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The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (“CCHR”) Marks the Sixth Anniversary of Dr. Kem Ley’s Death

10 July 2022 marks the sixth anniversary of the death of Dr. Kem Ley, a prominent political commentator and advocate of democracy and human rights. On 10 July 2016, Kem Ley was shot dead in broad daylight at a gas station in Phnom Penh.

In commemoration of the sixth anniversary of the death of Kem Ley, CCHR will conduct a series of activities throughout July as outlined below:

- From 27 June to 4 July, the public will be invited to write and submit poems remembering Kem Ley.
- From 01 to 31 July, CCHR will update its Facebook page cover picture to display a picture of Kem Ley.
- From 02 to 07 July, quotes from Kem Ley will be posted on CCHR’s Facebook page.
- On 06 July, a traditional Buddhist ceremony, followed by an event commemorating the sixth anniversary of the death of Kem Ley, will take place at CCHR’s office.
- On 09 July, a video titled “Kem Ley: His Life Journey” will be posted on CCHR’s Facebook page.
- On 10 July, audio-video messages of the remembrance from public on CCHR’s Facebook page.
- From 11 to 31 July, quotes of Kem Ley will be posted in an audio-video format on CCHR’s Facebook page.

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Notes to the Editor:

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