



Local EU statement on the ruling of the Appeal Court on 26 January 2015

The European Union Delegation issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Mission in Cambodia

EU Heads of mission in Phnom Penh are disappointed with last Monday's Appeal Court ruling against those convicted in November for protests in relation to Boeung Kak lake issues. The revised sentences still appear to be disproportionately severe in relation to the charges laid against the protesters. As the UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights in Cambodia, Professor Surya P. Subedi, stated on 23 January 2015 this case is seen as politically driven. As recently stated by the Prime Minister referring to the three fundamental laws, the independence of the judiciary is an essential element for the continuous development of a democratic and open society.

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