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Law on the Administration of the Nation during a State of Emergency

The Law on the Administration of the Nation during a State of Emergency ("Law") was promulgated with immediate effect on 29 April 2020. Under this Law, the country can be placed under a state of emergency via a Royal Decree if Cambodia is faced with a serious threat to the national security, public health, and societal order. The state of emergency may be declared for a period of no longer than three months. If the situation demands, such period may be extended. At the appropriate time and circumstance, the state of emergency may be withdrawn by a Royal Decree via the request of the Prime Minister.

The following restrictions or measures will be enforced under the Law:

- · Freedom of movement;
- Freedom of assembly;
- Freedom to work;
- Enforced lockdown;
- Quarantine measures during public health emergency;
- Population movement/evacuation;
- Nationalisation of services and assets;
- · Price control on goods and services;
- Closure of public or private locations;
- Surveillance of telecommunications; and
- Distribution of information that invokes fear or chaos or harm to the national security.

Other additional measures appropriate to address the emergency may also be introduced. During war time or circumstances in which national security is seriously threatened, the country may be placed under Martial Law.

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