

**THE PEOPLE
OF GROUP 78
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PLEASE HELP THE PEOPLE OF GROUP 78

Nearly 150 families living in the centre of Phnom Penh face forced eviction.

The Phnom Penh city authorities have been threatening since June 2006 to forcibly evict nearly 150 families living on land known as Group 78. Most are poor street vendors; some are teachers or low-level civil servants. Once evicted, the authorities intend to resettle them in Andong, a site that has no water supply or sewerage, where thousands of people evicted from elsewhere in Phnom Penh are living in squalor.

The families have applied for formal title to their land several times. They have official documentation proving that they have lived on the site for long enough to claim title, but the authorities have rejected all their applications.

The Chamkar Morn District Office has issued five eviction notices to the community of Group 78, none of them based on a court order. The local authorities have given the community different, often contradictory, reasons for the eviction. At times the community has been told that the land is state property which cannot be sold and at other times that the land is private property.

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ACT NOW

WRITE TO THE AUTHORITIES IN ENGLISH, FRENCH OR KHMER, AND ASK THEM TO

- Consult with the people living in Group 78 about all possible development options, including plans that do not require them to leave the land.
- Ensure that those evicted are given fair and just compensation and/or adequate alternative accommodation worked out with the participation of all those affected.
- End all forced evictions as a matter of urgency, and ensure that any evictions that prove necessary are conducted only in full compliance with international human rights law and standards.

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Salutation: Dear Minister Sar Kheng

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Watch the Australian Broadcasting Corporation documentary on evictions in Phnom Penh:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=cY5zvyVepRU

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