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Published : Twice-weekly
Language : Khmer
Average pages : 4, black and white
Circulation : 1,429
Publisher/ownership : Meas Boreth
Editor-in-chief : Keo Phum / Khan Sok
Founding Date : September 1993 – ceased?

Overview:

The first issue of the newspaper was published on September 10, 1993. What was interesting noticing from this first issue was the year (volume) of publication of the paper. It should be year 1 (vol. 1), but instead it was year 22 (vol. 22). Not sure of the reason behind this and also there was no information found during this research to explain this. One of the guess of this could be that the paper [Sethakech News] was published sometime during the 1960s and/or the 1970s. However, no source could confirm this either.

According a survey conducted by Judith Clarke, Journalism Department, Hong Kong Baptist College, in 1995 show that the paper published twice-weekly with a circulation of 1,429. However, there was no provided further update on this found during the research, but what is interesting and important to point out here is that the paper is not listed on the list of media organization by the Ministry of Information posted on its homepage (February, 2012). This indicates that it is very likely that the paper is no longer in operation. However, when exactly it was is unknown.

It is also important to point out that according to those issues held by Yale University Library, the editor-in-chief, Keo Phum and the governor, Sok Samnang left the paper left Sethakech News in late 1994 to establish another paper, Damnoeung Thmei where Keo Phum was the publisher and editor-in-chief and Sok Samnang was the governor. After the death of Keo Phum, Samnang became the publisher and editor-in-chief of the paper that is still running to the present.

The available issues at Yale University Library also show that the paper provided coverage for only local news that filled with social issues and political pieces. The social issues included the crimes and violence while political ones were about the activities of the political leaders, government and senior government officials. The paper often criticized corrupt and inactive government officials who were mainly from the FUNCIPREC Party. In contrast, those were from the CPP often got applauded. The paper also often reported on negative topics related to Prince Norodom Rannardh but positive ones about Samdech Hun Sen. It is also important to point out that the paper was highly critical and attacking the opposition politicians and parties either through its commentary reports or cartoons.
Issues held by Yale University Library:

1993 [Year 22]
- Issue [1-6]: [Sep 10, 13, 17, 22, 26, 30] (duplex)
- Issue [7-13]: [Oct 3, 7, 12, 19, 22, 26, 29] (duplex)
- Issue [14-20]: [Nov 3, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23] (duplex)
- Issue [21-29]: [Dec 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31] (duplex)

1994 [Year 23]
- Issue [30-37]: [Jan 4, 7, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28] (duplex, missing 32)
- Issue [38-44]: [Feb 1, 4, 8, 15, 18, 25, 28] (duplex)
- Issue [45-]: [Mar 1-2] (duplex)
- Issue [70-75]: [Jul 1, 5, 8, 14, 18, 22] (duplex; missing 76, 77)
- Issue [78-85]: [Aug 1, 5, 8, 13, 15, 21, 26, 30] (duplex)
- Issue [86-90]: [Sep 2, 9, 15, 20, 25] (duplex)
- Issue [99-101]: [Dec 17, 23, 30] (duplex)