

US Citizen Charged With Debauchery

A US citizen was charged with debauchery in Phnom Penh Municipal Court Monday, after his arrest Saturday under suspicion of having sexual intercourse with two boys, ages 10 and 13, according to court records. Michael Lewis Clark, 69, was arrested after police raided his room at the Pyco guest house in Daun Penh district after receiving information from two local NGOs that have been investigating the case, Municipal Chief of Foreigner Police Pol Phiethy said after the arrest. Two employees said Clark had been a regular patron of the guest house for several years, coming for short visits once or twice a month with as many as three street boys. Debauchery carries a sentence of 10 to 20 years in prison. Clark can legally be held for up to six months while the court gathers evidence before he faces trial. *(Van Roeun)*

Correction: Ministry of Industry Secretary of State Ith Praing should not have been identified as a CPP parliamentarian in Monday's story "In First for Nation, Major Parties Debate in Kompong Cham" (page 13). He is the CPP's eighth-listed candidate in Kompong Cham.