

To: HE Dr Thongbanh Sengapone

18/12/2012

Ministry of Public Security

From: Ng Shui Meng  
(Wife of Mr Sombath Somphone)

Dear HE Dr Thongbanh Sengapone

I attach my letter to the chief of Cabinet reporting the disappearance of my husband, Sombath Somphone. (Letter attached)

I have not heard any response from anybody in your office related to this case. As the wife I am extremely worried about the safety of my husband, because he has now been missing for more than 36 hours.

I appeal to you to please give me some news of what actions have been taken and what results your investigation has found so far.

I have been approached repeatedly by the regional and international press who have heard of Sombath's disappearance. To date, I have politely turned down their requests for interview. However if I still have not heard anything from the government by tomorrow, I will have to say something to the press about Sombath's disappearance and share footage from the CCTV. I hope you understand my situation and concern for the safety of my husband.

I appeal to you to please find my husband and give me some news of his whereabouts.

Yours sincerely

c.c. HE Dr Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister  
HE Mr Alounkeo Kittikoune, Deputy Foreign Minister