

Right of Reply
To comment of the NGOs on Special Rapporteur on HR Defenders

10th March 2014

Mr. Vice President,

Responding to the comment made previously by our NGO colleague on the human right in Cambodia, I wish to declare that:

Cambodia is committed to the obligations under the Charter of the United Nations to promote, protect and respects of Human Rights.

We do not condone but condemn all acts of Human Rights violation. However, we are against all acts of exploiting and manipulating the holy values of Human Rights by individual, group, institution, or any actors for the sake of their hypocritical political agenda.

As far as the detention of 21 people after the violent demonstration is concerned, the government had no choice but to protect public and private property and to maintain public order. Now the ball is not at the government court, however we are taking all necessary measure to ensure proper treatment of those detainees while waiting for the court procedure.

Regarding the issues on the last July election, we are in a process of finding way how to prevent such issues from happen again in the next election. This morning, Cambodia time, the two parties have seated together for the fourth times to discuss about the issues, and they promised to talk again on next Monday 17. In this regard we appeal to all relevant players to extend assistance to Cambodia to help improve that matter.

I thank you, Mr. Vice President,