

## Updates on the situation of the Cambodia-Thailand border

20 August 2025

### I. The Spokesperson of the Royal Government of Cambodia—

- On August 20, 2025, the Spokesperson of the Royal Government of Cambodia accentuated several key messages:
  - A phone conversation between Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister, and H.E. Anwar Ibrahim, Malaysian Prime Minister, on August 19, 2025, highlighting the urgent need to establish the ASEAN Observer Team (AOT). Both Prime Ministers viewed that “both AOT and IOT are important mechanisms for effectively monitoring the implementation of the ceasefire.”
  - “The international community has seen and received a clear message from Cambodia: Both our top leaders and citizens from all walks of life, including Buddhist monks and followers of other religions, all spoke with one voice: ‘Cambodia wants peace.’”
  - The World witnessed Cambodia’s genuine endeavor for peace shown through the Country’s concrete actions “by strictly respecting all terms stipulated in the ceasefire agreement with the utmost restraint.”

### II. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia—

- On August 20, 2025, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn received a courtesy call by Mr. Enrico Gaveglia, newly appointed UNDP resident representative to Cambodia. During the courtesy call, H.E. Deputy Prime Minister also briefed Mr. Enrico Gaveglia on the ongoing situation along the Cambodia-Thailand border. H E. Prak Sokhonn also reiterated Cambodia’s firm commitment to the ceasefire agreement reached on July 28, 2025, and to the peaceful settlement of all disputes, in accordance with international law.

- The spokesperson of the Ministry elaborated several points as follows:
  - **Concerning the recent Thai actions at the Frontline:**
    - On August 19, 2025, the Cambodia-JBC Secretariat, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cambodia, lodged an official protest against actions committed by Thai armed forces that they have laid barbed wire, set up black nets, and installed tires in some locations along the border within the territory of Cambodia.
    - Cambodia calls on Thailand to fully comply with all bilateral agreements and international obligations.
  - **Reaction from the International Community on the border situation between Cambodia and Thailand:**
    - The U.S. Secretary of State, **Mr. Marco Rubio**, expressed on August 17, 2025, that the United States has continued to follow and monitor closely the border situation between Cambodia and Thailand, in which the Spokesperson of MFAIC took the opportunity to express Cambodia's appreciation towards the United States' active engagement in the matter.
    - **The EU's announcement of 700,000 euros for emergency humanitarian funding:** to support people most affected by the conflict along the Thailand-Cambodia border. The Spokesperson elaborated that Cambodia sincerely appreciated such a kind gesture by the EU, which is an important development partner of Cambodia and a Strategic Partner of ASEAN.
    - The Spokesperson also extended Cambodia's deep appreciation to the governments of the People's Republic of China and Japan for providing humanitarian assistance to support the civilians most affected by the conflict along the Thailand-Cambodia border.

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

- On August 20, 2025, the Ministry of National Defence facilitated a full-day field inspection tour for the Interim Observer Team (IOT) comprising representatives from **5** countries: Malaysia, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines, and Vietnam. The IOT led by Colonel NAZLEE BIN ABDUL RAHIM, Malaysian

Defence Attaché to Cambodia, departed for Preah Vihear Province earlier in the morning to observe, verify, and report on the situation after the Ceasefire Agreement.

- **On the Situation at the Frontline:** Starting from midnight of August 20, 2025, up to 03:00 pm, the situation at the frontline, particularly at Military Region 4 and 5: Preah Vihear, Uddor Meanchey, and Banteay Meanchey provinces, remained calm and steady.
- The 18 Cambodian military personnel have been held in custody unlawfully by the Thai side for **22 days** now, since the morning of July 29, 2025, a few hours after the Ceasefire came into effect.

#### **IV. Cambodia Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA)–**

- On July 27, 2025, It should be noted that, on July 29, 2025, CMAA issued an Urgent Guidance on explosive ordnance risk education, aiming at preventing and mitigating risks from cluster munitions and explosive ordnance, for displaced civilians in safety zones.
- Following the issuance of the urgent guidance, both national and international operators have launched joint operations to educate citizens at all safety zones and continued their regular activities within communities, at grassroots levels, and even at individual households. The key aspect of this education is to enrich civilians' knowledge regarding the types of explosive ordnance and the potential dangers, especially the cluster munitions that are now scattered around residential areas, schools, and hospitals within communities.
- Additionally, operators are using warning markers and safety cordon to mark areas containing these explosive ordnance, and deploying clearance teams to clear and neutralize them.