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Far Saly summoned for questioning

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The president of the National Trade Unions Coalition, Far Saly, has been summoned for questioning by the Kampong Chhnang Provincial Court, allegedly accused of defaming the reputation of a Chinese factory owner and incitement last year.



According to the court summons issued by Prosecutor Ith Sothea, Saly is accused of "public defamation and incitement to commit a felony" in Kandal province's Ponhea Leu district on December 22.

Sothea ordered Saly to appear at the Rolear Phear District Hall for questioning on Wednesday (February 3). After receiving the summons today, Saly said it does not specify the identity of the plaintiff.

However, as far as he knows, the plaintiff is the owner of Khai Neng factory. "I do not know the clear purpose of my summons," he said. "However, I welcome the summons and would like to explain all of these issues as we have an obligation to speak up and publicise any violations of any company owner, as long as they do not comply with the law and do not respect the workers' rights," he added.

Saly said that recently his union received a lot of information about a factory that did not comply with labour laws and where the workers' representatives had complained of pregnant employees getting fired as well as instances of bribery.

He said there had been claims that the owner of the Khai Neng factory forced employees to work overtime into the night or he would terminate their contracts.



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