



4 September 2012 - Yorm Bopha was arrested along with her husband Lous Sakhorn relating to an alleged assault of two moto-taxi drivers. She had become a “thorn in the side” of authorities due to her human rights activism and had been told that she would soon face the same fate as fellow activists who had been imprisoned.



7 September 2012 - The Cambodia for Confederation Development Association (CDDA - moto-taxi union), rallied in response to claims that Yorm Bopha had been jailed for her anti-eviction activism



5 September 2012 - Land activist Tim Sakmony was arrested for allegedly having made a “false declaration”. Like Yorm Bopha, Ms Sakmony was active in protesting against forced evictions in her community. The occurrence of both arrests within a day of each other has led to claims that the arrests were politically motivated.

13 September 2012 - In a statement issued by seven human rights groups, Yorm Bopha’s conviction was labelled as “dubious” and the court’s failure to honor fair trial standards was criticized

24 September 2012 - Freedom rallies took place outside the National Assembly, Danish Embassy, German Embassy and the UN Human Rights Office. Petitions were delivered to officials

25 September 2012 - Protestors held spiritual rituals outside the Municipal court for the purpose of cursing the court officials who condemned Yorm Bopha



20 November 2012 - Protestors called on Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton during their visit to Cambodia for the ASEAN leaders’ summit, to demand that the government release Yorm Bopha



27 December 2012 - Yorm Bopha was found guilty of “intentional violence with aggravating circumstances” under Article 218 of the Cambodian Criminal Code 2009. A series of protests by the Boeung Kak Community and other supporters ensued



19 March 2013 - In a televised speech, Hun Sen defined Bopha’s sentence not as a political issue, but a “simple case of her beating someone up,” and acting “unjustly in the eyes of the government”
On the same day Boeng Kak representatives delivered a petition to the King asking to intervene in the case



27 March 2013 - The Supreme Court denied Bopha’s second appeal for bail and also ignored her pleas for release on the grounds that she suffered from a heart condition which needed regular treatment

17 December 2012 - Amnesty International released an urgent action appeal for the release of Yorm Bopha, who it defined as a ‘prisoner of conscience’



6 November 2012 - CDDA members submitted letters to the US Embassy and the European Union Delegation, asking them not to intervene in Yorm Bopha’s case



7 November 2012 - Yorm Bopha’s application for bail was denied and she was ordered to remain in pre-trial detention

13 March 2013 - Protestors were violently cracked down when security forces attacked them as they marched in front of the Prime Minister’s house. At least six people were seriously injured, including Yorm Bopha’s husband Lous Sakhorn.



26 March 2013 - Amnesty International Holland released a message of solidarity for Yorm Bopha

23 April 2013 - CCHR launched its ‘Voices for Freedom’ campaign, encouraging the public to send messages of support for Yorm Bopha to its radio station to be broadcast live



3 June 2013 - Four housing rights activists sat in front of the Court of Appeal in Phnom Penh and began a hunger strike in the lead up to Yorm Bopha’s appeal.

10 May 2013 - Bopha was transferred from Prey Sar prison to the correction center Police Judicare (PJ)



18 June 2013 - Members of the Boeng Kak community clashed with riot police resulting in four members sustaining injuries.



4 September - Marks one year since Yorm Bopha has been unfairly imprisoned, despite national and international efforts and a severe lack of evidence to warrant her conviction.



17 - 21 June - Participants of the IFEX international freedom of expression conference in Phnom Penh participated in a campaign to Free Yorm Bopha

21 June - Delegation of international, regional and local participants from IFEX visited Yorm Bopha in prison

5 August 2013 - In a public speech, opposition CNRP leader Sam Rainsy demanded Yorm Bopha’s release

8 August 2013 - Along with Boeng Kak community members and Yorm Bopha’s son, CNRP parliamentarian Mu Sochua went to visit Yorm Bopha in prison and declared that Bopha’s release would be a future topic of negotiation between the CNRP and the ruling CPP

TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS DURING ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT OF CAMBODIAN LAND RIGHTS ACTIVIST, YORM BOPHA (4 SEPTEMBER 2012 - 4 SEPTEMBER 2013)

16 May 2013 - The Lawyers Rights Watch Canada wrote to government officials, condemning Yorm Bopha’s conviction and the fabricated charges against her. It demanded an impartial appeal hearing
2 June 2013 - CCHR published a legal analysis which stated that the conviction of Yorm Bopha represented a “gross miscarriage of justice”



14 June 2013 - Yorm Bopha’s conviction for assault was upheld during the appeal hearing, but her custodial sentence was reduced from three to two years.

17 June 2013 - Yorm Bopha filed an appeal to the Supreme Court