

Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations at Geneva

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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and, with reference to the joint communication No. AL KHM 7/2020 dated 11 December 2020 of the Special Procedures, has the honour to transmit herewith additional information from the Ministry of Interior of the Kingdom of Cambodia as to alleged cases of Mr. Wanchalearm Satsaksit and Mr. Osman Karaca.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia would be grateful if the said information could be conveyed to its high destinations.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 03 March 2021



Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Geneva

Additional Information from the Ministry of Interior of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the joint communication of the Special Procedures No. AL KHM 7/2020 dated 11 December 2020

1. The Case of Mr. Wanchalearm Satsaksit

- On 07 December 2020, the General Commissariat of National Police of the Ministry of Interior assigned a representative to meet Mr. Wanchalearm's with the presence of three human rights Thai lawyers to gather additional information and evidences regarding the disappearance, but they did not offer any further proofs and details.
- The family and the lawyers had lodged a complaint of the disappearance of Mr. Wanchalearm to Phnom Penh Court of First Instance in accordance with legal proceedings. In addition, they appeared for statements before the court on 08 December 2020. Since then, the family and the lawyers have not extended to the Cambodian authorities any information or cooperation.
- Although the case has reached the court's jurisdiction, the Cambodian authorities will continue to collect further information both inside and outside the country with a view to seeking the truth about the alleged incident and verifying whether or not it had occurred.

2. The Case of Mr. Osman Karaca

- Mr. Osman Karaca, a Turkish citizen, holder of passport No. was arrested on 14 October 2019 with his temporary passport No.
- According to the Turkish Embassy in Phnom Penh, he had been prosecuted by the GAZIANTEP5 Criminal Court for being a member of an armed terrorist organization.
- On 18 October 2019, Mr. Osman was deported to his country of origin in accordance with Declaration No. 10207 dated 16 October 2019 of the Ministry of Interior.
- As to his arrest and deportation to Turkey, the Ministry of Interior had duly verified the identity indicated in a diplomatic note of the Turkish Embassy in Phnom Penh. The process was in full compliance with Cambodian procedures and laws.
- The Mexican Embassy in Hanoi requested to schedule a meeting with the Cambodian authorities on 18 October 2019, the date of deportation of Mr. Osman Karaca.
