down domestic corn prices.

The new crop corn contract on the Dalian Commodity Exchange shed about 2 percent in yesterday morning's session after falling over 3 percent the day before.

### Massive State Sales Loom?

After years of stockpiling coupled with weakening domestic de-

mand, the government has been saddled with about 250 million tons of corn in its reserves, more than the country can consume in a whole year, with the quality of the stored grain deteriorating.

The government is likely to sell more than 40 million tons from stockpiles this year, possibly starting from next month, with prices potentially below market price, JCI's Li said.

"Traders will be watching developments closely as the sell down of Chinese reserves will impact demand for U.S. corn," said Tobin Gorey, director of agricultural strategy at Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

The government's hopes that the policy will cut corn production could be dashed in the short term, however, as many farmers have already purchased seeds ahead of the planting season that starts next month, analysts said.

"Farmers may not reduce acreage as much as the government expects. Corn could still be in surplus during the autumn harvest," said an analyst with an official think tank, who declined to be identified due to the sensitivity of the issue.

China has already abolished stockpiling in cotton, soybeans and rapeseed, and yesterday's statement said it would also look into reforming wheat and rice, the two remaining staple food commodities subject to minimum purchase prices set by the government.

## Business

# Tiny Fruit Fly Sours Australia's Big Ambitions in Agriculture

REUTERS

A tiny fruit fly is undermining Australia's efforts to grow its \$3 billion fruit and vegetable exports, despite the country reaching a series of free trade agreements with its largest trading partners in Asia.

Australia sealed trade agreements with China, Japan and South Korea last year—deals that guaranteed a significant reduction in tariffs for agriculture produce and were heralded as a catalyst for rapid expansion in exports.

The tariff cuts have pushed sales of agriculture produce to all-time highs, but difficulty obtaining biosecurity permits—so-called phytosanitary protocol agreements—means many fruits in particular cannot be sold into markets like China, making free-trade agreements often meaningless, industry executives say.

"Phytosanitary protocol agreements are the biggest hurdle we have to overcome to get our products into markets like China," said

Annie Farrow, industry services manager at the industry body, Apple and Pear Australia.

Australia's fruit and vegetable exports make up about 10 percent of the country's \$30 billion in agriculture exports but are being targeted for rapid growth as the country tries to transition its economy away from a slowing mining sector.

While biosecurity hazards pose problems for all agricultural produce in accessing major markets like China, horticulture is seeing

the greatest obstacles due to the Queensland fruit fly, known scientifically as *Bactrocera tryoni* and found across Australia's mainland.

Only a handful of products—including citrus and table grapes—can be sold into China. Sales of other fruit such as apples, cherries and oranges to markets such as Japan and South Korea is heavily restricted because of concerns about the possible transfer of the pest, whose larvae feed on ripening fruit and cause it to rot.

## Marriott International Gets Outbid—Again—for Starwood Hotels

BY ABHA BHATTARAI  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Marriott International's plans to take over Starwood Hotels & Resorts hit another roadblock Monday when China's Anbang's Insurance Group raised its offer for Starwood to \$14 billion, the latest move in a heated bidding war.

Anbang's new all-cash bid "is reasonably likely to lead to a 'superior proposal'" to Marriott's most recent \$13.6 billion cash-and-stock

offer for the parent company of Sheraton, St. Regis and W Hotels, Starwood said in a statement.

Anbang, which is leading a group of investors, is offering \$82.75 for each share of Starwood, nearly \$7 higher than its initial offer earlier this month. The consortium also includes two private equity firms: New York-based J.C. Flowers & Co. and China's Primavera Capital Group.

Marriott said it "will monitor this

development as it and Starwood continue to work toward the closing of its transaction and the successful integration of the two companies."

The announcement comes one week after Marriott and Starwood said they had agreed to a revised merger agreement of \$13.6 billion. Under Marriott's most recent proposal, Starwood shareholders would receive \$21 in cash and 0.8 shares of Marriott for each share of the Stamford, Connecticut-based

hotelier.

Bethesda-based Marriott originally announced plans to buy Starwood for \$12.2 billion in November. Shareholders of Marriott and Starwood are set to vote on a possible merger between the companies on April 8.

Whoever gains control of Starwood will likely be entering Cuba as well. This month, Starwood became the first U.S. hotel operator to gain access to the country.

## Yahoo Sets April 11 Deadline for Submission of Preliminary Bids

BY DOUGLAS MACMILLAN  
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Yahoo Inc. has given potential suitors two weeks to submit preliminary bids for its core Web business and Asian assets, according to people familiar with the matter.

In letters sent to possible buyers in recent days, Yahoo advisers asked them to submit proposals for their bids, including what assets they hope to acquire and for what price. Some buyers may be only interested in Yahoo's core Web business, or pieces of it, while others may also propose bids for stakes in Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. or Yahoo Japan.

The company set an April 11 deadline for the bids, one of these people said.

The bidders were also asked for details on how they would finance a purchase, what conditions or approvals would have to be met on their end, and what key assumptions they would be making by deciding to move forward with a deal, the sources said. Assumptions might include how much of a tax bill would likely be incurred by a separation of the Alibaba and Yahoo Japan assets from the core business.

A Yahoo spokesman didn't have immediate comment.

Yahoo is hoping to whittle down the field of about 40 firms—which all signed nondisclosure agree-

ments in recent weeks—to a smaller set of players who are serious about a purchase of the struggling Web properties.

The company's bankers have been contacting potential suitors—including Verizon Communications Inc., IAC/InterActiveCorp. and Time Inc., as well as private-equity firms TPG and KKR & Co.—but the process is in the early stages.

Microsoft Corp. has held discussions with private-equity firms about helping to finance a buyout, according to a person familiar with the matter. The software giant hopes to preserve the revenue it generates from its search partnership with Yahoo in the event of a sale to a third party.

A Microsoft spokeswoman declined to comment. Technology blog Recode last week reported on Microsoft's talks with private-equity firms.

The preliminary bidding process may help shed light on how much buyers are willing to pay for Yahoo's assets. Estimating the value of Yahoo's business is difficult because investors ascribe a large portion of its roughly \$33 billion market value to its stakes in Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. and Yahoo Japan.

Yahoo is under pressure to get an auction process moving before

this summer, when its shareholders are likely to vote on whether to replace all nine members of its board of directors with a slate of directors nominated by activist investor Starboard Value LP. The hedge fund began its proxy battle late last week with a letter to Yahoo that criticized the board for taking too long to hold sale discussions with potential buyers.

By asking for preliminary bids in early April, Yahoo could potentially close a deal by June or July, when Yahoo is expected to hold its annual shareholder meeting and vote on proxy proposals. The company has yet to set a date for that meeting.

"I believe the preferred route for Starboard and for management is for [Yahoo] to find a suitor before the shareholder meeting," said Youssef Squalli, an analyst at Cantor Fitzgerald.

Yahoo's sale process is being managed by an independent board committee that includes chairman Maynard Webb, Thomas McNerney and H. Lee Scott, Jr., people familiar with the matter said earlier this month.

Chief executive Marissa Mayer was excluded from that committee in part because of the potential for a private-equity bid involving the CEO as an investor, a person said last month.



A man walks past a Yahoo logo in Barcelona.

Reuters

Business

# Philippines' Major Nickel Miner Seals China Supply Agreements

REUTERS

MANILA - Global Ferronickel Holdings Inc., the Philippines' second-biggest nickel ore miner, signed contracts with Chinese buyers, including Baosteel, equivalent to about 90 percent of its nickel ore output target for this year, it said on Monday.

The supply deals as well as efforts to cut operating costs amid the slump in nickel prices since last year should help the company stay profitable this year, it said. Nickel prices have fallen due to rising stockpiles and weak Chinese demand.

Philippine nickel ore producers, the biggest suppliers to top market China of the metal used in making stainless steel, agreed earlier this month to slash output and exports in 2016 by as much as 20 percent in response to weak prices.

The company will deliver a total of 4.5 million wet metric tons to three Chinese customers for a period of one year at spot prices, including 1 million wmt to Baoshan Iron & Steel, also known as Baosteel, it said in a statement.

Stainless steel producer Tsing-

shan Holding Group has committed to buy 2.5 million wmt, while Shanghai International Trade will buy 1 million wmt, it said.

Global Ferronickel plans to cut shipments to about 5 million wmt this year from 5.4 million in 2015 but has the flexibility to increase the volume if prices rise, company officials told reporters in a March 18 interview.

"We are very excited with our prospects for 2016," Global Ferronickel President Dante Bravo said after announcing the deals with three of China's biggest stainless steel makers.

"We have managed to reduce contracted operating costs by as much as 30 percent to remain very competitive."

Global Ferronickel has yet to release its 2015 financial and operating results. Nine-month net income was \$20.4 million versus \$103 million in 2014.

Nickel prices have rebounded from a 13-year low of \$7,550 a ton in February, with London Metal Exchange nickel trading at \$8,651 on Monday, possibly due to output cuts, analysts say.

## — Business Brief —

### Japan to Slap Anti-Dumping Tariffs on Chemical Imports

TOKYO - The Japanese government plans to provisionally slap a four-month anti-dumping tariff on South Korean and Chinese chemical substances used to make fertilizers and detergents. Japan will impose 49.5 percent and 73.7 percent anti-dumping tariffs on import prices of potassium hydrate from South Korea and China, respectively, the Finance Ministry said. The government launched a probe following a request from a Japanese chemical industry body in April arguing that domestic manufacturers' sales are harmed by low-priced imports from the two countries. More than 90 percent of the chemical substance is imported from South Korea. The government will continue its investigation to decide whether Japan will impose anti-dumping tariffs for up to five years. (Kyodo)

### CAMBODIA SECURITIES EXCHANGE

Tuesday, March 29, 2016



Index	Value	Change	Open	High	Low	Volume
CSX	384.7	-1.94	386.64	387.61	383.73	2,617
Stock	Value	Change	Open	High	Low	Volume
PPWSA	4,820	-40	4,800	4,800	4,800	1,680
Grand Twins	3,960	0	0	0	0	0
PPAP	5,460	0	5,460	5,460	5,460	937

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Source: LY HOUR EXCHANGE

¥/US\$	113.556	Sing\$/US\$	1.3678
£/US\$	0.7004	Euro/US\$	0.8929
AUS\$/US\$	1.3304	SKoreaW/US\$	1,167.20
HK\$/US\$	7.7573	Thai฿/US\$	35.35
SwissF/US\$	0.9746	Riel/US\$	4,015

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Source: LY HOUR EXCHANGE

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## OPINION

## Off-Shore Oil Drilling in Arctic Ocean Is Still Far Too Risky

EDITORIAL  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

When oil executives look at an offshore drilling rig, they see money. Environmentalists, though, see a disaster waiting to happen. The administration of U.S. President Barack Obama should have listened more closely to the latter before including in its 2017 to 2022 drilling plan a proposal to allow three new offshore leases in Alaska, two of them in the Arctic Ocean. Yes, the Arctic Ocean, one of the most fragile natural environments in the world, where disturbances can have devastating impacts. In the event of a serious spill or leak, the region is so remote it would be exceedingly difficult to muster workers and equipment to contain the emergency. Long winters marked by sub-zero temperatures and an ice cap that shifts with the winds and the currents add a layer of complexity to cleaning up a disastrous spill. The risks clearly exceed the rewards.

To its credit, the U.S. Department of Interior simultaneously announced that it would abandon pro-

posed Atlantic oil leases off Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. That decision stemmed from a declining market for oil as well as opposition among coastal communities and the fishing industry. The Pentagon objected, too, over fears that the presence of drill rigs could interfere with military training and national defense efforts. It would have been nice if the government had acknowledged the environmental risks as well, but at least it reached the right decision.

U.S. policymakers need to focus more on that bigger picture: the environmental impact of energy decisions, especially as scientists warn that climate change will be taking its toll on the planet much sooner and more quickly than had been anticipated. (It is ironic that global warming has led to a smaller Arctic ice cap, which makes it easier and more enticing for oil companies to try to extract from beneath the Arctic Ocean more of the very fossil fuels that got us into this climate mess in the first place.)

The government's most recent experiment with an off-shore lease in the Arctic ended in failure last year when Royal Dutch Shell spent \$7 billion to sink a highly controversial exploratory well in the Chukchi Sea that failed to find significant amounts of oil and natural gas. The government then canceled additional planned lease sales and lease extensions in the Beaufort and Chukchi seas, citing low global oil prices and limited industry interest. And it continues to hold out the possibility of canceling the three proposed new leases, as well, if circumstances warrant. The government's proposed 2017 to 2022 drilling plan also declares 9.8 million Arctic Ocean acres under federal control ineligible for drilling.

That's good. But the government should close the entire Arctic Ocean to off-shore drilling.

Among the most pristine marine environments in the world, the Chukchi Sea supports such protected species as walrus, ringed seals and the spectacled eider, a sea duck. It also is home to

half of the U.S.' polar bear population. The neighboring Beaufort Sea also is a fragile home to polar bears, ringed seals and other species, and is important to a half-dozen types of whales. As we saw with the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, off-shore drilling is fraught with potential dangers that differ from land leaks, which are more easily contained and cleaned up. A recent federal study found a 75 percent chance over 77 years of at least one large spill from Arctic offshore wells. That's an unnecessarily high level of risk just to add more oil spigots to the nation's supply.

Especially since U.S. demand for fossil-fuel energy is down from a decade ago. And not just for oil. Coal-powered electrical production has decreased as reliance on less-polluting natural gas and renewable sources has increased. So the nation is moving, albeit late and slowly, in the right direction. Which makes this a good time to not only close the Arctic but also consider freezing new offshore leases elsewhere.

## How Millennials Should Deal With Baby Boomers at Work

BY ANN FRIEDMAN  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Advice on how to attract and manage millennial employees has become a fixture of business journalism and corporate reports. Thanks to extensive research, we know that millennials may come to the workplace with "a sense of entitlement, a tendency to overshare on social media, and frankness verging on insubordination," as *The New York Times* explained recently.

But what happens when baby boomers dominate your office culture? What are the best practices for handling their Luddism and fragile egos?

In the absence of reliable intelligence and seminars on the topic, millennials have had to invent coping mechanisms for working alongside their elders. Strategies summarized below are all from working professionals aged 33 or younger.

First, it's important to never assume that your baby-boomer colleagues, born between 1946 and 1964, are unfamiliar with new technology. It's likely they've read about it, tried it once and decided they hate it. Don't talk to boomers as if their methods (even the ancient

ones) are stupid. Keep it constructive. Suggest ways to optimize without remaking their entire process.

In a boomer-majority office, it's often necessary to ignore mild but routine sexism. Remember that some boomers joined the workforce before anti-harassment policies were created.

It's also important to signal to your boomer colleagues that you're aware of history prior to 1990, without threatening their conviction that lived experience is invaluable. Of course you've listened to Fleetwood Mac and know who Richard Nixon is. But instead of insisting you're already quite familiar with these cultural touchstones, just chuckle gently or ask a follow-up question about Lindsey Buckingham.

Restraint, millennials agree, is indispensable, even when boomers aren't showing any. Older colleagues may drop comments such as, "I have children your age!" Under no circumstance should you point out that you have parents their age. Just smile and don't stop smiling for the duration of your employment. If you are tempted to roll your eyes, carefully fix your gaze on your computer until the feeling has passed.

## Bernie Sanders' Run Gets No Respect from His Rigged Party

EDITORIAL  
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders won three western Democratic caucuses by landslides on Saturday, and all he got was this lousy Associated Press headline: "Sanders wins 3 states; Clinton holds delegate lead." The AP header is accurate, but the Vermont Senator and his legions can be forgiven for wondering what he has to do to get some political respect.

Sanders won Alaska with about 82 percent of the vote, Hawaii with 70 percent and delegate-rich Washington state with 73 percent. These may not be bellwether states. But Republican candidates Donald Trump or Ted Cruz would love to have those margins, and in a normal year, a front-runner like his rival, Hillary Clinton, would be running up such totals at this stage of the presidential race. Instead, the 74-year-old Sanders is showing the kind of electoral strength that gives him every right to fight on at least through April's contests and maybe to the convention in July.

The challenger's victories reveal Clinton's continuing weakness even among Democratic partisans.

She continues to have a delegate lead thanks to her victories in states dominated by older African-American voters and government-employee unions. But she inspires little enthusiasm, and the case for her seems to boil down to her inevitability as the nominee—not least because of her lead in "superdelegates." These are current or former elected officials and other Democratic grandees who are formally unpledged to any candidate before the convention. AP currently has them going 469 for Clinton and only 29 for Sanders.

For all the talk about an open convention that could deny Trump the Republican nomination, the Democratic establishment has done far more to rig the nominating process to favor elites. Sanders gets no respect is because Democratic elites prefer a nominee who disguises her socialism better than he does.

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Opinion

# Political Correctness Is Better Than Casual Racism Run Amok

By Aimee Liu  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Today it's popular to say that political correctness is destroying the U.S., but a set of century-old clippings offer a cautionary reminder of what the country was like without it.

From Oregon to South Carolina, journalists and their editors in 1906 felt free to trumpet racial epithets and outright lies, including those they printed about my American grandmother and my Chinese grandfather.

Beginning with their engagement, my grandparents' union was national news, simply because of their races. Front-page headlines ranged from the seemingly benign San Francisco Call's "Charming Miss Dolly Gives Her Hand to Len Shen Yu" to the Denver Post's virulent "Los Angeles Heiress Elopes with a Chink Editor of San Fran."

Reporters couldn't be bothered to learn my grandfather's actual name, Liu Chengyu, instead concocting random approximations. And in true tabloid fashion, the Denver paper fabricated the notion that my grandmother was an heiress eloping with her Chinese lover.

In fact, until the 1906 San Francisco earthquake one month earlier, Dolly Trescott, then 29, had been struggling to support herself by tutoring students in English. One of them was my 30-year-old grandfather-to-be, then enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley, and the editor of a newspaper in San Francisco's Chinatown. When the quake struck, Liu Chengyu helped his tutor escape her boarding house on Jackson Street before the Great Fire engulfed it. He then protected her in the tent city for refugees that was erected on the Presidio. Homeless and with no family other than her naturopath father in Los Angeles, Trescott understandably accepted when this wealthy son of a former Viceroy of Canton proposed marriage.

Liu was a protege of Sun Yatsen, who campaigned to overthrow the imperial dynasty. My grandfather wanted to see China remade as a Western-style republic. It's not clear that my grandmother knew any more about these revolutionist activities than did the American reporters who dubbed her fiance an "embryo diplomat." Regardless, she was prepared to go the distance to marry her "Celestial." That alone made her fair game for

the papers.

Among its many functions, political correctness applies a brake on the impulse to lie. It's tempting, when spewing venom, to gin up one's case with sensational falsehoods, but less so if you know your audience will call you out and

challenge you to justify your prejudices with reason and with facts. In 1906 the citizens who would correct the record were few, but they did exist. The Presbyterian minister who married my grandparents was one.

In the continental U.S. at the

time, all but 17 mostly northeastern states had so-called anti-miscegenation laws that prohibited interracial marriage. And even in a state where it was allowed, finding a willing preacher was no small feat. Trescott and Liu apparently thought they could find one in Mormon Utah, so they boarded a train to Ogden, where reporters gleefully documented the local minister's refusal. The determined couple proceeded to Evanston, Wyoming, where the Reverend Leon Hills was willing not only to wed them, but also to defend them against the public outrage that followed.

The good reverend's appeal had little effect. After returning to California from their wedding odyssey, my grandmother quietly rented an apartment for the two of them in a "swell" section of Berkeley, but when three neighboring families learned my grandfather's ethnicity, they went to the press and threatened to move away. My "wrathy" grandmother was now ready to issue her own statement:

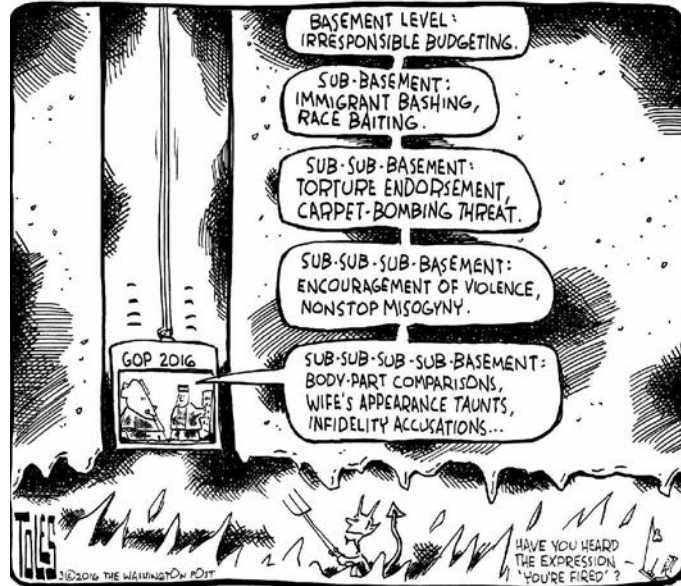
"Certain persons have taken it upon themselves to criticise [sic] me because I married an Oriental, but I consider that is purely my own business.... If necessary I will put the case in the hands of a lawyer.... I will not admit that anyone can drive me out of my present domicile and will fight for my rights to the last."

As far as we know, she won the battle. In 1908, the couple's first daughter was born, without fanfare. Three years later, Sun's revolution toppled the Manchu empire, and Liu Chengyu hastened back to Shanghai to become a senator in the first Chinese republic. My grandmother followed in 1912, and for the next 24 years my grandparents remained in China, where they had three more children. (My father was the second born.)

Prejudice, from Europeans and Chinese alike, always marked their lives, but never again was it as wanton and widespread as the ugliness captured in those century-old American clippings.

If today's campaign against political correctness succeeds, who can doubt that the nasty rhetoric aimed at my grandparents would pale against the vitriol of our times?

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TRAVEL

# Mexico City Streets Offer a Gastronomic Tour for the Tastebuds

By MICHAEL MELLO  
THE WASHINGTON POST

MEXICO CITY - It's difficult to find someone who doesn't like at least some Mexican cuisine, with its influences culled from French, Lebanese and indigenous sources.

Luckily for visitors who want to explore Mexico City's food outside of a fancy restaurant, there are several tours that provide a hands-on experience with Mexico's culinary heritage and diversity.

I took advantage of the opportunity, trodding the tilted, broken sidewalks of the capital with a guide to seek the street food that makes the city's denizens flock to the boulevards for savory meals.

The tour, and our guide, Victor Gamboa, delivered. We started in the shadows of the city's financial district skyscrapers. Gamboa directed us to a humble cart where the steam from 40 fresh tamales lingered in the cool morning air.

For more than 18 years, Marisol has operated the cart, providing a traditional on-the-go Mexican breakfast for white- and blue-collar workers alike. Among the choices are tamales spiked with rajás—spicy strips of peppers—and a sweeter plain corn tamale traditionally colored pink for flair.



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A taco stand in the Tacubaya neighborhood of Mexico City

One interesting stop on the tour took us to a tortilleria, one of dozens—if not hundreds—in greater Mexico City that produce the corn masa discs. Corn is native to Mexico and is its most important food staple—so important, Gamboa said, that the federal government caps the price of tortillas at about \$1 for a nearly 1 kg stack. He handed us each a hot tortilla and motioned for us to salt it lightly. It seemed too simple a treat for an American used to stuffing tortillas with meat, cheese

and salsa, but in this case it left me well satisfied.

I salivated when Gamboa announced carnitas awaited us at our next stop. It was an impressive sight, a small rickety cart somehow supporting an enormous steel bowl at a full boil, cooking a pig in its own grease.

"In Mexico, we don't waste any part of the pig," he said as one of the sow's ears surfaced at the top of the caldron, only to be sucked under by the hot oil's convection.

Gamboa grinned as he carried a

pile of steaming pork on a tortilla—my first pig uterus taco. Just the sight of the spongy flesh told me this wasn't something I would see at my local Southern California taqueria, but that was the point of this tour, right?

The savory, complex taste of the meat surprised me, and I managed three or four generous bites before revulsion at what I was eating halted my meal. Still, it was fun partaking of something so exotic.

The tour ended, appropriately enough, at a dulceria, or sweet shop. We found plenty of chocolate—another Mexican native—along with interesting curiosities such as snack wafers made from sesame seeds.

Gamboa presented us with an irregular chunk of vivid orange, candied something and challenged us to guess what it was. As I did, the tempered sweetness reminded me of fall. Pumpkin! Another indigenous inhabitant of the Americas.

Our sweet teeth sated, we thanked him for an educational and happily hedonistic experience. The tour left me too stuffed to even think about dinner that night, but had I grown hungry, I knew where to find a few decent spots on the street.



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**Entrance Exam Date: 9 April, 2016**

**Info session: CKCC at RUPP Campus I, 2 April, 2016 (10:00-11:00am)**  
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