

Buddhism is the State religion.

Article 9 - Every Cambodian is free to speak, write, print, publish. He may, either by way of the press or any other means express, spread, defend every opinion so long as he makes no unauthorized use of that right or does not tend to disturb the public order.

No demonstration of opinion can be imposed.

Article 10 - All Cambodians have a right to associate freely, unless their association endangers or tends to endanger the liberties guaranteed by the present Constitution. They are also granted liberty of meeting.

Article 11 - The domicile is inviolable. No one may get in except in the cases specified by the Law and according to the forms it prescribes.

Article 12 - The secrecy of letters is inviolable, temporary derogations being explicitly provided for by the Law when the higher interest of the Nation makes it necessary.

Article 13 - All the Cambodians may equally aspire to all public offices, their own merit or efficiency being the only cause of preference.

Article 14 - Each Cambodian is entitled to send a written petition to the Constituted authorities, in order to provoke the study of problems of either private or collective interest.

Article 15 - The exercise of the rights warranted by the present Constitution cannot be suspended. However, when the nation is proclaimed in a State of emergency, the rights enumerated in the articles 4, 9 (1st paragraph), 10 (2nd paragraph) and 12, may be suspended within the limits and forms fixed by the law.

That measure should not be taken for a period exceeding six months, to be renewed in the same form. Whoever misuses it, to injure arbitrarily the material or moral rights of others, will thus engage his own responsibility.

At the end of the period of exception, whoever thinks himself arbitrarily wronged in his person or his property may claim moral or material redress before the court.

Article 16 - Every Cambodian owes loyalty to the King, must respect the Laws, defend the country and help the Government by paying his taxes and by all the means within the scope of the law.

TITLE No. 3.

THE LAW AND POWERS

Article 17 - The Law is the expression of the will of the nation. It applies to every one, whether it protects, punishes or constrains.