

In Brief: School soon to have new buildings

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Putting a lid on rubbish dumping

Siem Reap's provincial Department of Environment is urging residents to stop randomly dumping rubbish. Department vehicles have been spreading the gospel via loudspeakers, focusing initially on the more scenic riverside districts, and deputy director Khoeurn Sokunvisith told the Post that the campaign has been effective. "There has been a lot of improvement, but there's still work to be done," he said. The campaign has pointed out the health benefits of ridding the streets of rubbish and informed people where rubbish can be placed to be collected. Unn Sophary