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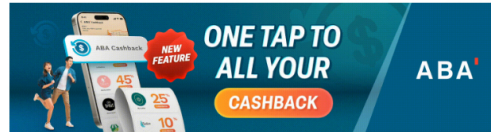
Siem Reap Copper Mine Shut Down

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A copper mine in Siem Reap province's Chi Krong district was closed down last Thursday over allegations that its parent company has been running the site with an expired license. The investigation into Meng Xin Hong Fa (Cambodia) Resources Investment Co. Ltd. is being led by a provincial prosecutor and local authorities. It began after a complaint in the mines was lodged by the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME).



Although this most recent shutdown has only just taken effect, Chi Krong district police chief Touch Kosal told Khmer Times yesterday that "The site has seen no activities for long time." Police have not yet made any arrests or seized any property from the Kvat commune site.

MME spokesman Meng Saktheara said yesterday that the Chinese-owned copper mine received a license from his organization in 2012 to operate within a 3,600 hectare land concession. A complaint was filed to the provincial court after discovering that their license expired in 2014. If found guilty of violating article 35 of the mine law of which it is accused, Meng Xin Hong Fa (Cambodia) Resources Investment Co. Ltd. could face the withdrawal of its license or criminal punishment.

The investigation began when two trucks en route from Siem Reap to Phnom Penh were seized in Kompong Thom province, where police found them transporting materials with expired Meng Xin Hong Fa (Cambodia) Resources Investment Co. Ltd. licenses.



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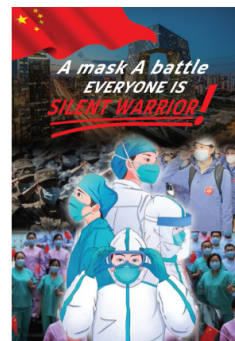


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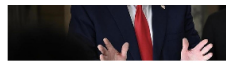
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In the US, the Nikki Haley alternative

Why should Nikki Haley not be the next President of the United States? The argument that her "Republican politics is problematic, non-inclusive" can be safely disposed of, especially by those not in the US, in the aftermath of President Biden's policies concerning the Russia-Ukraine, Israel-Palestine, and Afghanistan conflicts.



Homelessness soars in rural England as living costs hit poor

Homelessness in rural England has risen by 40 per cent in five years with many sleeping in the open air, tents or makeshift shelters, a British rural charity said on Tuesday.



There is a reason why New Delhi and Moscow rely on each other

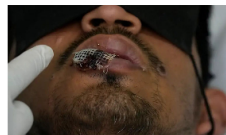
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Desperately seeking tourists in Siem Reap

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Seven months after the World Health Organization (WHO) downgraded monkey pox from a global threat, an outbreak in Africa could go beyond the continent's borders.





New Year's Eve sweeps across the globe, but wars cast a shadow

New Year's Day arrived to cheers from tens of thousands of beaming people in New York's Times Square who were showered with confetti and hugs and kisses after watching the descent of the colorful ball marking the birth of 2024 with hope for some, even as the world's ongoing conflicts subdued celebrations and raised security concerns across the globe.

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An on-again, off-again year for Siem Reap's arts

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