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Dear Prime Minister,

Angkor, home of Angkor Wat temple, is identified as a World Heritage site by UNESCO. In the name of conserving the UNESCO World Heritage site, the Cambodian authorities have been forcibly evicting a large number of people from Angkor since 2022. Around 40,000 people are being moved. However, UNESCO told Amnesty International that it has never called for "population displacements".

Many people were harassed, threatened, and forced to leave without any genuine consultation. They are being sent to resettlement sites, including one called Run Ta Ek which lacks basic services such as drinking water, electricity, and livelihood opportunities.

I urge you to immediately halt all forced evictions at the World Heritage Site of Angkor and ensure that no public officials or agents of the state carry out or support forced evictions. Furthermore, I urge you to ensure that no further relocations are conducted until the resettlement sites meet the criteria of adequacy according to international human rights standards. Finally, I urge you to provide an effective remedy and reparation to all those who have been forcibly evicted from Angkor.

Yours sincerely,