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Annual Report on the State of Freedom of Expression, Press Freedom and Access to Information in Cambodia

The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR) is pleased to announce the release of its comprehensive Annual Report on the State of Freedom of Expression, Press Freedom, and Access to Information in Cambodia. Produced by CCHR's Sustaining Independent Media and Fundamental Freedoms in Cambodia (FoEx) Project, this report provides a detailed analysis of the current landscape of these essential rights and the public's ability to exercise them, during the period of 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024.

The report examines key developments and challenges impacting freedom of expression, press freedom, and access to information in Cambodia. It analyzes legal frameworks, policies, and practices, while also documenting instances of restrictions, violations, and threats against individuals and organizations exercising these rights.

The report also demonstrates the lack of compliance of some newly-adopted legal provisions with international law and standards, thus enabling the RGC to illegitimately curtail and restrict citizens, journalists and human rights defenders' right to exercise freedom of expression. Against this backdrop, the report provides various recommendations to the RGC to take concrete measures to fulfill its international human rights obligations to protect and promote freedom of expression in Cambodia.

The full report is available for download in [English](#) and [Khmer](#) on CCHR's website: <https://cchrcambodia.org/publications/general-reports>. This report is the fourth annual report produced by FoEx project. The [first](#), [second](#), and [third](#) reports, released respectively in April 2022, November 2022, and November 2023.

FoEx Project:

In order to address the curtailment of freedom expression, press freedom, and access to information, the FoEx Project seeks to inform positive legislative developments, in order to bring domestic law in-line with international human rights standards. The Project also seeks to encourage media pluralism and diversity, to allow independent media outlets to investigate and report on all issues of public importance without fear of government retaliation, and to ensure that all government departments and private with public function adhere to the principle of maximum disclosure of information.

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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.