

LIST OF 12 IDENTIFIED VICTIMS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES
IN THE MARCH 30, 1997 GRENADE ATTACK IN PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA
AND
QUOTATIONS FROM THEIR FAMILIES

1- Chanty Pheakdey, 13, high school girl



"Pheakdey had a mind of her own. She was independent, and determined. She would have a very bright future ahead. We miss her terribly."

Mr. Sar Chiet, Father.
Kompong Cham Province.

2- Ros Sear, 13, high school boy



"Sear was always a good boy. His father passed away some time before, and we were very poor. He stayed with his brother, who was a monk in a city pagoda, so that he could go to school. I did not know why he was so politically inclined, but I was, and am, very proud of him."

Mrs. Ten Ang, Mother.
Kompong Cham Province.

3- Yoeun Yorn, 17, high school boy



"My son was very concerned with the injustice he had seen surrounding him everyday; and it was not surprising that he would take part in a rally like the one that took away his life. The family and his friends are very proud of his commitment to justice. I miss him always"

Mrs. Rin Thy, Mother.
Takeo Province.

4- Sok Kheng, 18, female student



"Kheng was a joyful girl like other teenagers. She is the fourth of our seven children. At home, in our village, she gracefully helped her mother in the household chores and helped look after the younger kids. She was a brilliant high school pupil, who regularly passed her exams. She had been to Phnom Penh City for only one year to study foreign languages."

Mr. Chin Chhoeurn, Father.
Kompong Cham Province.

5- Yung Sok Neuv, 20, female factory worker



"My daughter was idealistic. When she was younger, she did not give me any worry. She worked very hard at school – she was very enterprising; she earned some money during class break for coaching her fellow students. Due to poverty, she had to quit school and worked in the factory. She said she would attend the rally to secure justice for the workers. I did not stop her as I also shared, and still share, her struggle for social justice."

Mrs. Peou Heng, 55, Mother.
Kandal Province.

6- Yung Srey, 21, female factory worker



"She was very patriotic and always wanted to help the nation. She said to me that if she died she would die with a noble cause led by Sam Rainsy. At home, she was a hard-working daughter doing all the chores to help me. A few days before they killed her, I was asking her to stay with me for another week in the village, but she said she could not because she would be busy on Sunday." [March 30, 1997].

Mrs. Khoun Som, 59, Mother.
Kandal Province.

7- Chea Nang, 28, high school teacher and delivery van driver
[Not a demonstrator, but a passer-by]



"My husband, Nang, worked very hard to support the family. He was a teacher and worked occasionally as driver of a delivery van. He was so happy-going and innocent; on the day of the attack he was driving the delivery van across from the National Assembly. He did not even have a chance to say good bye to us. Our child and I have barely had a life since."

Mrs. Kang Vanney, Wife.
Kandal Province.

8- Chet Duong Daravuth, 29, medical doctor and journalist



"When he was 15, Daravuth already wanted to help other people and started to get involved in social issues. He was a caring son, who often inquired about the well-being of other people in the family. At the Medical School, he was an opposition activist, a revolted student who was reportedly on the black list of the authorities. He liked to collect books and medical drugs to distribute them to the poor. After graduation, he never practiced medicine, preferring to become a professional journalist politically engaged because he wanted to make Cambodia a better place to live in.... Now, I work for the Sam Rainsy Party with many of his former colleagues because I want to continue his fight."

Ly Neary, Mother.
Phnom Penh.

9- Han Muny, 32, bodyguard



"Of course, we miss him; the pain is still here. But we are very proud of Muny. He was the one who had pushed Mr. Sam Rainsy down and thrown himself over the [party] president to protect him from the shrapnels."

Mrs. Han Sina, Sister.
Phnom Penh.

10- Yuos Seam, 36, female factory worker



"Seam had always been concerned with the welfare of her colleague workers. She had told us she would take part in the rally on the day because she clearly supported the cause. Her untimely death has since caused a great deal of difficulties for me, as all her three children have come under my care and responsibility. But I don't want them to live elsewhere. They are all great kids, and the oldest one understands the sacrifice his mother made."

Mr. Hol Sok, Brother-in-law.
Kompong Speu Province.

11- Nom Thy, 37, motorcycle-taxi driver



"My husband, Thy, loved his five children very much. He would spend as much time as possible with his children, especially the youngest one. He used to say to me that we must somehow help find a much better life and future for the children."

Mrs. Srean Chantha, Wife.
Kandal Province.

12- Sam Sarin, 50, former army officer, bicycle repairer



"He was a very loving husband and provided well for the family. Since he died, I have had a lot of difficulties. He had not let me know about his involvement in politics; I think he did not want us to worry about him. He was committed to the cause of justice. I regret that he did never know that I have also been supporting the ideal of justice and nurturing the hope of a better future."

Mrs. Ty Kim Cheng, Wife.
Phnom Penh.