Overview:

Chhanteak Khmer News was first published in January 1996. Yale University Library holds some of those earliest issues. Not much information about the early period of the paper found during the research, but the current list by the Ministry of Information posted on its website (February, 2012) shows that the paper is currently being published two issues per week with a circulation of 1,000 copies. The list also shows that Long Lim is the current publisher of the paper.

The paper itself claimed that, according to those early issues, it serves and backs the political policy of Khmer Nation Party. It was an opposition party established by H.E. Sam Rainsy after he was ousted from FUNCIPEC and a post of Minister of Finance. Later, the Khmer Nation Party was split into two. A group headed by Nguon Sour disappeared later while a group headed by Sam Rainsy formed a new party named after Sam Rainsy himself, Sam Rainsy Party, which is now the largest opposition in Cambodia. According to those available issues, the paper provided coverage for local news only and was heavily flooded with opinion pieces on the local political issues. The paper also strongly attacked and criticized the government, senior government officials and especially Prince Norodom Ranariddh and Samdech Hun Sen. It was also noticed that the paper was highly critical of Vietnamese and the Vietnamese government. However, there was no source confirming on the current political stand or affiliation of the paper found during the course of this research. However, because of the lack of current issues of the paper and also conforming source, it is unclear about the current political stand and affiliation of the paper.

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