Present News / ឃុំមូលឈឺសិលធរ / หนังสือพิมพ์ปัจจุบัน

Published : Weekly
Language : Khmer
Average pages : 4, Black & White
Circulation : –
Publisher/ownership : Khim Sambo
Editor-in-chief : Khim Sambo
Founding Date : 1995 – Ceased?

Overview:
Present News began in early in 1995 as a weekly paper published every Thursday. Yale University Library holds most issues of the paper published in 1995 and early 1996. The earliest issue of the holdings is issue no. 3 published on March 2-3, 1995. No further information or update about the paper found during the course of this research. It is believed that paper must have ceased publication sometime in the 1990s. The current list by the Ministry of Information posted on its website also does not provide any information about the paper. This certainly indicates that the paper is no longer in operations despite the exact date is unknown.

The paper provided coverage for only national news featured through its news reports, analysis and the cartoons. The news reports were mainly an opinion based article focused primarily on politics, politicians and the activities of the senior government officials. The paper also provided readers with a novel fiction. It is also noticed that the paper contained some pornography on the 2nd and 3rd page in some issues.

There was no source confirming on the political stand and affiliation of the paper, but according to the articles published in those available issues in hands, the paper seemed to have aligned with the opposition. It might also be worthwhile mentioning that on July 11, 2008, a report for Khmer Conscience also name Khim Sambo and his son were gunned down by unidentified gunmen in central Phnom Penh. There was no source confirming if these two people connected.

Issues held by Yale University Library:

1995 [Year 1]
• Issue [3-7]: [Mar 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31] (duplex, except 3)
• Issue [24]: [Jul 26-27] (duplex)
• Issue [26, special issue, 27-29]: [Aug 9-10, 11-12, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31] (duplex, except 26, special issue)
• Issue [30, 31, 32]: [Sep 6-7, 13-14, 20-21] (duplex)
• Issue [33-36]: [Oct 2-3, 11-12, 18-19, 28-29] (duplex)
• Issue [37, 38]: [Nov 25-26, 29-30] (duplex)
• Issue [39-41]: [Dec 3-4, 6-7, 9-10] (duplex)

1996 [Year 2]
• Issue [46-48]: [Jan 13-14, 17-18, 24-25] (duplex)
• Issue [33]: [Mar 6-7] (duplex)