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We are deeply troubled by the abrupt decision to revoke Voice of Democracy's (VOD) media license.

A free and independent press plays a critical role in a functioning democracy, providing the public and decisionmakers with facts and holding governments to account.

For more than 20 years, VOD has provided objective, fact-based reporting on issues that serve the interests of the Cambodian people.

We urge Cambodian authorities to revisit this decision.