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# Protest erupts after appeal to re-open market remains unanswered

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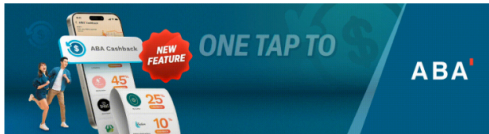


The protesters who gathered to protest the unfair treatment. Koh Santepheap

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A protest erupted on June 22 in front of the Toul Sangke Market, located in Sangkat Toul Sangke 1, Khan Russey Keo, as a group of vendors gathered to air out their grievances against the Phnom Penh Capital Administration and Russey Keo Administration, as well as the market's owner.

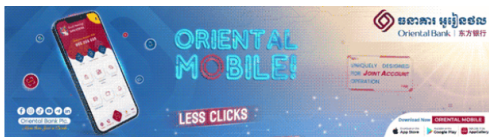


Prior to this incident, 50 people who represented the vendors and people whose livelihoods depended on the operation of the Toul Sangke Market, gathered and requested the Phnom Penh Capital Administration as well as the Russey Keo District Administration that the market be reopened. The reopening of the market was important for them due to the low funds. They also asked the market owner to suspend the rent for the stalls while the market is not yet operational.

The basis of their complaints was based on the fact that other markets were allowed to open as well as the factory situated in front of the market, but they were not allowed to resume operations. The representatives also said that the pathways of the market were wide and their stalls operated in compliance with the health measures, yet they were not allowed to return to their livelihood.

The representatives also asked the authorities to smooth out the problems of stall rent with the owner of the market. The vendors were still asked to pay their stall rental fee despite the fact that they have not actually used for approximately two months.

All of the requests were sent to the Phnom Penh and Russey Keo Administrations with around 400 signees, yet nothing was being done to resolve the disputes and requests. This inaction aggravated the situation leading to the protest that happened today.



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