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Hundreds protest after factory owner fled company

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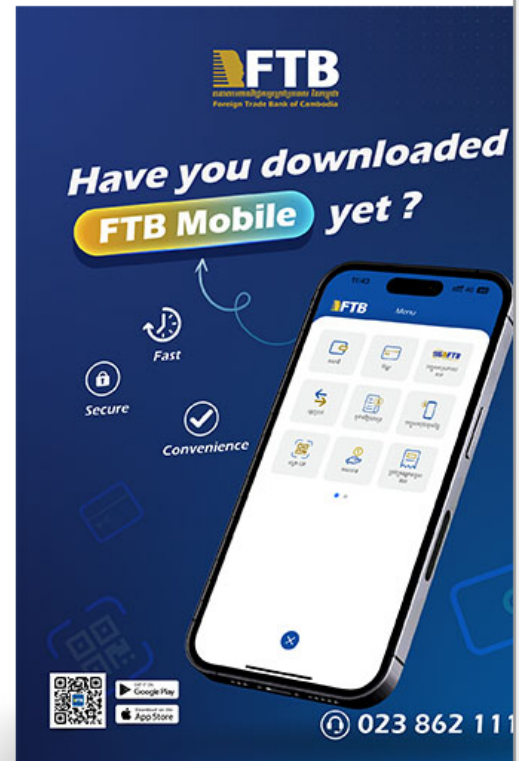
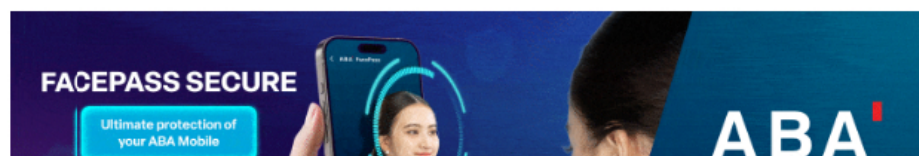


Textile workers protest in front of the factory. Supplied

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Nearly 800 textile factory workers in Kampong Speu province yesterday protested because their employer allegedly fled after failing to pay all wages and severance payments.



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Prum Tola, a worker for New Best Global Textile, said the company suspended production on February 11, and it has not paid workers eight days worth of wages, severance and other bonuses.

“The company still has not paid some wages and bonuses of workers,” Ms Tola said. “That is why we are asking the authorities to intervene.”

Dos Bern, another worker, said the company promised to resume operations on March 11, but production did not restart.

“When we arrived at the factory, doors were closed and no one was working,” Ms Bern said. “The company has not paid our wages and bonuses.”

“No one is here to respond to our missing wages and bonuses,” she added.

Che Sa, chief of the company’s administration department, yesterday said she does not know why the company suspended operations.

“Since the company suspended operations, the employer has not appeared nor could he be contacted,” Ms Sa said. “Company staffers in the office are suffering too as they have not gotten their wages and other bonuses as well.”

Choek Borin, chief of the provincial labour department, said yesterday the building owner will have to compensate the workers over missing wages and bonuses.

“The employer fled. However, the owner of the building will have to appear to find a solution,” Mr Borin said.

Last week more than 800 workers for Crystal Martin Cambodia Limited in Kandal province’s Ksach Kandal district protested after the company suspended their employment.

According to the Labour Ministry last week, many factories in the Kingdom are affected by the COVID-19 outbreak in China.

However, it is unclear whether the aforementioned factories were affected.

Ministry spokesman Heng Sour recently warned factory owners must follow the Labour Law when suspending employment contracts.

“Do not take this opportunity to interpret the suspension of the contract into the termination of employment,” Mr Sour said. “Anyone who does so will be liable in the face of the law.”



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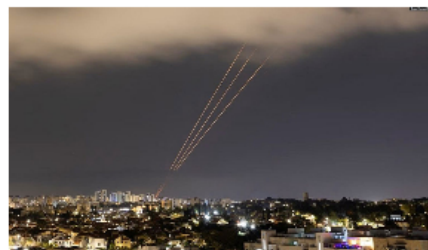


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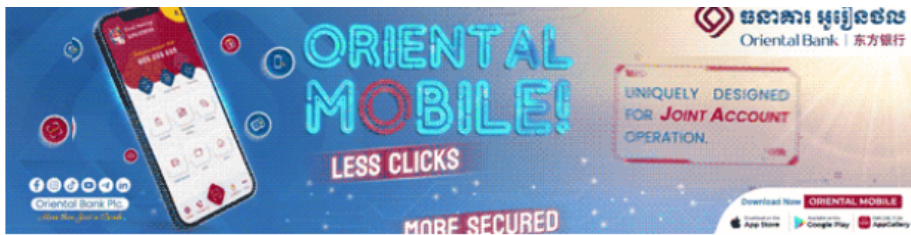
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Iran launched an unprecedented strike on Israeli territory, escalating long-standing tensions between the two countries. At a time when many are concerned, it could blow up into a full-scale regional conflict. Israel could give a proportional response.



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Possible TikTok ban in US won't see app disappear anytime soon

The House passed legislation Saturday that would ban TikTok in the United States if the popular social media platform's China-based owner doesn't sell its stake within a year, but don't expect the app to go away

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Young Cambodian explain their love of tattoos

More and more people in Cambodia are getting tattoos. They view them as art, fashion, and memories of their loved ones. At the same time the older generation still regard people with tattoos as gangers.



'Woody Woodpecker Goes to Camp' leaves viewers confused

Ha ha ha ha ha!!! Yes, the good old Woody Woodpecker is back in a Netflix original film that is all about fusion: animation in live action, which opened with the iconic Universal Studio globe opening. The result is, well, a mediocre project that takes common sense for granted.

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