

# **CAMBODIA**

## **OPPOSITION ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY CAPITALIST ECONOMY AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESS**

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The week ending June Friday 13th, 2003 Garment Industry protests brought two deaths in Cambodia created by opposition party Chairman Sam Rainsy. Two deaths brought about under the name of human rights, labor reform, and democracy. In all reality a fallacy to the cause for the Cambodian people, the victims and their families.

As which happened in year 2000 opposition leader Sam Rainsy to gain political power, uses Communist techniques to undermine the economic growth and stability of the Cambodian economy. Promises of higher wages and better union relations from garment factories influenced a few hundred workers to join a possibly illegal protest led by Sam Rainsy. The protest turned violent when the protesters started throwing rocks and attempted to burn the factory to the ground.

To protect private property rights and capitalist democratic values police officers stepped in quietly to control the protestors. A rock was thrown at a Cambodian police officer which struck him in the head and killed the unprotected peace officer. Only after the protesters turned violent did the police first shoot over the heads of the protesters to break up the protest. The Cambodian police department use the same peace techniques as used by USA police and police departments world wide to create calm and defense of private property during a riot or illegal protest.

In Jan of 2003 protests against the Thailand owned business in Cambodia which were not stopped by the Cambodian police or military caused the loss of close to fifty million USD .A link between opposition leader Sam Rainsy and the protests against Thailand occurred when Thailand deported Sam Rainsy a few days later.

In an attempt to obtain votes for the coming July 27th ,2003 election in Cambodia opposition leader Sam Rainsy has caused economic loss, death and over all hardship to the Cambodian population. As a past banker in France and previous failed Minister Of Finance Sam Rainsy should be aware that his action has been responsible for closing of many garment factories. His actions resulted in the export of 40,000 garment industry jobs during year 2001 to Vietnam. The protest led by Sam Rainsy and instigated by his party followers has inhibited economic growth in Cambodia and has pushed away badly needed foreign investment. At the same time Sam Rainsy calls for the end to poverty but creates economic hardship which in turn creates prostitution, poverty job loss and other ills of society.

The majority of the Cambodian population has the ability to see thru his deceit and poor Communist character. This was proven during the 1998 General Election when Sam Rainsy received only a minimal amount of votes. This was verified by the US. Department OF State and over 15,600 observers from the U.S., UN and some NGOs .Observers were also present from the International Republican Institute. Also recently during the

Commune Elections held in Feb 2002, per the European Common Union, Sam Rainsy received less than 10% of the votes. The majority of the votes during both elections was received by the ruling Cambodian Peoples Party.

Under the name of “democracy and free elections” Sam Rainsy joined with the Communist Khmer Rouge during a civil war in 1997. Communist ideology and thinking still continues with protests against industry. With evidence from creditable reliable sources, cries of election fraud and abuse from Sam Rainsy seem in reality to undermine the true emerging democratic process of Cambodia.

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