

CCHR launches campaign against violence

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University students take part in the campaign “Think together, act together to end violence against women and girls” last year. KT/Pann Rachana

The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR) will begin a campaign today in conjunction with the UN’s 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence which ends on December 10 – Human Rights Day.

Today marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

Violence against women is one of the most widespread and devastating human rights abuses in the world and remains 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.

According to a CCHR statement yesterday, it urges the government to fulfil its obligations to promote, protect and respect human rights across the country, and in particular take steps to protect women’s rights and promote gender equality.

It said that CCHR has planned a series of activities to raise awareness of the human rights situation, particularly in relation to women’s rights and the efforts of human rights defenders in Cambodia.

CCHR will release a timeline today illustrating key events in Cambodia relating to women’s rights that have occurred this year.

The timeline covers a number of highly concerning human rights violations involving women.

It said that on November 26, CCHR's new vox pop style video on 'What is Gender-based Violence?', where the CCHR team goes out onto the streets to discuss the concept of gender-based violence and other events, will be screened.

Chak Sopheap, executive director of CCHR, said yesterday that these significant days in the human rights calendar serve as a good reminder that human rights apply to everyone, everywhere, simply by virtue of their humanity. In particular, women's rights are human rights.

"The 16 Days Campaign inspires our community to take action against gender-based violence. It is the responsibility of every individual to protect and promote the rights of the women and girls, and I encourage the public to take these days as an opportunity to stand up for human rights and ensure that they become a reality for all Cambodians," she said.

Meanwhile, Minister of Women's Affairs Ing Kantha Phavi yesterday met with Carmen Moreno, Ambassador of the European Union, at the Ministry office to discuss work related to the Women for Peace and Security event for the upcoming Asia-Europe Summit.

Kantha Phavi requested the Ambassador to urge other countries to continue to pay attention and continue to make Women, Peace and Security a topic for the upcoming summit.

She added that issues such as increasing the economic empowerment of women in the digital age, women's rights and decision-making women should also be discussed and addressed.

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