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## Press Release

Mr. Thommas Hammaberg, the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations for Human Rights in Cambodia expresses condolences to the family of Mr. Keov Samouth, call for a prompt investigation into his murder, and call on the Royal Government leadership to observe restraint to solve differences.

I am shocked and saddened at the news of the violent death met by Mr. Keov Samouth on 19 November 1996. As the Special Representative and as a human being, I would like to express my sympathy and condolences to Mr. Samouth's family, and in particular to his wife and children.

Mr. Samouth, aged 39, was a senior official of the Ministry of Interior's Economic Police Department. He was murdered at about 8:30 on 19 November as he was waiting for him outside the restaurant.

Mr. Samouth was not known for being actively involved in Cambodian political. His murder occurred in the context of increasing political parties. Mr. Samouth is the brother-in-law of the wife of Mr. Hun Sen, the Second Prime Minister.

Irrespective of what the motivations of this act may be, this murder, like any other crime, should be properly investigated and perpetrators brought to justice. I am calling on the Royal Government to do its utmost in this respect.