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# Cambodia parliament approves law to combat cybercrime scam rings

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Cambodia's Parliament has approved a new cybercrime law to stop online scam operations.

These scams mainly involve fake investments, online fraud, and romance scams.

## **Why was this law needed?**

Cambodia has become a major hub for online scam centres.

These scams have cheated people worldwide of billions of dollars.

Many workers in these scam centres are trafficked or forced to work under harsh conditions.

There was international pressure on Cambodia to take strict action.

## **Key features of the new law**

Punishment for online scams: 2–5 years in jail + heavy fines

Serious cases (gangs or many victims): Up to 10 years in jail + higher fines

Covers crimes like: Online fraud, Money laundering, Illegal data collection, Recruiting people into scam networks

## **What is the government's goal?**

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To completely eliminate scam centres in the country

To support ongoing crackdowns and raids

To protect: Economy, Tourism, International reputation

### **Background**

Earlier, Cambodia did not have a specific law for online scams.

Authorities have already:

Shut down many scam centres

Arrested hundreds of suspects

The new law gives strong legal power to continue action.

### **Note:**

The law is part of a larger effort to clean up cybercrime networks and stop them from returning in the future.

### **Cambodia**

Capital: Phnom Penh

Currency: Cambodian riel

King: Norodom Sihamoni

Prime Minister: Hun Manet