

Former Cintri employees succeed in getting severance wages

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City Hall offers compensation to former Cintri staff to end protest. KT/Pann Rachana

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More than 100 former customer service officers of Cintri Cambodia Co Ltd received half of the compensation wages owed to them after they were laid off in December.



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The former employees had staged a protest over the wages on January 30 in front of the company headquarters in Phnom Penh's Monivong Boulevard and also petitioned Prime Minister Hun Sen to intervene. They also urged Phnom Penh Waste Management Authority to absorb them into its workforce.

Nhor Buntha, 32, their representative who had worked with Cintri for eight years, said yesterday that City Hall intervened and agreed to pay the compensation on behalf of Cintri to all the former customers' service officers.

He said City Hall paid them 50 percent of the compensation on Monday and promised to pay the remainder either at the end of this month or early next month.

"We agreed to the offer because the amount being paid is in accordance with the labour law," Mr Buntha said. "Previously, the company only offered to pay us half of the compensation and that is why we protested."

He said he received more than \$2,000 or half of the amount owed to him because he had worked there eight years.

"The others were paid according to their years of service and were happy when they received the money," Mr Buntha said.

On their request to be hired by the Phnom Penh Waste Management Authority, he said City Hall had asked them to wait for a decision.

Mr Buntha said Cintri laid them off after City Hall terminated the company's contract to collect and dispose waste in the capital.

Another former staff member, Mon Chanveasna also said he received 50 percent of the compensation on Monday and is waiting to be paid the remainder.

"The money will help us pay for daily expenses while we look for another job," he said.

City Hall spokesman Met Measpheakdey said yesterday that the authority had found a solution and the former Cintri employees accept the offer and agree to stop protesting.

"City Hall found a solution to pay full compensation wages to them and they were happy to accept it," he said.

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