Overview:

Intervention News was a bi-weekly newspaper. Yale University holds only four issues of the paper from 3 to 6 that were published in September 1993. According to the information stated on the paper itself the paper was sold at 400 Riel per copy. No information about its circulation was found during this research. It is believed that the paper ceased publication sometime in the 1990s but no source has confirmed when exactly it was. It is also worthwhile mentioning that the paper is not also seen in current list by the Ministry of Information posted on its website (February, 2012).

Like many other local Khmer language newspapers, Intervention News provided coverage for local news only. The features of the paper included the editorial comment, news reports, cartoons and a literary section that provided two novels and a poem. There was no source confirmed on the political affiliation of the paper, but it was known that the paper often openly criticized those inactive and ineffective government officials as well as the negativity of the government including the co-prime ministers. For example, in early 1994 the paper ran articles accused FUNCIPEC and Cambodian People’s Party politicians and military generals of corruption. Because of this report, on March 1994 the newspaper office was attacked by grenade thrown by two unidentified men. The attack injured five people including two reporters. Because of the attack, the publisher received a sympathy letter from Prime Minister Hun Sen enclosed with US$400 in cash.

On June 11, 1994 the paper editor, Chhom Monkol, died of head injury a day after police found him lying unconscious on Monivong Boulevard in central Phnom Penh. The report by police concluded that he died of traffic accident, but the human rights organizations rejected this report because they found no signs of injury on his body while his motorbike was also not damaged at all. It was strongly believed he died because of his courage in reporting corruption committed by the government and military officials.

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