

Basic procedural requirements to organize demonstrations according to the Law on Peaceful Demonstrations and its Implementation Guide



2) Obligations of the organizers

If you organize a gathering at any public space or a march on a public road to make any demand



You need to submit a written notification to the Phnom Penh municipal hall or the provincial hall, specifying:

- First names and surnames of 3 organizers
- Addresses of 3 organizers
- The purpose of the demonstration
- The planned date, time and duration of the demonstration
- The location and/or roads to be used for the demonstration
- The estimated number of participants
- Also submit a copy of the identity cards of the 3 organizers



Required time to submit the notification letter:
At least 5 working days before the gathering or march takes place.



The written notification shall be submitted to the municipal or provincial hall.

If you organize a gathering to make any demand at the Freedom Park, or at a private space, or at a collective space

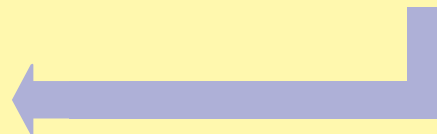


You need to submit a written notification specifying:

- First names and surnames of 3 organizers
- Signature or thumbprint of 3 organizers
- For a private or collective space, there must be an approval from the property owner or the property management committee
- Also submit a copy of the identity cards of the 3 organizers



Required time to submit the notification letter:
At least 12 hours in advance during working days, and 36 hours in advance during public holidays.



1) Gatherings not requiring notification

The following gatherings do NOT need a written notification to the authorities



Gatherings which are not related to any public demand, such as:

- Gatherings for any purpose other than a public protest
- Meetings to discuss and find solutions for any particular issue
- Educational activities such as:
 - Trainings
 - Workshops
 - Public forums
 - Press conferences
- Parades, or funeral processions
- Meetings during electoral campaigns
- Or meetings to serve religion, art, culture, national customs and tradition

3) Obligations of the Municipal or Provincial authorities

Upon receiving a notification, the competent municipal or provincial authority must:

- Issue an acknowledgment of receipt to the organizers
- Post the notification letter immediately in a visible place, in its administrative building or on its official website
- Deliver copies of the notification letter to the local police station, gendarmerie station and other relevant competent authorities.

Respond **positively**, except if:

The demonstration is planned during a major festival, as provided for in Article 9 of the Law on Peaceful Demonstrations.

There is substantial information that the demonstration may cause danger, or jeopardize public security, safety and order. In this regard, the municipal or provincial authorities shall strictly take into account that :

- A demonstration to protest does not necessarily *“cause danger or seriously jeopardize security, safety and public order.”*
- A demonstration which may cause a traffic jam does not necessarily *“cause danger or seriously jeopardize security, safety and public order.”*

Provide a response within 3 working days

- In such cases, municipal or provincial authorities must invite those submitting a notification to discuss and find solutions.
- If no solution is found, the municipal or provincial authorities must seek a decisive opinion from the Minister of Interior.

No response from authorities means that the authorities have approved and the demonstration may proceed without being dispersed.

The Minister of Interior must give a written response within 24 hours during working days before the scheduled demonstration.



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