



KMD appaled by the brazen assassination of HE Lim Kimya

The Khmer Movement for Democracy (KMD) is deeply appalled by the brutal and inhumane assassination of His Excellency Lim Kimya, a CNRP lawmaker from Kampong Thom province, which happened in broad daylight in Bangkok, Thailand, on January 7, 2025.

This cold-blooded murder, demonstrates a chilling disregard for human life and the rule of law. The brazenness of the attack suggests a chilling sense of impunity, likely stemming from the recent threats issued by the Cambodian regime against Mr. Lim Kimya following his public criticism.

This assassination tragically echoes concerns repeatedly raised by the Khmer Movement for Democracy (KMD) regarding the Cambodian regime's escalating campaign of transnational repression since mid-last year. KMD has consistently documented and condemned numerous instances of harassment, intimidation, and violence targeting Cambodian dissidents, activists, and journalists living abroad. This pattern of impunity emboldens the regime and poses a grave threat to the lives and freedoms of the Cambodian diaspora.

The aim of these attacks is not only to create a climate of fear and intimidation, but to physically eliminate critically thinking Cambodians living in the country and in exile worldwide, from Bangkok to Brussels, from Melbourne to Paris, from Los Angeles to Montreal.

The KMD strongly condemns this heinous act as a grave violation of human rights and a direct threat to personal life and political freedom. We urge the Thai authorities to conduct a swift, thorough, and impartial investigation into this murder and bring the perpetrators to justice.

We extend our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of His Excellency Lim Kimya.

