

# EXTRACTS FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

## TITLE No. 1

### NATURE AND FORM OF THE STATE

Article 1 - Cambodia is a Monarchy.

Article 2 - The official tongue is Cambodian.

French is the official language for the proceedings concerning the French Union and its use is admitted in the other cases until the Cambodian language is sufficiently enriched and adapted to the needs of a modern nation.

## TITLE No. 2

### LIBERTIES, RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF CAMBODIANS

Article 3 - Liberty is the power of doing everything that does not injure other people's rights. The conditions upon which that liberty can be exercised are stated by the Law.

No one can be compelled to do what the Law does not ordain.

Article 4 - No one can be prosecuted, arrested, or detained except in cases determined by the Law and according to the forms it has prescribed.

No one can be kept into custody unless the lawfulness of his arrest be laid before a Magistrate and confirmed by his justified decision within the time stipulated by the Law.

Any useless harshness or coercion in the course of an arrest, any moral pressure or bodily cruelty towards a prisoner, any treatment that increases the severity of the penalty lawfully to be applied to a condemned person are forbidden by the law and engages the personal responsibility of their instigators, promoters or accomplices.

Article 5 - Any accused person is presumed not guilty until he has been declared guilty.

Privative or restrictive penalties must direct towards the re-education of the offender.

Article 6 - The Cambodians cannot be turned out of the Cambodian territory. They cannot be forbidden to stay in some locality or compelled to settle in a determined place except in cases stipulated by the Law.

Article 7 - Property is under the protection of the law.

No one can be deprived of his property except for reason of public necessity, in the cases established by the law and after due indemnification.

Article 8 - Liberty of conscience is absolute. So is that of worshipping which suffers no other restrictions than those made necessary by the maintenance of Public order.