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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 22, 2025

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

Today I would like to brief you about some developments relating to the border situation within the framework of diplomatic and international measures being implemented during the ceasefire agreement achieved on 28 July 2025 between Cambodia and Thailand.

1. I would like to inform you about the event organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the briefing on the development of the situation along the Cambodian border.

(1). I would like to inform you that the briefing held yesterday at 3:30PM was chaired by His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhon, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia. The event was attended by a total of 77 participants from 64 institutions. Among them were representatives of foreign diplomatic missions accredited to Cambodia, with residents in Phnom Penh and non-residents. 14 missions are non-residents. Out of them, 10 are from Bangkok, 3 from Hanoi, and 1 from Beijing. In addition to that, 22 international organisations were also represented.

So now we come to the point that he had been briefed on the event yesterday. His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhon has started the briefing by expressing that Cambodia speaks today as a country that has endured the scars of conflict and that knows too well the devastating cost of war. It is precisely because of this experience that we always choose peace over confrontation.

We believe firmly that disputes between nations must be settled through dialogue, international law and cooperation, not through force. From the very beginning of the crisis, Cambodia has worked tirelessly to de-escalate tensions and to restore calm. So this is the beginning of the point he has made.

Now come to the point on the fragility of the ceasefire. He had pointed out that Cambodia continued to observe some violations, including encroachment through the laying of barbed wire and the destruction of civilian infrastructure in and outside the conflict zone. Continued military activities such as the construction of new roads, bunkers and

trenches in disputed areas as well as the continuing detention of the 18 Cambodian soldiers.

These actions undermine trust and make the ceasefire fragile. Therefore, the establishment of the interim observer team led by Malaysia and the prompt establishment of the AOT are essential. Cambodia has abided by the great ceasefire and the spirit of the MOU 2000.

(2). On the normalisation of bilateral relations. His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister underscored that Cambodia believes peace cannot be restored if border communities remain trapped in fear and displacement. That is why we have proposed practical steps to return relations to normalcy.

This should start with the discussion on reopening border checkpoints and facilitating the free flow of people and goods, cross-border crimes and humanitarian demining. On transnational crimes, he underlined that cooperation against transnational crime is a priority for Cambodia. Cambodia and Thailand have had good cooperation in fighting and preventing transnational crimes, including illicit drug and arms smuggling, human trafficking, cross-border smuggling of cultural artefacts and cybercrimes.

Regarding online scams, in July 2022, the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of Cambodia signed an MOU with the Thai Ministry of Digital Economy and Society to strengthen cooperation to prevent and crack down on transnational technology crimes. Therefore, Cambodia reiterates its firm commitment to jointly address the cross-border crimes, including the newly emerging issues of online scams.

On humanitarian mine action, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhon also stated that Cambodia categorically rejects all accusations. I recall that minefields in Cambodia's territory are remnants of past conflicts from the 1970s to the late 1990s that have not yet been cleared. Cambodia has transformed from a victim of landmines into a contributor to global mine action. We have also deployed over 10,000 deminers, including peacekeepers, to UN peacekeeping missions in 9 countries.

In this regard, Cambodia remains strongly committed to working with partners toward achieving a mine-free Cambodia by 2030. In this respect, he proposed that, as a step forward, Cambodia and Thailand explore priority border areas for humanitarian mine clearance. Particularly, areas where people are living and where clearance would directly serve socio-economic needs and protect civilian life on both sides. Cambodia and Thailand jointly identify priority border areas for humanitarian demining, particularly those with resident populations and areas where clearance directly serves socio-economic needs. I don't want to go into detail because this is something concerning technical issues.

In conclusion to his briefing, His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister underlined that Cambodia's approach to resolving the border disputes is firmly based on international law and historical treaties and agreements long recognized by both Cambodia and Thailand. So those are the points that he had mentioned in the event of a diplomatic briefing yesterday.

2. Separately, I would like to briefly inform that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia has organized a two-day field visit on 22 and 23

August 2025 for the Diplomatic Corps, UN agencies accredited to Cambodia and other international organizations to directly inspect border areas in Oddar Meanchey, Banteay Meanchey and Siem Reap provinces. The delegation will be led by His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sakhon, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cambodia. We are expecting that the delegation will see and inspect various locations, such as to see the newly installed barbed wire and so on. This field trip visit is attended by 63 participants, including ambassadors, trade affairs representatives of UN agencies, international organizations, international NGOs, and both residents and non-residents.

More detailed information will be provided in the press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in due course. So I conclude my briefing at this point. I thank you for your attention.

Thank you.



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

Good morning and warm greeting 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 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 24:00 midnight on 22 August 2025 up to 6:00 AM 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 7 August 2025, under the observation of Malaysia, the United States of America, and the People's Republic of China.

The Chinese Embassy to Cambodia confirmed that it is prepared to participate as observers providing technical assistance to support the implementation of the ceasefire agreement between Cambodia and Thailand, paving the path toward a resolution to the conflict and restoring normalcy in the relationship between the two countries. The People's Republic of China has also shown concern for the displaced civilians and the actively monitoring the border situation with close attention.

2. On August 21, 2025, the extraordinary meeting of the Secretariat of the Cambodia-Thailand Regional Border Committee (RBC), was convened between the 5th Military Region of Cambodia and the 1st Army Area of Thailand on August 21, 2025. Both sides agreed to conduct part of the meeting online. The preparation meeting was concluded

with notable positive developments, ensuring that the RBC meeting schedule for today can proceed smoothly.

3. The Cambodia-Thailand Extraordinary Regional Border Committee (RBC) meeting, will be held today in Sa Kaeo Province, Kingdom of Thailand. The Cambodian delegation will be led by Lieutenant General Ek Sam Aun, Commander of the 5th Military Region and co-chair of the extraordinary RBC meeting. The Thai delegation led by Lieutenant General Amarit Boonsuya, Commander of the 1st Army Area and co-chair of the extraordinary RBC meeting. It is anticipated that the meeting will proceed with positive outcomes that will enable both parties to promote the full implementation of the ceasefire, leading to peace, stability and return to normalcy in the region.

4. 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 22 August 2025, their detention has lasted 23 days, 23 hours, and 10 minutes.

The Ministry of National Defense, the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces, and the International Community will persist 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 firmly united and resolutely determined to defend our territory, dignity, and sovereignty.

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 both sides' people 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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Intervention by H.E. Pen Bona, Royal Government Spokesperson:

Due to the recent times, a wave of fake news has emerged, accompanied by the use of psychological warfare with the intention of misleading our citizens. Therefore, as the spokesperson of the Royal Government, I would like to highlight several important points for our compatriots to be aware of, as follows:

1. Fake news remains a strategic weapon, which is increasingly employed to undermine the strong unity of the Khmer nation. Many fake Facebook accounts have been created—some even bearing Khmer names—yet, in reality, the account holders are not Khmer. They post fabricated content, with some information entirely invented, while other news items or video clips are taken from foreign sources or from old footage that conveniently fits the current situation. Therefore, they then manipulate these materials with new misleading captions or deceptive commentary to make them appear as if they are recent events. Afterward, certain MMO groups, especially some extremist opposition groups abroad, act as agents to further spread such false information. In addition, the use of artificial intelligence (AI) technology to produce fabricated video clips has also become increasingly common.

Please, let us remember clearly that their goal is not to serve the interests of the Khmer people. On the contrary, they are trying to poison the minds of our citizens, erode faith in themselves and the Royal Government, and fragment the Khmer national solidarity into pieces, which weakens the Khmer people. Therefore, I urge all our compatriots to stay vigilant. We must be able to discern clearly who are truly helping the Khmer people working for the benefit of the nation and who are those betraying their own people—handing over the sword to others to destroy each other in this difficult time—so that we do not lose sight of the real battlefield.

2. Psychological warfare is frequently employed through the rhetoric of Thai officials and their media outlets, which broadcast unprovable false information. These incidents happen daily, yet Cambodian citizens remain resilient and do not succumb to these tactics. Instead, our community actively challenges this misinformation, causing it to lose its impact quickly. However, I need to reiterate this issue to raise awareness among

all Cambodians. We must remain vigilant and avoid letting false narratives pollute our minds.

3. I urge all Cambodian citizens to remember that the most effective defense against these psychological warfare tactics, as well as to win the diplomatic battle we are going through, is continuing to be patient and maintain composure in our hearts, fully respecting the ceasefire agreement, not getting tangled up in their tricks, and trusting the Royal Government and our military leadership, who are solving the problem wisely, based on the spirit of peace as the guiding principle.

In the meantime, please take the time to verify information by asking critical questions: Is this true? Where did it originate? Is the source reliable? And is the account that posted it trustworthy? Just taking a little time to research is understandable. If you discover that the information is fake or from an unreliable source, please respond immediately to neutralize the fake information. This is a shared responsibility that we must do together regularly and do very actively and enthusiastically without giving up.

Thank you.



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4:00 PM, August 22, 2025

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

Good afternoon, fellow citizens and members of the foreign press. For this afternoon press briefing, I would like to provide the update regarding the outcome of the Extraordinary Meeting of the RBC, which was concluded at 11:15AM this morning. The press release on the outcome of the Extraordinary Meeting of the RBC reads as follows:

Outcomes of the Cambodia-Thailand Extraordinary Regional Border Committee (RBC) Meeting on 22 August 2025, Sa Kaeo Province, the Kingdom of Thailand

The Cambodia-Thailand Extraordinary Regional Border Committee (RBC) Meeting was held on 22 August 2025 in Sa Kaeo Province, the Kingdom of Thailand. The Cambodian delegation was led by Lieutenant General Ek Sam Aun, Commander of the 5th Military Region and Co-Chairman of the Extraordinary RBC Meeting. The Thai delegation was led by Lieutenant General Amarit Boonsuya, Commander of the 1st Army Area and Co-Chairman of the Extraordinary RBC Meeting. The Meeting aimed at fostering discussion and increase confidence to de-escalate tension, maintain peace along the border using all necessary mechanisms to resolve differences in the spirit of good neighbourliness, friendship, and solidarity.

Both sides committed to implementing the outcomes of the Special Meeting between Samdech Moha Borvor ThipadeiHun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and His Excellency Phumtham Wechayachai, Acting Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, held in Putrajaya on 28 July 2025, hosted by Malaysia and co-organized by the United States, with the active participation of the People's Republic of China. They also reaffirmed their commitment to implementing the outcomes of the Extraordinary General Border Committee (GBC) Meeting between Cambodia and Thailand, held in Kuala Lumpur on 7 August 2025.

In addition, the two sides agreed to maintain regular communications between all military regions and army areas and units along the Cambodia-Thailand border and strive to resolve all issues peacefully and avoid clashes. They underlined the importance of further intensifying the communication at all levels in order to build trust, and promote good neighbourliness. They also underscored the positive momentum and progress achieved through these engagements in advancing cooperation across all sectors, with the shared aim of returning to normalcy.

Both Cambodia and Thailand 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, with the aim of resolving all issues peacefully and avoid clashes. They also considered the feasibility of establishing the Township Border Committee (TBC), which comprises of the state and private institutions, to strengthen cooperation in all sectors. The details will be discussed in the next RBC. In the interim, prior to 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.

Both sides reaffirmed their willingness to cooperate and collaborate with each other in combating and preventing transnational crimes, including call center operations (online scams), drug trafficking, human trafficking, weapons trafficking, and other cross-border criminal activities by exploring concrete and practical cooperation through existing frameworks. These issues, which fall under the mandate of the GBC, should be addressed at the upcoming GBC Meeting, which is scheduled to take place soon, as agreed by both sides.

Both sides reaffirmed the importance of humanitarian demining and agreed to refer this issue, which falls under the mandate of the GBC, to the upcoming GBC Meeting, which is scheduled to take place soon, as agreed by both sides.

During the Meeting, both sides also 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.

This Extraordinary RBC Meeting concluded with Cambodia and Thailand reaffirming their strong commitment to building on this positive momentum, further enhancing bilateral relations, and restoring normalcy along the border. The two sides also agreed to convene the next RBC Meeting within one month after this Extraordinary Meeting, or as appropriate, with Cambodia as the host.