

Updates on the situation of the Cambodia-Thailand border

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I. The Royal Government of Cambodia:

- On September 4, 2025, the Royal Government Spokesperson Unit issued a press release concerning Thailand's unilateral activities since August 12, 2025, taking place in Chouk Chey Village and Prey Chan village, O Bei Chorn Commune, O Chrov District, Banteay Meanchey province.
- The press release underscored that Thailand's unilateral activities affected the people who have been living and benefiting from the areas for a long time. Regarding this matter, the Royal Government of Cambodia has worked actively, using all available mechanisms, to protest to the Thai side, as well as notify the relevant parties through all diplomatic channels in accordance with international law. For instance:
 - **The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation** has lodged 3 diplomatic notes to protest to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and raised the issue on various platforms, including with the UN, etc. The Ministry also organised a series of diplomatic visits, with the participation of diplomats, UN agencies in Cambodia, and non-governmental organisations, to directly inspect the situation in Chouk Chey Village and Prey Chan village, as well as in other areas affected by the armed clashes in late July.
 - Cambodia also raised the issue of protecting territorial integrity in the GBC meeting and the recent RBC meetings between the two countries as well.

- The State Secretariat for Border Affairs has issued 3 protests in its capacity as the Joint Border Committee (JBC) to the Thai side.
- In addition, Cambodia's top leaders also mentioned the issue in every meeting with foreign leaders, urging for the peaceful resolution of border issues in accordance with bilateral agreements, conventions, treaties and international law. Such effort can be seen in the recent Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit from August 30 to September 1, 2025 in Tianjin, China, where **Samdech Thipadei, Prime Minister**, raised the issue with **H.E. Xi Jinping**, President of the People's Republic of China, **H.E. Wang Yi**, Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, **H.E. António Guterres**, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and **H.E. Anwar Ibrahim**, Prime Minister of Malaysia and the rotating Chair of ASEAN. In the meantime, **Samdech Techo**, President of the Senate and Chairman of the Supreme Council of the King of the Kingdom of Cambodia, also actively employed diplomatic mechanisms in every meeting with foreign leaders to seek a peaceful solution in accordance with international law, in order to protect national sovereignty and the territorial integrity of Cambodia.
- In closing, the press release highlighted that "protecting national sovereignty and territorial integrity is the main priority of the Royal Government of Cambodia, led by the Cambodian People's Party, from the past, at the present and in the future. The Royal Government of Cambodia, led by **Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet**, Prime Minister, continues to strive to resolve the border issue peacefully in accordance with international law to protect national sovereignty, territorial integrity, and maintain peace, which is the essential need of the nation and its people."

II. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation —

- On September 4, 2025, the Ministry sent another formal protest to the Thai Embassy in Phnom Penh and a Statement “over the acts of expanding conflict area by Thai forces in the border regions between Cambodia and Thailand, especially the areas where Cambodian Communities have been living for decades.” Key points in the Protest Note and the Statement are as follows:
 - The Ministry stressed that the unilateral actions undertaken by the Thai side since August 2025 up to date, at 2 villages in O Bei Chorn Commune, O Chrov District, Banteay Meanchey, “*have already caused immense hardship to many Cambodian families, who have been evicted from their homes and farmland, and are now awaiting redress of their plight.*”
 - Actions including: (1)- laying barbed wire, nets, barriers, and tires, (2)- publicly declared an ultimatum for Cambodia to “evacuate” its citizens from Chouk Chey Village, in 3-6 months, or they would face forced removal by the Thai military, and (3)- announced plan to issue land titles to Thai citizens over the areas where hundreds of Cambodian families have lived for decades, “are deeply concerning and *amounts to an attempt to unilaterally demarcate the border through the use of military means.*”— a violation of (1)- the mandate of the Joint Commission on Demarcation for Land Boundary (JBC) and contrary to the spirit of the 2000 MOU on the Survey and Demarcation of Land Boundary between Cambodia and Thailand, (2)- the agreement on the ceasefire of 28 July 2025, (3)- the Agreed Minutes of the Extraordinary Meetings of the General Border Committee (GBC) on 7 August 2025 and (4)- the Regional Border Committee on 22 August 2025.

- The statement reaffirmed Cambodia's firm commitment to seek amicable resolution to boundary disputes with all its neighbours through peaceful means in accordance with international law, while remaining resolute in upholding its principled position that borders must not be changed by force.
- Urging the Thai side to maintain the status quo ante and to settle the above-mentioned border situation through the GBC and JBC, as has been committed and mutually agreed by both sides.

III. The Ministry of National Defence of Cambodia—

- On September 3, 2025, the Interim Observer Team (IOT) led by Colonel NAZLEE BIN ABDUL RAHIM, Defence Attaché of Malaysia to the Kingdom of Cambodia, inspected Cham Yeam International Border Checkpoint at Cham Yeam Village, Bak Klong Commune, Mondol Seima District, Koh Kong Province.
- It has been **37 days** since **18** Cambodian military personnel have been held in unlawful custody by the Thai side, counting from the morning of July 29, 2025, a few hours right after the Ceasefire came into effect.