On the two-year anniversary of the murder of Kem Ley, CCHR releases a new video about his life’s journey, and renews call for justice

The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (“CCHR”) remembers today – 10 July 2018 – the legacy and memory of Mr. Kem Ley, a former member of CCHR’s board of directors. Kem Ley was shot dead two years ago today, while drinking coffee at a cafe in central Phnom Penh. Today, CCHR releases a video that commemorates his life, his work, and his memory. The video, entitled “Kem Ley: His Life’s Journey” can be viewed on YouTube and Facebook.

CCHR will also be releasing a series of downloadable infographics featuring some of Kem Ley’s inspirational quotes via Facebook and Twitter over the course of the next week.

Today, CCHR’s Executive Director, Chak Sopheap, has also published a blog post entitled “Never Forget Kem Ley”, in which she recalls the tragic news of his death, and remembers his proud and lasting legacy as an inspiration to so many Cambodians, especially the youth.

Although two years have passed since Kem Ley was killed, his memory lives on. During his tragically short life, he managed to touch the lives and hearts of countless Cambodians. His fearless, tireless pursuit of the truth, even in the face of threats and adversity, will continue to inspire human rights defenders and ordinary people for generations to come.

Kem Ley is best known for speaking and pursuing the truth, even when it was risky to do so. In honour of his memory, CCHR renews our call for an independent and transparent investigation into the entire circumstances surrounding Kem Ley’s death, so that truth and justice can finally be delivered to his bereaved family, and the general public.

CCHR Executive Director Chak Sopheap comments:

“Today, we remember Kem Ley, the man who inspired so many. This new video takes a closer look at his life and work. It shows his character, as a true man of the people, who was deeply concerned by the human rights violations suffered by ordinary, rural Cambodians. It shows him for the devoted family man he was, and the incredible bravery he displayed through his work. Although it is two years since he died, his legacy lives on in our hearts. We will #neverforget Kem Ley.”

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