Youth* / Yuvajan / យុវជន

Published : Weekly
Language : Khmer
Average pages : 4, black and white
Circulation : 143
Publisher/ownership : Sean Borath
Editor-in-chief : Sean Borath
Founding Date : 1993 – Ceased?

Overview:

It was one of the papers established during the UNTAC era. According to a survey conducted in 1995 by Judith Clarke from Journalism Department of Hong Kong Baptist College the paper published weekly with a circulation as small as 143. There was no further information about the paper found during this research, but it is believed that the paper ceased publication sometime during the 1990s, but there was no source confirming when exactly it was. It might also helpful to know that the paper is not in the current list by the Ministry of Information posted on its website either (February, 2012).

The same as other typical Khmer language newspaper, Yuvajan provided coverage for only local news that included social and political issues. The social issues often reported about crimes and violence while the political issue was often on the activities of the senior government officials and politicians. The paper also provided an edutainment section with a novel fiction and poem.

There was no source found to confirm on the political affiliation of the paper. Based on the articles in those available issues, the paper seemed to have thrown its editorial line behind the government. It might be worthwhile mentioning that one of the senior advisors to the Prime Hun Sen and who is also a senior official within the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport also named Sean Borath. However, there was no source confirming this connection. It is very typical that in Cambodia the newspaper has been used by politicians as a stepping stone for pursuing their political career.

Issues held by Yale University Library:

1994 [Year 1]
• Issue [1, 2]: [Feb 18, 25] (the rest are missing)