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

7:00 AM, August 20, 2025

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

Good morning and warm greetings to all members of the press and to my fellow Cambodians who are following today's press briefing. This morning I would like to provide some updates following the coming into effect of the ceasefire between the Cambodian and Thai Armed Forces on July 28, 2025, and after the Extraordinary Meeting of the GBC was concluded on August 7, 2025.

1. Starting from 24:00 midnight on 19 August 2025 up to 6:00AM this morning, the situation at the frontline, Military Region 4, and Region 5—Preah Vihear, Oddar Meanchey, and Banteay Meanchey Provinces—remains calm and steady under the control of our military forces. Cambodian military forces stand strong and remain fully vigilant in defending the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The Cambodian Armed Forces firmly respect and strictly implement the ceasefire reached on 28 July 2025, as well as the 13-point Agreed Minutes adopted at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand General Border Committee ( GBC ) on 7August 2025, under the observation of Malaysia, the United States of America, and the People's Republic of China.

2. This morning the Ministry of National Defense of the Kingdom of Cambodia facilitated the Interim Observer Team ( IOT ), comprising representatives from five countries led by Colonel NAZLEE BIN ABDUL RAHIM, Malaysian Defence Attaché to Cambodia, departed from Phnom Penh for Preah Vihear province in order to observe, verify, and report on the updated situation after the ceasefire agreement.

3. At the same time, Cambodia continues to call on the Thai side to implement the above agreements and return 18 of our military personnel to Cambodia so they can reunite with their families, who have been waiting day and night for their return. It is also important to note that Thai soldiers illegally arrested Cambodian military personnel immediately after the ceasefire took effect on the morning of 29 July 2025; as of 7:00 AM on 20 August 2025, their detention has lasted 21 days, 23 hours, and 10 minutes.

The Ministry of National Defense, the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces, and the International Community will be precise in demanding that Thailand uphold its obligations under international law, and we will never abandon or leave any one of our family members isolated. The Royal Government, the Armed Forces, and the Cambodian people stand united in defending their territory, dignity, and sovereignty with unwavering determination and clarity.

Full implementation of the ceasefire by both sides will create a favorable atmosphere for restoring peace, stability, and normalcy to the relationship between our two countries. This is something that not only our people on both sides desire, but the whole world wishes to see, as demonstrated by the many messages of congratulations and support for the ceasefire agreement and the positive outcome of the Cambodia-Thailand General Border Committee Extraordinary Meeting.

Cambodia is committed to working constructively, sincerely, and in close cooperation with Thailand, Malaysia, other ASEAN member countries, and all relevant partners, such as the

United States of America and the People's Republic of China, to ensure the effective and full implementation of the ceasefire and the resolution of disputes peacefully and in accordance with international law, the UN Charter, and the ASEAN Charter.

Thank you.



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

Dear members of the press, Today I would like to brief you about some developments in relation to the situation along the border between Cambodia and Thailand.

1. On Thailand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs statement on 19 August, I wish to make the following points:

( 1 ). Cambodia has strong determination to implement the agreed ceasefire agreement as the result of both sides. We believe that it is a solid foundation for building lasting peace for all.

( 2 ). Thailand's allegations of Cambodia's encroachment: The Cambodia JBC Secretariat, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, on 19 August 2025, lodged an official protest against actions committed by Thai armed forces that have laid barbed wire, set up black nets, and installed tires in some locations along the border within the territory of Cambodia. The Cambodia JBC delegation asked the Thai military to remove it from all mentioned locations. Such actions have been severely undermining trust. Cambodia therefore calls on Thailand to fully comply with all bilateral agreements and international obligations.

2. On reactions by foreign friends regarding the situation along the border between Cambodia and Thailand:

( 1 ). I wish to express Cambodia's appreciation for the view expressed by Foreign Secretary Marco Rubio of the United States on 19 August that the United States has continued to follow and monitor closely the border situation between Cambodia and Thailand. In this respect, I once again express Cambodia's highly valued President Donald Trump's initiative

to bring a ceasefire agreement to realization and that Cambodia appreciates the United States' active engagement in this regard.

(2). Another point: I wish to express Cambodia's deep appreciation to the EU for its announcement of a contribution, the budget amount of 700,000 euros, approximately 816,000 U.S. dollars, in emergency humanitarian funding to support people most affected by the recent armed clashes along the Cambodia-Thailand border. Cambodia appreciates this timely assistance of the EU, which is an important development partner of Cambodia and a strategic partner of ASEAN.

Recently, we have received the contribution from China, Japan, and the EU this time. I wish to extend the people of Cambodia's sincere appreciation for this kind of humanitarian assistance for the people affected by armed conflict along the border this time.

3. On the acting prime minister of Thailand's statement concerning Thailand's legal action against Cambodian leaders, I wish to reiterate that such a negative statement made by the acting prime minister of Thailand on 18 August constitutes a clear intention of undermining peace-building efforts and has severely affected trust-building that both sides are supposed to implement as a priority in order to bring an end to the conflict. Cambodia wishes to reiterate the importance of the need for both sides to promote confidence building. Both sides must show just commitment and be action-oriented in safeguarding peace while exploring necessary and doable activities that serve the interest of peace for the people in both countries.

In this respect, we also highly value the continuous engagements between both countries at the level of GBC and RBC, including through the "Tea Chat" discussion of foreign ministers of Cambodia, Thailand, and China recently. These engagements have provided



an atmosphere of better understanding of each other and paved the way for the smooth implementation of the ceasefire agreement. My last point is that I wish to reiterate that the Government of Cambodia remains firmly committed to working closely with the Thai Government to achieve a durable and lasting peace and restore relations to normalcy in the near future.

Thank you



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

Good morning fellow Cambodian citizens and Member of the Press. Today I would like to share with you some information:

First: Yesterday, Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister, had a telephone conversation with the ASEAN rotating chairman. After the meeting, the Prime Minister wrote on his official Facebook page as follows:

“Earlier, on 19 August 2025, I had a phone call with His Excellency Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia and current Chair of ASEAN, regarding the progress of the implementation of the ceasefire that was agreed upon between Cambodia and Thailand at the Special Meeting on 28 July 2025, in Putrajaya, and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand General Border Committee ( Extraordinary GBC ) on 7 August 2025, in Kuala Lumpur, which were both coordinated and facilitated by Malaysia. We also discussed the need for a quick establishment of the ASEAN Observer Team ( AOT ) and the operation of the Interim Observer Team ( IOT ). Both AOT and IOT are important mechanisms for effectively monitoring the implementation of the ceasefire.”

Second: 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." This sharp and meaningful message is echoed in unison, resounding in all directions, at all times. This confirms the desire of Cambodian leaders and its people to live in peace.

On the other hand, at every stage of resolving the border issue with Thailand, Cambodia always seeks a peaceful solution through technical and international legal mechanisms.

Even in implementing the current ceasefire, Cambodia strongly welcomes and encourages the participation of international observers as witnesses. These clear messages are not only in words, but Cambodia has also shown concrete actions by strictly respecting all terms stipulated in the ceasefire agreement with the utmost restraint.

This is clear and sufficient evidence which undoubtedly confirms the genuine aspirations and actions of the Cambodian leadership and its people who endeavour for peace. The international community has certainly realized the truth about Cambodia. Therefore, making accusations in the form of setting different scenes to shift the blame onto Cambodia is obviously ineffective.



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This afternoon, I would like to provide some updates following the coming into force of the ceasefire between the Cambodian and Thai Armed Forces on July 28, 2025, and after the extraordinary meeting of the GBC was concluded on August 7, 2025, as of today.

1. Starting from 6:00 AM on August 20, 2025, up to 3:00 PM this afternoon, the situation at the front lines, Military Regions 4 and 5—Preah Vihear, Oddar Meanchey, and Banteay Meanchey Provinces—remain calm and steady under the control of our military forces. Cambodian military forces stand strong and remains fully vigilant in defending the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The Cambodian Armed Forces firmly respects and strictly implements the ceasefire reached on 28 July 2025, as well as the 13-point agreed minutes adopted at the extraordinary meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand General Border Committee, GBC, on 7 August 2025, under the observation of Malaysia, the United States, and the People's Republic of China.

2. The Ministry of National Defense of the Kingdom of Cambodia has facilitated a full-day program of field inspection tours for the Interim Observer Team (IOT), comprising representatives from five countries: Malaysia, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines, and Vietnam. The team, led by Colonel Nazlee Bin Abdul, Malaysian Defense Attaché to Cambodia, visited Preah Vihear Province and visited the surrounding area around Preah Vihear Temple in order to observe, verify, and report on the updated situation after the ceasefire agreement. It is also worth noting that the IOT mission stemmed from the outcome of the special meeting held on July 28, 2025, in Putrajaya, Malaysia, and the extraordinary meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand General Border Committee, GBC, concluded on August 7, 2025.

3. It should be noted that on July 29, 2025, Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA) issued urgent guidance on measures for outreach education aimed at preventing and controlling risks associated with cluster munitions and explosive devices for displaced civilians in safety zones. Following the issue of the urgent guidance, both national and international operators have launched joint operations to educate citizens at all safety zones and continue their regular activities within communities at grassroots levels and even at individual households.

The key aspect of this education is to enrich civilian knowledge regarding different types of explosive devices and the potential dangers, especially the cluster munitions that are now scattered on the surface around residential areas, schools, and hospitals within communities. Additionally, operators are using signage, warning signals, and perimeter fencing to mark areas containing these explosive devices and are mobilizing rapid response teams to clear these areas promptly.

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Thank you.