

**Statement**  
**by the Club of Cambodian Journalists (CCJ)**

The Club of Cambodian Journalists expresses its great concern over the freedom of the press and the safety of the Cambodian journalists after the 45-year-old editor of Moneaksekar Khmer newspaper, Mr. Khim Sambor, and his son were shot dead by unidentified gunmen around 6:30 p.m. on 11 July, 2008 in the center of Phnom Penh.

The Club of Cambodian Journalists is bewildered that the murder occurred at a time of heightened security during the election campaign and run-up to the national polls on 27 July, 2008.

The Club of Cambodian Journalists is deeply shocked about this very sad assassination. The Club of Cambodian Journalists offers its condolences to the family of the late Khim Sambor and his son. The Club of Cambodian Journalists is an independent media organization with nearly 200 members nationwide. The CCJ condemns the murder and urges the authorities to investigate the case and to bring to court the perpetrators and others involved. The CCJ demands justice, no matter for which reason the murder was committed.

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