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In the past, all TV & Radio stations as well as TV cable networks have made an effort to fruitfully and accountably carry out the instructions of Ministry of Information, in particular a directive on audio-visual broadcast in their programs and broadcast hours.

At the same time, Ministry of Information has noticed a number of shortcomings that have not been implemented. Therefore, to more accurately meet the social attention, respect for human rights, laws and freedom of expression, Ministry of Information would like to state the directions on the broadcasting as follows:

1. All radio stations must simultaneously play the national anthem music live from the national radio station at 7 a.m. and 1700 p.m. by repeating "Please rise for the national flag". As for all TV stations, they must simultaneously play the national anthem music with the weaving flag of the Kingdom of Cambodia live from the station of National Television of Kampuchea at 1700 p.m.
2. All TV stations must uniformly broadcast news at 1900 p.m. and all information must be true, impartial, and inviolate of the individual's freedom.

In every broadcast, it is not allowed to interpret something that harms His Majesty the King, the Royal Government's policies, security and social order and Cambodian customs and culture, to broadcast something that causes racism and anti-faith. It is not allowed to broadcast commercial between the national and international news hours.

3. All TV stations must show a Khmer video film after the 1900 news hours for three days a week. As for the four remaining days, they must increase their arts, game and entertainment programs that promote Cambodian arts and culture.
4. All TV stations-cable TV networks are not allowed at all cost to show a rape and pornographic scenes in the video films.
5. All TV stations-cable TV networks in their karaoke, arts and entertainment programs must choose appropriate clothes to wear that show the characteristics of Cambodian women, not too short, not too sexy that has a bad impact on the dignity and use correct terminology according to orthography and our national literature.
6. All TV stations-cable TV networks must reduce to the minimum their show of video films that contain scenes of brutal slaughter and stab, gangsters, human abduction, shooting, and terrorism and can show them from 2100 onwards.
7. All radio/TV stations must not describe or show any brutal acts that cause fear to children and let children play in a non-educational program which has a bad impact on general children.
8. All radio stations must reduce to the minimum the call-in, song request program that contains inappropriate language that affects listeners in all walks of life and use words of dignity and get

rid of using foreign terminology (*chas! chas!* [Cambodian female says that mean Yes!] or O.K! O.K!).

9. All radio-TV stations in their commercial broadcast must not lie or overstate facts, quality and quantities that cause danger to health and life. In addition, all TV stations must write the national language larger than the foreign language on both the commercial sign and sign displayed in the show. Commercial break can be taken after a 10-minute broadcast.
10. All radio-TV stations are not allowed to broadcast any commercial that the owner is not accountable for or any commercial that is forged and that defames others and motivates children to smoke cigarettes and drink alcohol.
11. All radio-TV stations are not allowed to broadcast any commercial about drugs or illness treatment that contains exaggerated and deceived messages or causes fear and desperateness. The broadcast of any commercial about drugs or illness treatment can be launched only when there is permission from Ministry of Health and Ministry of Information.
12. All radio-TV stations must read and show the slogan “Smoking cigarettes endangers health”, in particular TV- it must show this slogan a bit longer.
13. All radio-TV stations must focus further on educational and training programs, programs on understanding of environment, national heritage, arts, culture, health, traffic and other entertainment... etc.

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