

## **French Bar Owner Accused of Debauchery**

A French national was arrested Tuesday morning on suspicion of having sex with underage boys and will face charges of debauchery in court, police said. Michel Blanchard, 39, the owner of Happy Bar on Sothearos Boulevard, was arrested by police after a monthlong investigation, said Keo Thea, deputy bureau chief of Anti-Human Trafficking and Minor Protection. Nine boys between 12 and 19 old were discovered at the suspects' rented house, Keo Thea said. Five of the boys said the suspect repeatedly had sex with them since 2002, he said. The French Embassy received reports of the arrest but was seeking more information, press attache Claude Abily said Wednesday. *(Phann Ana)*