

# Cambodia Pardons Russian

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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — A prison official said a Russian businessman convicted of sexually abusing more than a dozen girls in Cambodia has walked free after being granted a royal pardon.

Alexander Trofimov, 45, was one of 360 prisoners granted amnesty by the Cambodian king. Trofimov had been convicted of buying sex from 17 girls between the ages of 6 and 13.

Before his arrest in October 2007, Trofimov was chairman of a Russian-led investment group developing a Cambodian tourist island.

Trofimov was originally sentenced to 17 years in jail, but his term was slashed to seven years in August 2010.

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