Overview:

*Open Forum* began as a weekly paper in April 2, 1993 and closed down on May 15, 1993. Yale University Library holds two issues of the paper published on May 8 & 15, 1993. There was no information about its circulation as well as the reason of closure found during the research.

Based on the available issues, the paper provided coverage for national news only. It reported on both social and political issues of Cambodia. Crime and violence were the main social topics while the political ones reported on issues related to the political situation of Cambodian during that critical time. The political reports were mainly the analysis and commentary about the politicians and their activities as well as the political parties. The paper also provided some irregular political and sentimental poems.

There was no source confirming the political stand/affiliation of the paper found during the research. But, it is very important to point out that on page 3 of issue 6, published on May 15, 1993 provided with a slogan in a large print supporting the Cambodian People’s Party (CPP) that “Voting for CPP is like helping yourself”. Traditionally, the Cambodian paper has been used as a stepping stone by most Cambodian politicians to advance their political careers. In the case of *Open Forum* it could be that the paper was used as a CPP’s propaganda for running up election and was closed down after the election.

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- Issue [5, 6]: [May 8, 15] (duplex; the rest are missing)