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Further information on UA 209/97 (ASA 23/21/97, 11 July 1997) and follow-up (ASA 23/23/97, 11 July; ASA 23/25/97, 14 July) - Fear for safety

**CAMBODIA Cheng Sokna, journalist
Sovann Sokha, editor
Pong Saphai, editor
and two others, journalists**

Amnesty International has learned that Cheng Sokna is now in a safe place and believes that Sovann Sokha and the two unnamed journalists from *Antarakhum* newspaper are safe and no longer at risk.

The organization remains concerned for the safety of Pong Saphai, editor of *Nokor Thom* newspaper, should he be taken into custody.

Please continue appeals as recommended in ASA 23/23/97 expressing concern for the safety of Pong Saphai and seeking assurances that journalists and editors will be not be targeted for arrest, detention and ill-treatment.

APPEALS TO

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HE Sar Kheng
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and to diplomatic representatives of Cambodia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 August 1997.