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### **The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (“CCHR”) launches its annual campaign to celebrate key international human rights days**

On 25 November 2024, CCHR will launch its annual 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence Campaign (“16 days campaign”).

This key date marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Violence against women continues to be one of 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 partners. CCHR’s 16 days campaign will raise awareness of women’s rights and the harmful impacts of gender-based violence (“GBV”), and call upon the Royal Government of Cambodia (“RGC”) to take immediate and concrete steps to end GBV and promote gender equality in the country.

The campaign will run until Human Rights Day on 10 December 2024, a significant day to celebrate the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the seminal document underpinning the international human rights framework and which originally enshrined the fundamental human rights owed to every person.

During this period, CCHR will also mark several other key days on the human rights calendar, including International Women Human Rights Defenders Day on 29 November 2024 and International Human Rights Defenders Day on 9 December 2024, crucial dates to celebrate the commitment and dedication of human rights defenders in advocating for, educating and raising awareness of human rights in their communities.

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

As part of this campaign from 25 November to 10 December, CCHR will conduct a series of activities as outlined below:

- On 25 November 2024, CCHR will hold a radio talk show titled “16 days Campaign to end GBV”.
- From 25 - 30 November 2024, CCHR will disseminate the fourth UPR recommendations, which were supported by the RGC, pertaining to gender equality and access to justice.

- From 26 November to 2 December 2024, CCHR will open the online registration to the public who wish to attend the 16 Days campaign in person.
- On 29 November 2024, CCHR will release short videos on the activities of women human rights defenders.
- On 3 December 2024, CCHR will release a NEWSLETTER ON RIGHT TO PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE “UNIFORM FOR PRISONERS”.
- On the morning of 6 December 2024, CCHR will host a physical event to commemorate the 16-Days Campaign and International Human Rights Day at CCHR’s office, with performances such as Chabpey song, contemporary dance and dialogue on the work of women human rights defenders.
- On 10 December 2024, to mark International Human Rights Day and to conclude its campaign, CCHR will publish its 2024 Human Rights Timeline, as well as a series of snapshots underlying 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](http://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.