Overview:

The paper began in 1994. According to the survey conducted in 1995 by Clarke from Journalism Department of Hong Kong Baptist College the paper was printed two issues per week in Khmer language with some English and with a circulation of 857. It is believed that the paper ceased publication sometime in the 1990s, but there was no source confirmed this. Mehta (1997) in his book entitled Cambodia Silenced: The press under six regimes explains that the publication was closed down by the government in June, 1994 for insulting the country’s leader. However, this doesn't seem right because the latest available issue held by Yale University Library was issue no. 27 published on September 8, 1994. Nonetheless, the current list by the Ministry of Information posted on its website does not list the paper either. This certainly indicates that the paper is no longer in operation despite the exact date is unknown.

Not much difference from other local Khmer language newspapers in Cambodia, the paper provided only the local news and mainly on a political issue. The paper was flooded with opinion based articles, analysis and its irregular cartoons that were highly critical of the government, the ruling parties and especially the two prime ministers. The paper was also strongly anti-Vietnam and the Hanoi government. This was not surprising at all because Prumbayon was well-known as one of the opposition papers. Another interesting note to point out was that the paper provided neither a literary section nor held any advertisements at all.

Issues held by Yale University Library:

1994 [Year 1]

- Issue [25-27]: [Sep 1, 5, 8] (duplex 25, 26; the rest are missing)