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

On 10 July 2024, we will commemorate the eighth anniversary of the death of Dr. Kem Ley, a prominent political commentator and advocate for democracy and human rights in Cambodia. From 2011 to 2014, Dr. Kem Ley also served as a member of CCHR’s Board of Directors. On 10 July 2016, Kem Ley was tragically shot dead in broad daylight at a gas station in Phnom Penh.

To mark the anniversary of his death, CCHR will conduct a series of activities throughout July, as outlined below:

- From 1 to 31 July, CCHR will update its Facebook page cover picture to display an image of Kem Ley.
- From 1 to 4 July, the public will be invited to write and submit messages in memory of Kem Ley.
- On 2 July, quotes from Kem Ley will be posted on CCHR’s Facebook page.
- On 5 July, a radio talk show titled “Eighth Commemoration of the Death of Dr. Kem Ley” will be produced by CCHR’s Radio Program and livestreamed on its Facebook page.
- On 9 July, a traditional Buddhist ceremony, followed by a commemorative event, will take place at CCHR’s office.
- On 11 July, a video titled “8 Years of Remembrance” will be posted on CCHR’s Facebook page.
- From 15 to 31 July, quotes from Kem Ley will be posted in an audio-video format on CCHR’s Facebook page.

For more information, please contact CCHR’s Protecting Fundamental Freedoms Project Coordinator, Mr. Ruos Sarat, via email at rossarath@cchrcambodia.org or by phone at +855 (0) 17 886 695.

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Notes to the Editor:

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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.

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