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# Rainsy says Hun Sen linked to blast

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PROMINENT opposition leader Sam Rainsy alleged yesterday in Bangkok that police and FBI investigations had linked Cambodian Second Prime Minister Hun Sen to a murderous grenade attack on a party rally in Phnom Penh on March 30.

Hun Sen has angrily and vigorously denied any responsibility for the attack on the rally organised by Rainsy's officially-unrecognised Khmer Nation Party (KNP), which left at least 17 people dead and more than 150 wounded.

"I have in my possession a confidential report which is a preliminary result of the investigation conducted by the Cambodian police with the assistance of the American Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]," Rainsy said in a written statement.

"According to the ... report, Hun Sen ap-

pears clearly to be behind the grenade attack," the statement added.

In a later telephone interview, Rainsy challenged Hun Sen to join him in taking a lie detector test. "Hun Sen initially said I might have been behind the attack, whereas I was more a victim or the target. I am ready to take a lie detector test tomorrow. I invite him to do the same," he said.

He read an excerpt from a purported FBI document quoting two-star CPP police general Teng Savong as confessing he "knew who gave the order to attack the protestors" out declining to give the name because "it is too dangerous".

A passage from another document said a suspect "ran through the CPP compound and headed towards Hun Sen's residence". Hun Sen is a powerful official of the formerly-communist Cambodian People's Party (CPP).

The report was in fact a series of elements from Cambodian police, the FBI and other sources "forming a consistent whole" and the inescapable conclusion was that Hun Sen should be questioned, he said.

Police would already have questioned him "in normal circumstances," Rainsy held, in an apparent reference to Hun Sen's support from significant segments of the military and the police.

Rainsy said he would travel to Washington "to create a scandal" over the attack and what he saw as the continuing support of some foreign governments and organisations for Hun Sen.

"No wonder he is trying to increase political and military tension in Cambodia in order to divert public attention from his obvious involvement in the mass killing which, in a democratic country, would bring an end to his political career," Rainsy said.