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Statement

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Concern over eviction of people of 214 families in O Barthmuon Village, Sangkat Kornkriel ,
Krong Samroang, O Darmeanchey Province

The Cambodian Human Rights Action Committee (CHRAC), a coalition of 21 NGOs, expresses its disappointment with the actions of provincial authorities of Odar Meanchey for the forced eviction of people in Kangkath Konkreal, Krong Samrong, Odar Meanchey province, arresting of three people representatives (people activists) and beaten to injure two people. A number of people are hiding themselves in forest for the fear of arrest.

On 9 October 2009, the provincial authorities equipped with rifles and guns with the participation of provincial court officials of Siem Reap have come to destroyed and set fire the houses of people of 214 families in order to claim land for the company of Angkor Sugar, this Company has received Economic Land Concession of 10,000 hectares for the growing of sugar can. Human rights monitors were not allowed access to monitor the eviction. Those evicted people managed to provisionally stay in a Pagoda called Kork Phloulk, the Pagoda that locates outside the area of Economic Land Concession and yesterday those evicted people suffered from another eviction from that Pogada to another place and currently these people are facing with serious troubles such as short of water, food, shelter and medicine. Some group of people has sought to travel to Phnom Penh to seek for intervention.

Based on information received by CHRAC, the authorities have been threatening against people who are staying in pagoda to offer their thumbprints to accept the land according to the land allocation policy made by the provincial authorities in which the size of residential land is 30m x 50m and the size of farming land is one hectare per family. 39 families only who received this land allocation and other people were not taken into consideration. People have claimed for the grant of land of five hectares for each of families amongst of 214 families including the compensations of their destroyed properties and animals.

CHRAC noted that the forced eviction, destruction of residential houses of people and other threats are the serious violations of human rights especially right to adequate housing.

CHRAC wishes to propose to provincial authorities and all classes of competent authorities to provide intervention for a swift halt of arrest of and threat against people and to provide land for these victimized and poor people quickly an fairly in order to be acceptable as stated in the Government's sub-decree because the government has hundreds of thousands of hectares of land to grant for Economic Land Concessions to private company, therefore the grant of Social land concession for poor people is for the production for the sustaining of livelihood. CHRAC fervent hopes that the provincial authorities will make consideration to settle dispute in a sensible way. CHRAC wish to propose also for the release of arrested people representative for the re-enjoyment of freedom.

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