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Cambodia: Investigate fatal shooting by security forces

Cambodian authorities must urgently investigate the killing of one man and severe injuries to several others after security forces used live ammunition at a protest, Amnesty International said in a public statement issued today.

Violent clashes erupted yesterday evening, 15 September 2013, in Cambodia's capital Phnom Penh as dozens were protesting police roadblocks. Security forces fired tear gas canisters and live rounds of ammunition, leaving one man dead.

"There must be an immediate and impartial investigation into the killing of this man, and full disclosure about why the security forces resorted to lethal force yesterday," said Isabelle Arradon, Amnesty International's Deputy Asia-Pacific Director.

"The atmosphere in Cambodia has been tense since the disputed election in July. The use of live ammunition last night has terrified residents."

"Security forces must refrain from any use of excessive force, which is contrary to international standards. The intentional lethal use of firearms can only be justified if it is strictly unavoidable in order to protect life."

For more information, see Amnesty International's Public Statement from today: "Cambodia: Investigate fatal shooting by security forces": <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA23/009/2013/en>