Khmer Soul* / Bralýni Khmaer / សោភាស្អេពី

Published : 20 issues per month
Language : Khmer
Average pages : 4, Black & White
Circulation : 5,000
Publisher/ownership : Prom Seiha
Editor-in-chief : Rath Veasna
Founding Date : April, 1993 – present

Overview:

Khmer Soul is one of the oldest Khmer language newspapers that was established during the UNTAC’s era and has survived through today. Unfortunately, Yale University Library holds only one issue, the first issue of the paper, published on April 30, 1993. Based on the information that 1st issue, the paper was printed 10,000 copies and sold at 400 Riel per copy. A survey conducted in 2003 by a group of students from the National Institute of Management as reported by Jarvis and Arfanis (2004) shows that the paper published weekly with a circulation of 1,500 copies. Additionally, the current list by the Ministry of Information as posted on its homepage (February, 2012) shows that the paper is being published 20 issues per month with a circulation of 5,000 copies.

There was no source explaining the coverage of the paper, but according to its first issue held by Yale it seems that this paper was heavily filled with opinion and educational piece rather than the actual news. In addition to the local social and political issues, some pieces were about the international issues.

Similarly, there was no source confirming the political stand and affiliation of the paper. Also, it is impossible to make judgment based on a single issue of the paper. However, it is worthwhile mentioning that Mr. Lach Samroeng who is a publisher of Sakal News, a CPP affiliated paper, is a member of the founding team of Khmer Soul.

Issues held by Yale University Library:

1993 [Year 1]

- Issue [1]: [Apr 30] (the rest are missing)