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Rubbish collectors return to work after two-day strike

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A Cintri truck on duty in the streets of Phnom Penh. KT/Pann Rachana

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About 2,000 rubbish collectors working with Cintri returned to work on Saturday after the company paid them their missing benefits.



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Kao Sokvath, a union representative, said workers get 18 days of annual leave and the company is required to compensate them if they do not take all of the days.

He said the workers went on strike on Thursday and Friday after the company did not compensate them for the days not taken.

“For example, a worker may take days off and have eight days left. The company is required to compensate them for the days they did not take,” Mr Sokvath said. “The company did not pay, that’s why we went on strike.”

“The company then paid us, so the workers have agreed to return to work,” he added.

Mr Sokvath noted the workers did not want to go on strike, but the workers needed to be compensated.

Chan Na, a worker, said the amount of compensation was not large, but the workers wanted the company to provide the entitlement.

“I now have my annual leave compensated,” Ms Na said. “The workers agreed to return to collect rubbish and keep roads clean.”

Seng Solyda, deputy head of Cintri, declined to comment yesterday.

However, Cintri yesterday said on Facebook it was not able to disburse the annual leave compensation on time because the company was busy preparing to pay workers their December wages.

“Sorry to [residents] for the lack of rubbish collection [on Thursday and Friday] because workers were on strike,” it said. “The company has resolved the issue with the workers.”

Thou Samoeun, a resident in Russey Keo district, yesterday said when the workers went on strike, life was difficult for him.

“Rubbish piles would become huge if Cintri did not come and collect them,” Mr Samoeun said.



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