Ou Sareoun

**Background:**
Ou Sareoun was a reporter for Samleng Reas Khmer (Voice of the Cambodian People) newspaper.

At the time of his death, the newspaper had been investigating extortion in Central Market, Phnom Penh, and security guards had been the targets of the newspaper's investigation.

**Details of Incident:**
On 14 October 1997, Ou Sareoun was dragged into the street by security guards as he was distributing newspapers to vendors in Central Market and shot dead.

**Aftermath:**
The official report of Ou Sareoun's death stated he was drunk and had been killed in a dispute over a card game, but the Khmer Journalists Association maintains that he was killed because of the newspaper's reporting. Police arrested the guard who shot him, but he was later released and no charges were filed.

**Sources:**