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Reports of women and girls being raped are on the increase in Cambodia.

Corruption and discrimination within the police and courts prevent survivors of rape from receiving justice. Women and girls who try to report these crimes are met with extortion, ignorance and disbelief from officials. They also face an acute lack of medical services and psychosocial support, reflecting social attitudes to rape and other sexual violence.

Mony, a 19-year-old with a learning disability, was raped in late 2009. Her family explained how police officers ignored their complaints after the rape. Mony's father said that she lived in constant fear of the perpetrator, who remained at large. The family also struggled to afford the medicine she needed, and described transportation costs to court and police as very difficult.

"The police only work if you have money, if you can pay. With around 100,000 riels [approx. US\$25] perhaps we could have secured an arrest, but we don't have that", her father said.

TAKE ACTION NOW PLEASE SIGN AND SEND THIS POSTCARD TO THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT

Image: The Old Market (Phsar Chas), Siem Reap town, Cambodia. November 2006. © Ben Johnson
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Your Excellency,

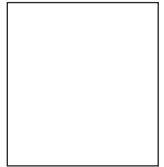
I urge the Cambodian government to meet its human rights obligations under the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

- Break the silence and publicly condemn rape and other sexual violence against women and girls, to show that such serious crimes will not be tolerated and to acknowledge the pain of survivors.
- Firmly address inadequate law enforcement, extrajudicial settlements, weak prosecution and widespread corruption so that perpetrators are punished and victims receive justice.
- Address the government's current failures to provide victims with adequate reparations, including health and psychosocial services.

Yours sincerely,

Name: _____

Country: _____



**His Excellency Samdech Hun Sen
Prime Minister
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Phnom Penh
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Image: A Cambodian girl in front of the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, January 2010.
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