

Updates on the situation of the Cambodia-Thailand border

13-14 August 2025

I. Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia ( MFA-IC ) –

(1) On 13 August 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia issued a Statement regarding “Thailand’s baseless allegations relating to recent landmine explosions and threats against Cambodian sovereignty” by reaffirmed that these allegations are fabricated, devoid of credible evidence and serve only to deflect attention from Thailand’s own violations of the ceasefire and international law. The Statement emphasized, among others:

- a. The cited incidents occurred in areas that are either in dispute or, in past instances, well within Cambodia’s internationally recognized territory as defined by the 1:200,000-scale maps produced by the Commissions of Delimitation of the Boundary between Indo-China and Siam, pursuant to the 1904 Convention and the 1907 Treaty;
- b. Irrespective of the sovereignty question over the exact locations, the incidents could not have occurred had Thai military forces refrained from entering and conducting operations in well-known mine-contaminated areas, in violation of the Agreed Minutes of the Extraordinary GBC Meeting of 7 August 2025, which reaffirmed the prohibition on troop movements or patrols beyond current positions.
- c. Cambodia, as a State Party to the Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines ( Ottawa Convention ), remains committed to the spirit of this treaty.

- d. Of equal gravity is the provocative and unlawful declaration of 10 August 2025 by the Commander of Thailand's Second Army Region, vowing to "reclaim" Ta Krabey Temple and to "close" Tamone Temple.
- e. Cambodia remains unwavering in its commitment to resolving all outstanding boundary disputes exclusively through peaceful means, in strict conformity with the 1904 and 1907 boundary treaties, MOU 2000, the jurisprudence of the International Court of Justice and the rules of international law.
- f. In the interest of peace, Cambodia appeals to Malaysia, in its capacity as the ASEAN Chair, together with the other co-facilitators of the ceasefire, to expedite the establishment of a robust, impartial and independent monitoring mechanism to ensure full respect for the agreed ceasefire, prevent escalation and avoid further harms to the lives of both military personnel and civilians.

## **II. Ministry of National Defence of Cambodia –**

- (1) As of 14 August 2025, the situation at the frontline along the Preah Vihear and Oddar Meanchey provinces remained calm and steady. The Cambodian army continues to maintain strong defensive positions and vigilance to protect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Cambodia from invasion.
- (2) Cambodia noted the Thai paramilitary force and the Thai border police officer conducted their inspections in front of Choukchey checkpoint, setting up barded wire and placing tires in Choukchey village, Ou Beichoan commune, Ou Chrov district, Banteay Meanchey province in military region 5. Cambodia demanded that the Thai side immediately and unconditionally hold all actions that violate the ceasefire and the spirit and consensus reached at the extraordinary meeting of the General Border Committee, in particular on point 2 and point 4.
- (3) Cambodia reaffirmed its firm and unequivocal commitment to fully respect and strictly implement a ceasefire reached on 28 July 2025 as well as the

Agreed Minutes adopted at the extraordinary meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand General Border Committee ( GBC ) on 7 August 2025.

- (4) In line with the MOU 2000 and in strict compliance with Article 5, the status quo must be maintained, and all activities that could cause environmental change in the border areas are prohibited.
- (5) Cambodia urges Thai side to return to Cambodia the 18 Cambodian military personnel that Thai armed forces illegally captured on 29 August 2025.
- (6) On 14 August 2025, the Ministry of National Defence of Cambodia facilitated a field visit of the Interim Observer Team ( IOT ) led by Col. NAZLEE BIN ABDUL RAHIM, Defence Attaché of Malaysia in Cambodia and participated by representatives from other six ASEAN Embassies namely: Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Philippine and Viet Nam. The mission of the IOT is to inspect the security situation along the Cambodia-Thailand border in Battambang, Oddar Meanchey and Preah Vihear provinces, which used to have armed clashes between the Cambodian and Thai armed forces recently.

### III. Spokesperson of the Royal Government of Cambodia –

- (1) Reiterated the importance of the obligations contained in the joint statement of the Extraordinary GBC Meeting on 7 August 2025 and the agreement of 28 July 2025 meeting between Prime Minister of Cambodia and Thailand Acting Prime Minister in Malaysia, especially Point 4 of the GBC, which stated *“Both sides agree to refrain from constructing or enhancing any military infrastructure or fortifications beyond their own side. Cambodia affirms its unwavering commitment to respecting in good faith all these points in the rest of the agreement and urges Thailand to strictly respect this agreement as well.”*
- (2) Thailand is using the landmine explosion as an issue to blame Cambodia and portray itself as the victim to mislead the international community, even though Thailand herself violating the ceasefire agreement by moving forces into areas with landmines left over from the war.