

Updates on the situation of the Cambodia-Thailand border

22 August 2025

I. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia—

- On August 22-23, 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation organized a 2-day field inspection tour with 63 participants, including ambassadors, chargés d'affaires, representatives of UN agencies, international organizations, and international NGOs, both resident and non-resident. This field inspection tour was led by H.E. Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, departing from Phnom Penh to Oddar Meanchey, Banteay Meanchey, and Siem Reap provinces, to inspect the situation on the ground at the border areas after the ceasefire came into force, as well as the displaced civilians affected by the armed clashes.

II. The Spokesperson of the Ministry of National Defence of Cambodia –

- **On the Cambodia–Thailand Extraordinary Regional Border Committee (RBC) Meeting:** on August 22, 2025, the Cambodia–Thailand Extraordinary Regional Border Committee (RBC) Meeting convened in Sa Kaeo Province, Kingdom of Thailand. The meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Lieutenant General Ek Sam Oun, the Commander of the Military Region 5 of Cambodia, and Lieutenant General Amarit Boonsuya, the Commander of the 1st Army Area of Thailand.
 - The meeting concluded at 11:15 a.m. on the same day, yielding positive outcomes, where both parties agreed as follows:
 - Agreed to maintain regular communications at all levels, including between all military regions and army areas and units along the Cambodia-Thailand border, and strive to resolve all issues peacefully and avoid clashes.

- 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, to resolve all issues peacefully and avoid clashes.
 - Considered the feasibility of establishing the Township Border Committee (TBC), which comprises of the state and private institutions, to strengthen cooperation in all sectors.
 - Pending the establishment of the CG and TBC, local task force commanders from both sides will meet weekly, or as appropriate, to resolve issues arising within their respective areas of responsibility.
 - Reaffirmed their willingness to cooperate and collaborate with each other in combating and preventing transnational crimes by exploring concrete and practical cooperation through existing frameworks. These issues are to be addressed at the upcoming GBC Meeting.
 - Reaffirmed the importance of humanitarian demining and agreed to refer this issue to the upcoming GBC Meeting.
 - Discussed exploring practical measures to address the issues of barbed wire, tires, and other obstructions, with a view to alleviating the difficulties faced by local communities, facilitating the safe return of people to their homes, and mitigating the impacts on their livelihoods at the earliest possible time.
 - The next RBC meeting is to be convened within one month after this extraordinary meeting, with Cambodia as the host.
- It has been **24 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 after the Ceasefire came into effect.

III. The Embassy of the People's Republic of China–

- On August 21, 2025, the Chinese Embassy in Phnom Penh has announced Beijing's readiness to observe the implementation of the ceasefire between Cambodia and Thailand, emphasizing that China is

prepared to participate as observers and to provide technical assistance to support the implementation of the ceasefire agreement between Cambodia and Thailand, paving the path towards a resolution to the conflict and restoring normalcy in the border areas between the two countries.

- The People's Republic of China has also shown concern for the displaced civilians and is actively monitoring the border situation with close attention.

IV. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan—

- On August 22, 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan issued a press release, announcing the visit of Ambassador for Mekong Cooperation **H.E. Hideo Suzuki** to Malaysia, Cambodia, and Thailand, scheduled from August 25-29, 2025.
- The visit aims to de-escalate the tension and encourage steady implementation of the ceasefire agreement through the exchange of views between Cambodia and Thailand.