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Police launch crackdown on China Project with casino raid resulting in 15 arrested and two extortion victims freed

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Some of those detained being led out of the premises

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After a series of five exposes detailing China Project's infamous activities of slave and bonded labour, extortion, drugs, violence and suicide cum reported murders, Sihanoukville gendamarie finally launched a raid on a casino hotel at Ocheatel beach.

Preah Sihanouk provincial gendarmerie Chief, local police, Seang Sok, Prosecutor of Preah Sihanouk Provincial Prosecutor's Office led the raid comprising heavily armed gendarmerie and police officers, took part in the raid after a series of shots were fired at the beach front hotel cum casino at about 8pm last evening.

Brig General Heng Bunthy is believed to have received direct orders from Gendarmerie Chief, General Sao Sokha, prompted by the violence report at Ocheatel beach as well as the series of exposes by Khmer Times, which outlined the criminal activities taking place at The China Project, an online gambling, crypto currency, phishing and other computer crimes, including extortion, exploitation and human trafficking for sex and other illegal activities.

Preah Sihanoukville police reported that criminals fired up to six shots at police as they fled into a nine-story building located near the beach, later identified as Xihao Ying Casino, located in Village 4, Sangkat 4, Sihanoukville Province.

No deaths or injuries were reported.

The 15 arrested by police were Asian nationals from a foreign country had been operating with almost full impunity at The China Project, in the casino cum hotel and comprised one woman from Shanghai, according to the task force from the Chinese Ministry of Public Security

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Seven firearms, including three automatic rifles, several bulletproof vests and other paraphernalia were found and confiscated at the site.



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Computer terminals believed to be used for online gambling

The nine-storey building has the same modus operandi as organisations at The China Project as previously reported by Khmer Times, according to the China-Cambodia Law Enforcement Cooperation Office.

Two “hostages” from China were reportedly freed.

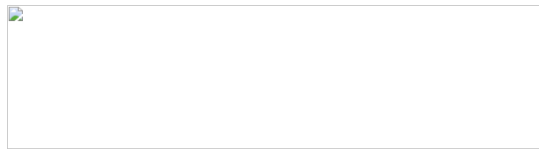


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Weapons seized during the raid

The crackdown was believed to have executed under pressure from Phnom Penh. More such raids and crackdowns are expected as pressure mounts on the police and other security services to bring to an end, violent activities taking place behind gated high rise building complexes operating in the guise of service apartments.

All the suspects are being held for illegal detention and illegal procession of firearms and other charges which have not been revealed by police.



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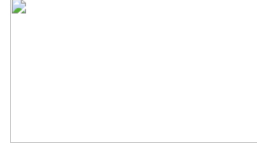


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