



## PRESS RELEASE

### Over 10 CSOs to Host a Joint Conference Commemorating World Press Freedom Day Amid Mounting Challenges to Media Freedom in Cambodia

**Phnom Penh, April 30, 2025** — As Cambodia witnesses an alarming erosion of press freedom, over ten CSOs and networks working to promote media freedom and human rights will jointly host a half-day conference to mark **World Press Freedom Day 2025**, bringing together at least 100 participants including journalists, civil society actors, development partners, and media rights advocates to reflect on the critical state of media independence in the country.

The conference will take place on **May 2, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.** at the **Himawari Hotel**, Phnom Penh, providing a platform for dialogue, solidarity, and action in response to intensifying pressures on independent media and journalists.

**“Protecting Cambodia’s Independent Media”** is this year’s theme, through which it aims to highlight the mounting pressures that threaten the survival of independent newsrooms, their crucial role to keep the public informed, and how it has persevered through the growing safety threats and the recent crisis caused by the withdrawal of U.S. funding.

The event also seeks to promote dialogue on strategies to safeguard investigative journalism and the remaining space for independent media in the country.

The conference will feature keynote speech, panel discussion, and a tribute to journalists in Cambodia and around the world who continue to report in the face of censorship, intimidation, and violence.

Nop Vy, Executive Director of the Cambodian Journalists Alliance Association (CamboJA), stated:

*“Independent media functions like a doctor, diagnosing and analyzing issues to uncover the truth behind society’s problems. Without independent media, these problems remain unresolved, and the government risks losing the trust of its citizens.”*

**Media representatives are welcome to attend. For further information, please contact:**

Nop Vy (Mr.)  
Executive Director at Cambodian Journalists Alliance Association (CamboJA)  
[ed@camboja.net](mailto:ed@camboja.net)

Sorn Sarath (Mr.)  
Research & Advocacy Manager at Cambodian Journalists Alliance Association (CamboJA)  
[sarath.sorn@camboja.net](mailto:sarath.sorn@camboja.net)