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Press Briefing - Update on the implementation of the immediate and unconditional ceasefire agreement between Cambodia and Thailand

7:00AM, August 6, 2025

Intervention by H.E. Pen Bona, Royal Government Spokesperson:

It is clear that not much has changed, and it is no surprise that Thai officials, both civilian and military, as well as the media, continue to lie and slander Cambodia. They frequently assert that Cambodia is the invader of their territory, claiming we are the first to shoot while presenting themselves as victims of Cambodia's aggression. We have all heard these lies, slander, and accusations, and we have witnessed the violations of our territorial integrity, especially the breaches of the ceasefire by the Thai side.

We all vividly remember the devastating war that our country endured—the pain, the loss, and the destruction. We remember the unwavering efforts and sacrifices of our leaders, who worked tirelessly to lift Cambodia from the depths of the killing fields and secure lasting peace through Samdech Techo's Win-Win Policy. Nearly three decades of peace has advanced remarkable progress to our nation, driving development and significantly improving the lives and well-being of our people.

Why would Cambodia seek to create conflict with its neighbors? Why would our leaders initiate an invasion or be the first to open fire? Such notions are entirely baseless and absurd.

I strongly urge all Cambodian citizens to remain united and resolute and continue to confront these lies, slander, and baseless accusations. It is essential that we continue to convey the truth to the international community, which is now fully aware of the realities on the ground; Thailand can no longer mislead them. Let us stand together in unwavering solidarity, supporting our army, armed forces, government, and the leaders of Cambodia in defending the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our nation.



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7:00 AM, August 6, 2025

Keynote Address by H.E. LTG. Maly Socheata, the Ministry of National Defense Spokesperson:

On 6 August 2025 from 12:00 AM to 6:00 AM, the situation along the frontlines in Preah Vihear and Oddar Meanchey provinces has remained calm and stable. The Cambodian Armed Forces remain steadfast and fully vigilant in carrying out their duties with discipline and professionalism. Cambodia reaffirms its full commitment to respecting

and implementing the ceasefire agreement reached on 28 July 2025 in Putrajaya, Malaysia.

Today, I would like to provide an update on the situation along the Cambodia–Thailand border, in light of the ceasefire agreement currently in effect through 6 August 2025.

As of 6:00 AM on 6 August 2025, the situation in the An Sesarea remains calm. However, on 4 August 2025, at approximately 11:00 a.m., Thai armed forces and machinery entered the An Ses area, which lies within Cambodia's sovereign territory. Despite clear warnings from the Cambodian side, they proceeded to install barbed wire—an action strictly prohibited by our forces.

On the morning of 5 August 2025, the Cambodian Armed Forces contacted their Thai counterparts, requesting the immediate removal of the barbed wire and the withdrawal of all machinery from Cambodian territory. Nevertheless, at 9:09 AM, Thai machinery continued excavation activities in clear violation of the ceasefire agreement and Cambodia's sovereignty.

At 9:50 AM on 5 August 2025, Thai military trucks arrived in front of their post, transporting trees, barbed wire, concrete trunks, segments, ties, and covers. By 9:53 AM, Thai armed forces resumed trench-digging operations. At 10:55AM, another piece of Thai machinery began clearing land behind their police post, approximately 15 meters from the Cambodian military position, and continued placing covers and ties into their trenches.

Throughout the day, Cambodian forces consistently made efforts to engage with the Thai side, explaining and urging them to immediately cease all provocative actions that risk escalating tensions and undermining the process toward a systematic and peaceful resolution. Such activities contradict Cambodia's sincere and unwavering commitment to promoting long-term peace and stability in the region. In response to these developments, the Cambodian side contacted the Thai forces stationed in the An Ses area and initiated discussions and negotiations.

Consequently, at 3:14 PM, Cambodian forces began removing the barbed wire, with the dismantling process fully completed by 5:30 PM on 5 August 2025. At that point, Thai machinery operations were halted. Cambodia reiterates that the An Sesarea lies within Cambodian sovereign territory and has remained under the effective control of Cambodian armed forces since the ceasefire came into effect at midnight on 28 July 2025.



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Keynote Address by H.E. Chum Sounry, Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and InternationalCooperation (MoFAIC):

07:00AM, August 6, 2025

Cambodia takes note of the report published by select Thai media on 5 August 2025 concerning the Thai government's announcement of legal action against Cambodia. This legal measure is entirely baseless and constitutes a deliberate attempt to divert both domestic and international attention from Thailand's hostile policy toward

Cambodia, particularly its unprovoked attacks on Cambodian territory. This move appears intended to deflect mounting criticism over civilian casualties, violations of international humanitarian law, and Thailand's repeated failure to comply with the ceasefire agreement.

The accusations underlying the legal actions are unfounded, politically motivated, and entirely devoid of credible basis. Cambodia categorically rejects these claims and reaffirms the following key points:

First, Cambodia did not initiate hostilities. The recent border conflict was provoked by repeated incursions and unprovoked artillery fire by Thai military forces into Cambodian territory, constituting a clear violation of Cambodia's sovereignty.

Second, Cambodia acted in legitimate self-defence. The response of the Cambodian Armed Forces was proportionate, measured, and fully in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter, aimed solely at protecting Cambodia's territorial integrity and safeguarding its civilian population.

Third, Cambodia has never targeted civilians. While civilian casualties on both sides are deeply regrettable, Thailand's accusations fail to acknowledge that its armed forces have repeatedly operated within civilian-populated areas, in clear violation of the Geneva Conventions. The Cambodian Armed Forces have consistently adhered to international humanitarian law and have never deliberately targeted civilian populations.

Fourth, Cambodia remains committed to peace. Despite ongoing provocations, Cambodia reaffirms its full commitment to the ceasefire agreement. Cambodia calls on Thailand to cease its disinformation campaign, end all hostile actions, and return to constructive dialogue in the spirit of peaceful coexistence and ASEAN solidarity.



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11:00 AM, August 6, 2025

Keynote Address by H.E. LTG. Maly Socheata, the Ministry of National Defense Spokesperson:

I would like to update about the situation at the frontlines border, from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. this morning, the situation along the frontlines in Preah Vihear and Oddar Meanchey provinces remained calm and stable. The Cambodian Armed Forces continue to maintain a strong presence, demonstrating full vigilance and unwavering commitment to carrying out their duties with professionalism. The situation in the An

Ses area is being closely monitored by Cambodian forces to further reinforce the spirit of the ceasefire. Cambodia reaffirms its steadfast commitment to respecting and fully implementing the ceasefire agreement reached on 28 July 2025 in Putrajaya, Malaysia.

The Cambodian Armed Forces support the Royal Government's position to resolve the dispute in accordance with international law and through peaceful means. Cambodia intends to build its borders with all neighboring countries as zones of peace, friendship, collaboration, and development, and is committed to preserving its territorial integrity of Cambodia. I would also like to reiterate the terms and conditions agreed upon in the ceasefire agreement between the Cambodian forces and Thai force, including:

- 1. Cessation of Hostilities
- 2. Non-Deployment of Additional Forces
- 3. Maintenance of Current Positions
- 4. Joint Monitoring and Communication Mechanisms

These principles are being upheld through the clear, firm, and unwavering determination of the Royal Government of Cambodia, along with the full commitment of the Cambodian Armed Forces, to fully and faithfully implement the ceasefire agreement. This commitment reflects Cambodia's sincere efforts to achieve a swift and peaceful resolution to the current situation. The Cambodian Armed Forces fully support the Royal Government's position to resolve the dispute through peaceful means and in accordance with international law. Cambodia remains firmly committed to preserving

its territorial integrity and envisions its borders with all neighboring countries as zones of peace, friendship, cooperation, and development.

For more information, I will keep you posted in the next update at 4pm.



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Keynote Address by H.E. Chum Sounry, Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MoFAIC):

4:00 PM, August 6, 2025

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation wishes to clarify several key points raised during the press briefing held by the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 5 August 2025, as follows:

First, regarding the allegation of "bringing Cambodia back to talks":

The public assertions by the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs that it has brought Cambodia back to the negotiating table are baseless and appear aimed solely at claiming undue credit. Such statements disregard Cambodia's longstanding and proactive efforts to de-escalate tensions and uphold regional peace. Cambodia reaffirms its unwavering commitment to resolving all outstanding issues with Thailand through peaceful means. We remain ready to engage constructively in bilateral dialogue, with the support of ASEAN where appropriate, to achieve a durable and peaceful resolution in accordance with the ceasefire agreement and international law.

Second, regarding allegations of Cambodian provocations:

Cambodia firmly rejects Thailand's unfounded accusations of provocation and expresses serious concern over Thailand's continued provocative military actions along the shared border. These actions not only breach the terms of the ceasefire agreement but also jeopardize ongoing diplomatic efforts aimed at de-escalation. Cambodia has demonstrated maximum restraint in the face of these provocations and remains fully committed to a peaceful resolution. We call on the Thai side to immediately cease all unilateral military activities that risk reigniting hostilities and destabilizing the fragile peace and stability along the border. Cambodia urges Thailand to fully honor its obligations under the ceasefire agreement and to engage in sincere, expeditious dialogue grounded in mutual respect and international legal principles.

Third, regarding Thailand's claims of proportionate defence:

Cambodia categorically rejects Thailand's characterization of its military actions as proportionate and defensive. This narrative is misleading and does not reflect the facts on the ground. It was the Thai armed forces that initiated the recent escalation through repeated incursions into Cambodian territory, supported by artillery strikes and aerial operations. In response, Cambodia has acted solely in defence of its sovereignty, in full compliance with international law, and has exercised the utmost restraint to prevent the situation from escalating into a broader conflict.

Fourth, on disinformation allegations:

Cambodia firmly rejects Thailand's unfounded allegations accusing Cambodia of spreading disinformation. Such claims are not only baseless but are deliberate attempts to distract attention from the realities on the ground and justify Thailand's own provocative actions. Cambodia has remained transparent and factual in its communication, relying on verified information to inform both its citizens and the international community.

Cambodia has never engaged in the dissemination of misleading publications or incitement. We call on the Thai side to refrain from politicizing the information space. Cambodia reaffirms its commitment to open, responsible, and verifiable communication, and welcomes the involvement of neutral third parties, including ASEAN and international observers, to impartially assess the facts on the ground.

Thank you.



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4:00 PM, August 6, 2025

Keynote Address by H.E. LTG. Maly Socheata, the Ministry of National Defense Spokesperson:

1. From 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM on 6 August 2025, the situation at the frontlines along Preah Vihear and Oddar Meanchey province, remain calm and steady. Cambodian military force stands strong and fully vigilant and commitment to respecting and implementing the ceasefire agreement reached on 28 July 2025 in Putrajaya, Malaysia.

- 2. Cambodia firmly and completely rejects the malicious and baseless reports published by certain Thai media outlets, which deliberately distort the truth in a blatant attempt to defame the Kingdom of Cambodia. These fabricated allegations claim that a Cambodian soldier from the Bodyguard Headquarters (BHQ) was arrested by the Buriram provincial police on 6 August 2025, and accuse him of espionage activities against Thailand.
- 3. It is important to emphasize that the Ministry of National Defense and the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces maintain strict military regulations that prohibit individuals with visible tattoos from serving in any unit of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces, particularly within sensitive institutions like the Bodyguard Headquarters.
- 4. That side must immediately cease the dissemination of false, fabricated and baseless information. The propagation of such disinformation demonstrates a serious breach of media ethics and a lack of professional integrity on the part of those responsible.



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Intervention by H.E. Pen Bona, Royal Government Spokesperson:

Thailand is using deceptive tactics, much like a monkey that eats the rice and then smears it on the goat's mouth

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Since before the outbreak of armed conflict on 24 July 2025, Thailand has kept using the same tactic without change. They twist what they did to Cambodia into something that looks like Cambodia did it to them. This kind of trick is what we Cambodian call "the monkey eats the rice and smears it on the goat's mouth," where everyone ends up blaming the goat.

For example, they invaded because they desired our land and our temples, yet they lied to their own citizens and to the international community, claiming that it was Cambodia who had invaded their territory and wanted their temples. They provoked us in every possible way, then turned around and accused Cambodia of being the provocateur. They launched the first armed attacks as part of a premeditated operation, yet claimed that Cambodia had fired the first shot. They violated the ceasefire and deliberately worked to undermine it, while Cambodia made every effort to uphold it faithfully. Despite this, they accused Cambodia of breaching the ceasefire and even announced that they had evidence and were preparing to file a complaint with the international community.

They fabricate all kinds of falsehoods and spread lies, yet accuse Cambodia of creating and disseminating disinformation. This is a clear example of the tactic we Cambodians call "the monkey eats the rice and then smears it on the goat's mouth"— which results in the innocent goat ends up being punished without even knowing why. Thailand's actions are a deliberate attempt to manipulate the narrative—painting Cambodia as the aggressor and rallying international condemnation, while portraying itself as the innocent victim.

But there are significant and logical reasons for both national and international public opinion to accurately understand the realities of this conflict.

First, Cambodia is a small country with a modest population and a weaker economy compared to Thailand. Consequently, there is no justification for Cambodia to launch an armed attack on Thailand, especially given Thailand's larger population, more robust military, and advanced weaponry.

Second, in the event of armed conflict, Cambodia exercises its legitimate right to self-defense and the protection of its territorial integrity. In stark contrast, Thailand deploys a wide range of military capabilities—including fighter jets, tanks, artillery, drones, cluster bombs, and even poison gas— and relies on overwhelming and excessive force to carry out its invasions.

Third, Cambodia is a peace-loving nation that upholds international law. In times of conflict, Cambodia welcomes international engagement and seeks peaceful resolutions based on the principles of international law. Thailand, on the other hand, has consistently refused to engage with the international community or to accept and adhere to international legal standard.

Given the actual circumstances and the intentions of both Cambodia and Thailand, national and international public opinion clearly recognizes Cambodia's sincere commitment to peace and its adherence to international law. Consequently, Thailand's deceptive propaganda is rendered ineffective.

In conclusion, the best course of action for both Cambodia and Thailand are to uphold the ceasefire agreement and restore normalcy for the benefit of both nations and their peoples.