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Overview:

The paper began in February 1981 and ended in 1992. It was published weekly, but not regularly. There was no information about its circulation volume during found during the research. Phnom Penh was known as the rival of Kampuchea despite both papers owned by the same party.

Phnom Penh had been an effective propaganda of the Cambodian People’s party over a decade. It provided coverage for only national news that included political and social topics.

In an interview given to Harris C. Mehta in 1995, Samithy explained that from 1981 to 1992 the state had no control over his paper but the party did. The paper was directly controlled by the Phnom Penh municipal government and owned by Kampuchean National Liberation Front and now is the Cambodian People’s Party. In those days, Smithy continued, the meeting was held weekly with the party officials to obtain their directives. The paper could, to certain extent, criticize the state in the name of the party and the state would pressure the paper through the party channel. Then the party would take action against the editor as penalty.

It is also worthwhile mentioning that Pen Samithy, also known as Pen Pheng, is currently an editor-in-chief of Rasmei Kampuchea, the top and largest Khmer language newspapers. He is also the President of the Club of Cambodian Journalist. He was educated in Moscow in the 1980s.

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