

# Briefing

## \* Teenager Charged With Rape-Murder of Child

A 17-year-old who has confessed to raping a 10-year-old girl in Prey Veng province on Monday afternoon has been charged with murder, torture and rape—punishable by up to 30 years in prison, according to deputy provincial prosecutor Sai Nora. “For the alleged crime, a perpetrator receives a life sentence in prison...but because the boy is a minor, he may get a reduction in sentencing depending on the circumstance of the crime,” Mr. Nora said. The teenage suspect raped and strangled the victim, Vorn Srey Leu, in the dining hall of a Buddhist pagoda in Krang Svay commune’s Koak Sampov village, according to Chey Seng Heang, deputy district penal police chief. The victim had lived with her grandmother at the pagoda, he added. (*Chin Chan*)