Generation Force News / Kamlăm Thmī / កម្រុះដុះ

Published : Twice-weekly
Language : Khmer
Average pages : 4, black and white
Circulation : 943
Publisher/ownership : Khieu Seng Kim
Editor-in-chief : Khieu Seng Kim
Founding Date : May 1993 – ceased?

Overview:

*Generation Force News* was one of the papers established during the UNTAC era in the early 1993. A survey conducted by Judith Clarke, Media Department of Hong Kong Baptist College, shows that the paper was published twice weekly with a circulation of 943. There was no updating information on this found during this research. Perhaps it is also worthwhile mentioning that the paper does not appear on the current list of media organization by the Ministry of Information posted on its homepage (January, 2012). This certainly indicates that the paper is no longer in operation, but when exactly is unknown.

According to those issues held by Yale University Library, the paper provided coverage for local news reports that mainly reported on local social and political issues. The paper also included with an irregular cartoon that were politically and socially critical. The paper also provided a historical piece and literary section. The historical piece in those early issues was about the Khmer Rouge related topics. It is also necessary to mention that pornography sometimes appeared in the paper.

There was no information about its political stand found during the research. However, according to those available issues show that the paper seemed to have strongly anti-government. It was noted that a number of reports in the paper were highly critical of Vietnam and the Vietnamese government.

It is also worthwhile to mentioning that, according to a research by Clarke in 1995, Khieu Seng Kim was a brother of Khieu Samphan who was one of the top Khmer Rouge leaders. Khieu Seng Kim used to teach literature at Phnom Penh University and worked for Wattanakpheap (Progress) in the late 1960s and later moved to Koh Santepheap in 1969 where he became a director.

**Issues held by Yale University Library:**

1993 [Year 1]
- Issue [2-7]: [Jun 2, 8, 12, 17, 23, 30] (duplex)
- Issue [9]: [Jul 24]

1994 [Year 2]
- Issue [38-45]: [Jul 2-3, 6-7, 9-10, 13-14, 23-2430-31] (duplex; missing 42)
- Issue [46-54]: [Aug 3-4, 6-7, 10-11, 13-14, 17-18, 20-21, 27-28, 31] (duplex; missing 52)
- Issue [55-62]: [Sep 3-4, 7-8, 10-11, 14-15, 17-18, 21-22, 24-25, 28-29] (duplex)
1995 [Year 3]

- Issue [81-84]: [Jan 4-5, 25-26, 28-29] (duplex; missing 82)
- Issue [85, 86]: [Feb 4-5, 15-16] (duplex)
- Issue [90]: [May 31]
- Issue [91-94]: [Jun 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29]
- Issue [95-98]: [Jul 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 30] (duplex, 97, 98)