The Cambodian Center for Human Rights ("CCHR") launches its annual campaign to celebrate key international human rights days.

On 25 November 2022, CCHR will launch its annual 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence Campaign ("16 days campaign"), which will start on 25 November 2022.

25 November marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Violence against women continues to be the most widespread and devastating human rights abuses in the world today and is pervasive in Cambodia. It is estimated that more than one in five Cambodian women experience violence at the hands of their partner, a number believed to have risen since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. CCHR’s 16 days campaign will raise awareness of women’s rights and the harmful impacts of gender-based violence ("GBV") amongst our community and call on the Royal Government of Cambodia ("RGC") to take immediate and concrete steps to end GBV and promote gender equality in Cambodia.

The campaign will run until Human Rights Day on 10 December 2022, a significant day to celebrate the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the revolutionary document underpinning the international human rights framework and originally enshrining the fundamental human rights owed to everyone. The theme of Human Rights Day 2022 is "Hopes of Living in Dignity with Freedom, Equality, and Justice."

Across this period, CCHR will also mark a number of other key days on the human rights calendar, including International Women Human Rights Defenders Day on 29 November 2022 and International Human Rights Defenders Day on 9 December 2022, crucial days to celebrate the commitment and dedication of human rights defenders in advocating, educating and raising awareness of human rights in their communities.

Overall, these important days are the opportunity for relevant stakeholders, especially duty bearers and civil society actors, to reaffirm their commitment to protecting and promoting human rights.

Under this campaign, CCHR’s will conduct a series of activities as outlined below:

- On 25 November 2022, on the occasion of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, CCHR will release a third timeline of events pertaining to the NagaWorld strike, with a focus on the abuses committed against female strikers.
- On 26 November 2022, CCHR will post a quiz about Human Rights Day on its Facebook page to engage the public.
- On 29 November 2022, on the occasion of Women Human Rights Defenders Day, CCHR will release an infographic on the progress of implementation of the UPR Recommendations on
women’s rights by the RGC.

- On 7 December 2022, CCHR will announce the results of its Human Rights Day quiz on its Facebook page.
- On 8 December 2022, CCHR will organize the Human Rights Champion Cup, a football tournament to celebrate Human Right Day.
- On 9 December 2022, CCHR will join the event organized by the United Nations Human Rights Office in Cambodia to celebrate International Human Rights Defenders Day and International Human Rights Day.
- On 10 December 2022, to mark Human Rights Day and to conclude its campaign, CCHR will publish its 2022 Human Rights Timeline as well as a series of snapshots highlighting each month’s key recorded events.

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Notes to the Editor:

Founded in November 2002, CCHR is a non-aligned, independent, non-governmental organization that works to promote and protect democracy and respect for human rights – primarily civil and political rights - in Cambodia.

CCHR is a member of the International Freedom of Expression Exchange (IFEX), the global network for freedom of expression, and CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation. CCHR is also a member of the World Organization Against Torture (OMCT) SOS-Torture Network and OECD Watch.

The Cambodian Human Rights Portal www.sithi.org is the 2011 winner of the Information Society Innovation Fund Award in the category of Rights and Freedoms and the 2013 winner of the Communication for Social Change Award awarded by the Centre for Communication and Social Change at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.