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Country	Headline
Cambodia	<p>How stolen Cambodian artifacts stolen from temples ended up in American museums, private collectors</p> <p>After 10 years of investigation, a question of how those stolen Cambodia artifacts reach US and private collectors has been answered.</p> <p>Date: December 17, 2023 Source: CBS News Author: Anderson Coopers Link: https://www.cbsnews.com/news/stolen-cambodian-artifacts-american-museums-private-collections-60-minutes-transcript/</p>
	<p>Former looters helping Cambodian reclaim its stolen heritage: “The gods want to come home”</p> <p>Former looters reveal the truth information which is helpful for the investigation team in tracking down stolen heritages.</p> <p>Date: December 17, 2023 Source: 60 Minutes overtime Author: Link: https://www.cbsnews.com/news/cambodia-stolen-art-the-met-former-looters-track-artifacts-60-minutes/</p>

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	<p>Cambodia welcomes return of looted relics</p> <p>Cambodia has welcomed the announcement that New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art will return more than a dozen pieces of ancient artwork to the country.</p> <p>Date: December 17, 2023 Source: Borneo Bulletin Author: Link: https://borneobulletin.com.bn/cambodia-welcomes-return-of-looted-relics/</p>
	<p>PM: The Royal Government continues cooperation with Sophia University of Japan on temple preservation</p> <p>The Royal Government of Cambodia is pleased to continue cooperation with Sophia University of Japan on conservation, maintenance, and restoration of temples.</p> <p>Date: December 16, 2023 Source: Khmer Times Author: Link: https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501408010/pm-the-royal-government-continues-cooperation-with-sophia-university-of-japan-on-temple-preservation/</p>
<p>Laos</p>	<p>Laos unveils ‘Discover Laos Year 2024’ with diverse cultural celebration</p> <p>Laos unveils “Discover Laos Year 2024” initiative that aims to draw countless global travelers to Laos to experience its captivating blend of cultural, natural, and historical wonders.</p> <p>Date: December 18, 2023 Source: Travel and Tour World Author: Link: https://www.travelandtourtworld.com/news/article/laos-unveils-discover-laos-year-2024-with-diverse-cultural-celebrations/</p>

<p>Malaysia</p>	<p>Malaysia focuses on preserving historical sites</p> <p>Malaysia needs a comprehensive annual conservation plan and guideline to preserve historical sites or relics.</p> <p>Date: December 20, 2023 Source: Vietnam Plus Author: Link: https://en.vietnamplus.vn/malaysia-focuses-on-preserving-historical-sites/275196.vnp</p>
	<p>Melaka's ancient past reach shore at the 'Port And Pottery' exhibition in UM</p> <p>Artifacts from the sea are now exhibited at the "Port And Pottery " exhibition at Museum of Asian Arts at University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur.</p> <p>Date: December 18, 2023 Source: The Star Author: Link: https://www.thestar.com.my/lifestyle/culture/2023/12/18/melakas-ancient-past-reaches-shore-at-the-039port-and-pottery039-exhibition-in-um</p>
	<p>The mystery of the Balik Pulau stone structures: Are they older than the Lembah Bujang temple? [Watch]</p> <p>A stack of stone structures forming a wall over 20 meters long in Kampung Sungal Rusa raises questions whether this area may have been a site of prehistoric human settlement.</p> <p>Date: December 19, 2023 Source: New StraitsTimes Author: Link: https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2023/12/992199/mystery-balik-pulau-stone-structures-are-they-older-lembah-bujang-temple</p>

<p>Philippines</p>	<p>Experience Philippines heritage with Siam Society</p> <p>The Southeast Asian Heritage Alliance (Seacha) in collaboration with Siam Society and the Philippine Heritage Society is organizing a trip to explore Luzon in the Philippines from March 6-10.</p> <p>Date: December 21, 2023 Source: Bangkok Post Author: Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/social-and-lifestyle/2710083/experience-philippine-heritage-with-siam-society</p>
<p>Singapore</p>	<p>Revamped art centre at National Gallery S'pore let children hands-on with arts</p> <p>The hands-on activities at the National Gallery Singapore allow children aged 4 to 12 to explore new technologies while learning about digital painting, sculpture, and other art forms.</p> <p>Date: December 16, 2023 Source: The Straits Times Author: Esther Loi Link: https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/revamped-art-centre-for-children-to-get-hands-on-with-art</p>
<p>Thailand</p>	<p>US to return 2 ancient bronze images</p> <p>The New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art will return 2 looted ancient bronze statues to Thailand.</p> <p>Date: December 17, 2023 Source: Bangkok Post Author: Link: https://www.bangkokpost.com/life/arts-and-entertainment/2707308/us-to-return-2-ancient-bronze-images</p>

<p>Timor Leste</p>	<p>Burst of colour at Timo-Leste’s cultural showcase</p> <p>The Embassy of Timor-Leste to Brunei Darussalam in collaboration with Huifong’s Art Gallery hosted a ‘Tea and Casual Art Talk’ aiming to share the rich culture of Timor-Leste and discuss the role of art and culture in social cohesion.</p> <p>Date: December 19, 2023 Source: Borneo Bulletin Author: Link: https://borneobulletin.com.bn/burst-of-colour-at-timor-lestes-cultural-showcase/</p>
<p>Vietnam</p>	<p>Le Dynasty’s military weapons on display for the first time</p> <p>The Hanoi Museum is hosting an exhibition featuring over 200 artifacts and documents relating to the Martial Art School including a collection of weapons from the Le Dynasty.</p> <p>Date: December 16, 2023 Source: Vietnam Plus Author: Link: https://en.vietnamplus.vn/le-dynastys-military-weapons-on-display-for-first-time/275009.vnp</p>