

Residents of the Ban Chomkeo area and Ban Phoxay refuse the Provincial authorities to give the Chomkeo School property to Mr. Phonepaseut, a businessman from Savannakhet. He wants to exchange the land for a property in the valley, which was flooded by the river water after it has accumulated. The property of the school is over 3 acres and is located on the banks of the Mekong River near the Savanhxay Market. Mr. Phonephaseuth has planned to build a hotel resort or mall after he owns the property. Shortly after this incident was reported to the ADL, the news had become public throughout the country and the action was discontinued. However, in May 2018, the provincial governor, Mr. Santiphab Phomvihane (Kaysone Phomvihane family), summoned the mayor of Ban Phoxay Town, Mr. Bounju Thammavong, to instruct him to hand over the property to Mr. Phonepaseuth. Now the school is to be moved to the property which belongs at to time Mr. Phonepaseuth. However, the population rejects this because the terrain is difficult to access only over narrow roads and dry red soil for the students, who also have to accept buying it through an area regularly flooded with dirty water. Nevertheless, trade with the entrepreneur seems to have already been decided.