Overview:
"Sovannaphoum" News was one of the earliest papers published during the UNTAC era. “Sovannaphoum” means “the land of gold”, which is commonly referred to Cambodia by Cambodians and Cambodian scholars as well as some international. Specifically, the term used in this paper referred to Cambodia. So, this paper was aimed at speaking for Cambodia or in other word is the voice of Cambodia, the land of gold or the prosperous land. According to those earlier issues, the paper itself stated that its circulation was 5,000 copies, but no source confirmed on its frequency. The paper was not also listed on the website of the Ministry of Information as at March 2011. Therefore, it is very likely that the paper ceased sometime between 1993 and 2011.

According to the letter by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, was then head of the supreme national council of Cambodia, in response to the letter of request by the publisher to establish the paper, published in the earliest issue of the paper, indicates that the paper would serve the general public of Cambodia by providing culture, society, science and so on related topics. According to the early issues held by Yale, the paper did not really report on the “news”, rather it was filled with educational pieces such history, culture, traditional and custom and a literary section with two novels and a poem. The paper itself claimed as neutral and non-political affiliated. However, the contents of those earlier issues seemed to weight more on the royalist and especially on King Norodom Sihoum.

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