Overview:

The first issue of the paper was published on November 10, 1995. There was no information on the circulation volume of the paper found during this research. The paper also does not show in the current list of the media organization posted on the Ministry of Information homepage (February, 2012). This certainly indicates that the paper is no longer functioning. However, when exactly is unknown.

Neak Prayuth is a political mouthpiece of the opposition voice that established around the time when the Khmer Nation Party, the opposition party was established. This party was headed by Sam Rainsy and because conflict of interest, the party later was split into two. One was headed by Nguon Soeu, former a member of board of directors of the FUNCINPEC and a deputy chief of the national police commissioner. Another group was headed by Sam Rainsy and later formed a new party named after his name – Sam Rainsy Party and now is the largest opposition party in the country. Neak Prayuth had continued to be the mouthpiece of this new political party.

Because of its political nature of opposition, the paper mainly provided coverage for local political news and pretty much filled with opinion based articles that were the propaganda of the opposition party. The paper also strongly criticized the government and its senior officials and the ruling parties – FUNCINPEC and the Cambodian People’s Party (CPP).

It is important to point out that one of its reporters and also an advisor to the paper, Chet Duong daravuth was killed during the grenade attack on the peaceful demonstration led by Sam Rainsy, president of Sam Rainsy Party in 1997.

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