Nun Chan / Nuon Chan

Background:
Nun Chan was the editor-in-chief of Samleng Yuvachun Khmer (Voice of Khmer Youth) newspaper. The paper had been highly critical of government authorities of all parties, and had published articles about government officials allegedly involved in corruption. Nun Chan had received several official warnings and anonymous death threats for his coverage of government corruption.

Details of Incident:
Nun Chan was shot and killed by two unidentified gunmen in central Phnom Penh on 6 September 1994.

Aftermath:
The government condemned the killing, but warned that “a number of local newspapers … have frequently published … articles groundlessly accusing [the government's] leaders, personnel and officials of being involved in this or that issue.” In September police arrested two suspects in connection with the murder. The investigating judge issued a statement that there was no evidence against the two persons and that a confession from one of them had been coerced. However, the case was returned to the investigating judge for further investigation. They have never been tried, and it is still not known who gave orders for the killing.

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