





employment contract giving them more control over their employment.

“Some 230 workers were involved in the protest and 170 of them received their salary in return for not protesting any further,” he said, adding that the employer spent \$29,710 in salary payments.

He said the casino did not pay the workers’ salaries as it was financially constrained when the government halted online gambling.

Furthermore, Khemara said not many people went to the casino as a road is under construction in the area and people were afraid of catching the Covid-19 disease. However, the casino has not announced closing the operation.

A worker, Naem Vy, told The Post that on Wednesday, the 170 received a salary between \$200 and \$300 each.

He said: “No problem! they reached a good solution after we protested. We agreed to the solution. Some received the salary and continue to work without any protest.”

The casino employed nearly 300 workers on two shifts with more than 100 of them in each. The casino began operation in July last year.

Another worker, San Sam Eng, said on Wednesday that they decided to protest after they could not bear the pressure from their employer. The casino’s employer didn’t pay the salary after they were dismissed.

She said: “We cannot continue to work anymore despite the salary being paid because the casino owner is not consistent with his treatment of the workers.

“When he feels good, all is fine and we work as usual. But when he feels bad, he arbitrarily wants to stop everyone from working. He also deducts money from me for no reason.

“Following the protest, Khmer and Chinese casino representatives came forward to clarify the matter and claimed they will pay the workers within two days, and they did.”

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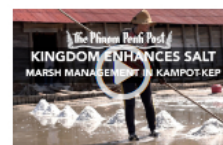
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