

Updates on the situation of the Cambodia-Thailand border  
16 August 2025

I. Spokesperson of the Royal Government of Cambodia –

- On behalf of the government, reaffirmed to the public both domestically and internationally that Cambodia desires peace and is actively respecting the ceasefire agreement with utmost patience, highlighting that Cambodia seeks to resolve border issues through peaceful means and sincere negotiations, employing technical and international mechanisms, rather than resorting to military force.
- The Spokesperson also stressed that, despite being a small country with a limited population, Cambodia's greatest strength lies in the unity and solidarity of its citizens around their leaders. The country's unity is a driving force that has fostered a strong national cohesion, protecting its sovereignty and territorial integrity.
- Cambodia's commitment to peace and the unity of its citizens has garnered international recognition. The global community is actively monitoring the efforts to peacefully resolve the ongoing border dispute between Cambodia and Thailand, at the post the ceasefire agreement.
- In this light, the Spokesperson called upon all Cambodians to remain patient, to assess the situation with integrity and maturity, and to continue to have faith in the government leadership's endeavors to settle the border issue through peaceful means, aiming to prevent further tension and confrontation. Cambodia also hopes that Thailand shares a similar willingness to Cambodia in pursuing peaceful negotiations and seeks a mutually agreeable resolution to the dispute.

## II. Spokesperson of MFAIC:

- **The Tea Chat among the Foreign Ministers of China, Cambodia and Thailand:** the MFAIC issued on 15 Aug 2025 a press release on "The Tea Chat among the Foreign Ministers of China, Cambodia and Thailand", which reads as follows:

- "The Royal Government of Cambodia conveys its deep appreciation to the People's Republic of China for hosting the Tea Chat among the Foreign Ministers of China, Cambodia, and Thailand on 14 August 2025 in Anning, Yunnan Province. The discussions were held in a spirit of openness, candor, and mutual respect, providing a constructive platform to address the evolving border situation between Cambodia and Thailand.
- Cambodia welcomes China's indispensable role in facilitating dialogue and promoting de-escalation. We are particularly grateful for China's support for the ceasefire agreed upon by Cambodia and Thailand, as well as its broader commitment to restoring normal relations between the two neighbors through peaceful means.
- Cambodia firmly upholds the ceasefire agreed upon by both sides at the Special Meeting on 28 July 2025, and further consolidated at the Extraordinary General Border Committee Meeting on 7 August 2025. We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to the peaceful settlement of disputes, in accordance with international law, the principles of the United Nations Charter, and the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia.

- Furthermore, Cambodia underscores the urgent need to adopt the Terms of Reference for the establishment of the ASEAN Observer Team, in order to enable its operationalization at the earliest opportunity. This mechanism is essential to ensure the full and effective implementation of the ceasefire, in line with the decisions reached at the Special Meeting on 28 July 2025 and further consolidated at the Extraordinary General Border Committee Meeting on 7 August 2025.
  - Cambodia also extends its gratitude to China for its willingness to support post-conflict reconstruction efforts. This engagement reflects a shared commitment to long-term peacebuilding and the recovery of communities affected by the recent armed conflict.
  - In addition, Cambodia appreciates China's continued contribution to humanitarian demining efforts. While we welcome this support, we are of the view that demining activities should primarily focus on priority areas to be jointly defined and determined by the Joint Boundary Commission (JBC) Cambodia-Thailand, as a meaningful step toward enhancing safety, stability, and sustainable development.
  - Cambodia remains committed to working closely with all partners—bilaterally, trilaterally, and through regional frameworks—to preserve peace, build mutual trust, and ensure lasting stability across the region.”
- **On Japan's Emergency Humanitarian Assistance to Border-Affected Communities:**
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation highly appreciates the decision of the Government of Japan to provide an Emergency Grant of approximately 1.8 million US dollars to address urgent humanitarian needs in the Cambodia–Thailand border areas.

- This timely assistance will help provide essential supplies and temporary shelters to affected communities.
- Cambodia values Japan's principled support for the immediate and unconditional ceasefire agreement, as well as its steadfast commitment to peace, stability, and humanitarian relief.
- Cambodia extended its sincere thanks to H.E. Ueno Atsushi, Ambassador of Japan to Cambodia, and Colonel Hara Takashi, Defense Attaché, for their visit to the affected border areas and for expressing heartfelt solidarity with those impacted.

### III. Spokesperson of the Ministry of National Defence of Cambodia –

- On August 15, 2025, the Extraordinary Meeting of the Secretariats of the 27th Cambodia–Thailand Regional Border Committee (RBC), between Military Region 3 of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces and the Chanthaburi-Trat Border Defense Command, commenced in Trat province, Thailand. It was worth noting that the meeting was concluded with constructive and positive developments.
- **On the Situation at the Frontline:** Starting from midnight of August 16, 2025, up to 06:00 am this morning, the situation at the frontline, particularly at Military Region 4 and 5: Preah Vihear, Uddor Meachey, and Banteay Meanchey provinces, remains calm and steady.
- It has been 18 days since the 18 Cambodian soldiers were unlawfully detained by the Thai side. Cambodia continues to demand that Thailand promptly return the 18 soldiers, in accordance with international humanitarian law and the urgent calls from many partner countries and international institutions.
- **On the Extraordinary Cambodia-Thailand RBC Meeting:** the Extraordinary Meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand RBC, was co-chaired by Major General **Uy Heang**, Commander of Military Region 3, and Vice Admiral Aphi Chhat

Sapprasert, Commander of the Border Defense Command of Chanthaburi-Trat province, was held in the morning of August 16, 2025, in Trat province, Thailand.

- **The Outcomes of the Cambodia-Thailand Extraordinary Regional Border Committee (RBC) Meeting on 16 August 2025, Trat Province, Kingdom of Thailand–**
  - Both sides committed to implementing the outcomes of the Special Meeting between Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and His Excellency Phumtham Wechayachai, Acting Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, held in Putrajaya on 28 July 2025, hosted by Malaysia and co-organized by the United States, with the active participation of the People's Republic of China. They also reaffirmed their commitment to implementing the outcomes of the Extraordinary General Border Committee (GBC) Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur on 7 August 2025.
  - Both sides agreed to maintain regular communication between all army areas, military regions, and units along the Cambodian-Thai border, and to strive to resolve all issues peacefully while avoiding clashes, highlighting the importance of further intensifying communication at all levels to build trust and promote good neighbourliness.
  - Both sides agreed in principle to establish a coordinating group (CG) to enhance communication at all levels, including between commanders, border liaison working groups, standing forces in the border areas, and operational units along the Cambodia-Thailand border, with the aim of resolving all issues peacefully and avoid clashes. The details will be discussed in the next RBC Meeting.



- Cambodia reaffirmed the importance of advancing humanitarian demining, noting that progress depends on the full implementation of the ceasefire and a return to normalcy along the border. The decisions concerning demining should be addressed at the upcoming GBC Meeting, which is scheduled to take place soon, as already agreed by both sides.
- Concerning online scams, Cambodia stressed that it takes this matter seriously, alongside with other forms of transnational crime. Cambodia has made significant efforts to combat these issues, working closely with ASEAN and other international partners, and has achieved tangible results. Cambodia and Thailand have already cooperated in tackling online scams, and this issue can be further discussed at the upcoming GBC Meeting, as both countries are equally affected.
- Cambodia also underscored the importance of avoiding actions that could inadvertently increase tensions, including the laying of barbed wire, destruction of existing infrastructure, particularly civilian residential structures, and the dissemination of fake news or false information, as such developments risk eroding trust and undermining efforts to maintain a stable and peaceful environment.
- In an effort to restore normalcy along the border, Cambodia strongly urged both sides to explore all necessary and practical measures to normalize relations in all areas as soon as possible.
- Both sides also agreed to convene another RBC Meeting within one month after this Extraordinary Meeting, with Cambodia as the host.