

= Community of Royalist People 's Party =

The Community of Royalist People's Party (Khmer : គណបក្សសហគ្រាសព្រះមហាក្សត្រ ; CRPP) was a Cambodian political party that lasted from March 2014 until January 2015 . It was founded and led by Norodom Ranariddh , who had been ousted from FUNCINPEC back in 2006 . Ideologically a royalist party , the CRPP drew its inspiration from the political legacy of the former King of Cambodia , Norodom Sihanouk , and competed for its voter base with both FUNCINPEC and the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) . In January 2015 , the CRPP was dissolved when Ranariddh returned to FUNCINPEC .

== History ==

On 25 February 2014 , former First Prime Minister of Cambodia Norodom Ranariddh , who was ousted from FUNCINPEC in 2006 , announced plans to return to politics and lead the formation the Community of Royalist People 's Party . The Cambodian Interior Ministry reportedly received a request from the party to be formally registered as a political party . In March 2014 , Ranariddh hosted the party 's official launching ceremony at the Phnom Penh Sunway Hotel , where he revealed the party logo and signed registration papers for the party . In April 2014 , the CRPP 's registration was officially approved by the Interior Ministry . A month later , CRPP appointed a new chief @-@ of @-@ cabinet Nop Sothearith , and the party also made an in @-@ advance registration with the Interior Ministry to run for general elections scheduled to be held in 2018 . In June 2014 , the CRPP held a party to mark its official launch , and opened its headquarters at the Russey Keo District in Phnom Penh .

In October 2014 , a public spat arose between Ranariddh and his personal secretary , Noranarith Anandayath . Ranariddh accused Noranarith of badmouthing him , which prompted the latter to resign from the CRPP . Two months later , in December 2014 , the Phnom Penh Post reported that several high @-@ ranking FUNCINPEC officials defected to the CRPP , which included a former secretary of state , former provincial governor and former deputy national police chief . On 2 January 2015 , Ranariddh announced his plan to return to FUNCINPEC , after being ousted from the party in 2006 . The announcement was made after a private meeting with Prime Minister Hun Sen who had urged Ranariddh to rejoin his former party . The CRPP was subsequently dissolved when Ranariddh returned to FUNCINPEC later in the latter part of January 2015 .

= = Ideology and political positions = =

The CRPP was a royalist party , and Ranariddh stated in February 2015 that the party aligns itself to the political legacy of Norodom Sihanouk . The CRPP also stated that it directly competed for the voter base from the CNRP and FUNCINPEC , but not with the Cambodian People 's Party (CPP) . At the party 's launching ceremony in March 2014 , Ranariddh added that the CRPP would not seek to align itself with the CPP or CNRP . Ranariddh also expressed interest to resolve socioeconomic problems such as poverty , low wages and corruption , which he claimed were worsened by the effects of the political protests as a result of political differences between the CPP and CNRP . In June 2014 , Ranariddh outlined several reform proposals at a party meeting for youths , such as reviewing 99 @-@ year land leases to identify illegal land concessions and helping more youths to seek employment locally .

The CRPP maintained frosty relations with FUNCINPEC , which had earlier ousted Ranariddh as its president in 2006 . When Ranariddh announced plans to form the party in February 2014 , several FUNCINPEC leaders including Nhek Bun Chhay , Keo Puth Rasmey and Sisowath Sirirath questioned Ranariddh 's leadership abilities and past political track record . Ranariddh was particularly critical of the CNRP and in March 2014 , he denied accusations by CNRP leader Sam Rainsy that the CRPP was formed with the aim of splitting the opposition voter base . Ranariddh also charged that the Rainsy would end Cambodia 's status as a constitutional monarchy if they were elected to power . In May 2014 , Ranariddh called on the CPP and CNRP to form a unity

government and proposed that the CRPP was keen to act as a mediator between the two parties .

= = Logo = =

The CRPP 's party logo had a circular design , and bears Ranariddh 's initials in the Khmer language . The logo also includes the number " 9 " , which represents power according to brahmin tradition . Around the logo were three circles ; one was yellow , representing the monarchy , another was white , representing peace , and the third was green , representing water . On Ranariddh 's return to the party in January 2015 , FUNCINPEC adopted a new logo that was inspired by that of the defunct CRPP 's party logo .