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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 23, 2025

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 on recent developments regarding the Cambodia–Thailand border situation within the framework of diplomatic efforts and international measures undertaken by Cambodia’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as follows:

1. On Diplomatic Measures after the Ceasefire:

Following the ceasefire agreed to by both parties, which entered into effect on 28 July 2025, and to ensure transparency of the ceasefire implementation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cambodia implemented a number of measures:

On field trip:

The MoFAIC organized four field trips for the diplomatic corps, representatives of UN regional agencies, and international organizations to examine the actual situation on the ground in affected areas along the Cambodia–Thailand border. So, from 1 to 23 August 2025, we have conducted four field trips for the diplomatic corps and international organisations representatives.

On findings and observations of the field visits:

During these observation visits ( from 1 to 22 August ), foreign diplomats and observers noted many changes, including activities conducted by the other party that constituted violations of the agreed ceasefire. These included:

- Installation of barbed wire and black nets,
- Placement of tire barricades,
- Firing of rubber bullets,
- Drone incursions into Cambodian territory,
- Digging of trenches and building of shelters for troops,
- Movement of armed forces,
- Destruction of Cambodian civilian infrastructure,
- Continued unlawful detention of 18 Cambodian soldiers until today.

During the fourth visit ( 22–23 August ), friends/diplomats expressed serious concern and observed clear violations, such as Thai troops placing barbed wire around Cambodian civilian homes. Diplomats and observers appealed to both sides to exercise utmost restraint, engage in dialogue, and seek peaceful solutions in accordance with international law so that the situation may return to normalcy.

## 2. International Measures:

So far Cambodia has actively undertaken diplomatic and international measures to resolve the issue peacefully—we have officially notified the UN Secretary-General, the President of the UN Security Council, the ASEAN Member States, the ASEAN Secretary-General, and several friendly countries, with the purpose of informing them that:

1. Cambodia respects the ceasefire and wants peace;
2. Cambodia upholds and respect rules-based international law;
3. Cambodia respects the ASEAN Charter and the UN Charter;
4. Cambodia urges Thailand to strictly observe the spirit of the ceasefire agreement;
5. Cambodia encourages the establishment of an ASEAN-led ceasefire monitoring mechanism in a quick manner;
6. Cambodia has notified the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) regarding the unlawful detention of Cambodian soldiers by Thailand;
7. Cambodia has notified the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, urging urgent attention to Thailand's unlawful detention of 18 Cambodian soldiers;
8. Cambodia has engaged with the United States, which actively encouraged the ceasefire, to help persuade Thailand to respect the ceasefire and end its illegal occupation of Cambodian territory;
9. Cambodia has lodged official protests against the other sides [Thailand]'s violations, including the installation of barbed wire, nets, tire barricades, and encirclement of Cambodian villages.

These are the points that we have raised and conveyed to the UN Security Council and other relevant parties, outlining both our concerns and our proposals.

These actions constitute diplomatic measures that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has so far implemented, and Cambodia will continue to pursue them with utmost care and firmness until the issue is finally resolved.

### 3. Implementation of Agreed Mechanisms:

Cambodia will continue to resolve the border issue with Thailand peacefully, based on international law, respect for the ASEAN Charter and the UN Charter, and by continuing to work through the RBC, GBC, and JBC mechanisms while also promoting multilateral approaches.

### 4. Future Directions: Cambodia will:

- Promote the establishment of an ASEAN Observer Team (AOT) as a monitoring mechanism to guarantee the ceasefire while ensuring the effectiveness of the International Observer Team (IOT);
- Continue to seek joint measures yielding mutual benefits, such as strengthening cooperation against cross-border crimes, including online scams; humanitarian mine clearance at designated areas; and initiatives benefiting socio-economic development; public security; and safety to all sides;
- Advance negotiations to reopen border crossings and restore normal trade exchanges between the peoples of the two countries.

In this regard, we would like to take this opportunity to call upon Thailand to cooperate in creating a conducive atmosphere for confidence-building, with a view to fostering peaceful resolution between the two sides, aimed at bringing the situation back to normal as soon as possible.

Cambodia firmly upholds its sovereignty and territorial integrity in accordance with maps defined by the historical treaties of 1904 and 1907, as well as the 2000 MOU, which have long been mutually recognized by both countries.

Thank you



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

Key points for Cambodian citizens—particularly journalists and social media influencers—to take into account:



Firstly, the ceasefire agreement that entered into effect at midnight on 28 July 2025 is making positive progress through the fruitful results of successive meetings during the implementation of the ceasefire, in particular, the Extraordinary Meeting of the Cambodia–Thailand General Border Committee (GBC) on 7 August 2025, as well as the two most recent meetings of the Cambodia–Thailand Regional Border Committee (RBC) on 16 and 22 August 2025, have produced significant results.

These positive developments are the direct result of strict adherence to the ceasefire agreement and the remarkable patience demonstrated by all parties involved, which I have repeatedly reiterated to my compatriots almost every day, emphasizing again and again that patience and maintaining the spirit of national unity are the most important things at this critical moment. Therefore, through the patience we have maintained, positive results have emerged continuously, which we should continue to do to achieve the goal that the Royal Government and our people urge to a peaceful and peaceful resolution.

Second, regarding the scattering of barbed wire and tires by the Thai army, I would like to draw attention with one point in the press release of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Cambodia–Thailand Military Regional Border Committee (RBC) held on Friday, 22 August 2025, in Sa Kaeo Province, Thailand, which states that both sides discussed finding practical measures to resolve the issue of scattering barbed wire and tires as well as other obstacles in order to reduce the hardships faced by local communities, make it easier for citizens to return home safely, and reduce the impact on their livelihoods as quickly as possible. This is a manifestation that the Royal Government always pays attention and proactive stance on the matter.

So once again, I urge everyone to remain calm and maintain the strong spirit of national unity that is currently occurring, and please trust the Royal Government and our leadership to resolve this matter peacefully through diplomatic mechanisms, technical mechanisms, and international law.

Third, regarding the dissemination of information, I wish to emphasize the importance of providing accurate and official updates to our citizens, particularly in light of the difficult circumstances our country has faced since 24 July up to now. This is the reason why the Royal Government has initially organized a press briefing program which used to be held three times a day, which has now been adjusted to twice, in order to ensure that the public receives timely, reliable, and well-verified information from the Royal Government.

At the same time, the careful management of information, especially from our frontline troops, remains of the highest importance. Disseminating information about the troops' locations, the trenches, weapons, military equipment, and military secrets or anything that discourages the troops is absolutely prohibited as it harms national security. It's crucial that no one country permits the spread of this kind of information. The Ministry of Information has already issued directives on this matter on August 1, 2025.

In conclusion, I strongly urge all fellow citizens, particularly journalists, to fully understand this crucial point. We cannot go to report on the army's positions, take pictures of the trenches, show everything, and broadcast anything according to our own wishes from the frontline troops. Military secrets and national security are crucial because they are the lifeblood of the entire nation.



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4:00 PM, August 23, 2025

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

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 23 August 2025 up to 3:00 PM this afternoon, 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, 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.

2. I would like to inform you that there have been great developments, particularly since the special meeting held on July 28, 2025, in Putrajaya, which resulted in the ceasefire agreement between the two countries and the fruitful conclusion of the extraordinary meeting of the General Border Committee (GBC) on August 7, 2025. Significant progress can be seen through the adoption of the 13-point Agreed Minutes.

This positive outcome clearly demonstrates that Cambodia and Thailand have collaborated constructively and with positive development, for example, in organising the Extraordinary Meeting of the Regional Border Committee (RBC) among the military regions; the extraordinary RBC meeting between Cambodia Military Region 3 and the Thailand Commander of the Chanthaburi-Trat Border Defence Command, held on

August 16, 2025; and the meeting between Cambodia Military Region 5 and the Thailand Commander of the 1st Army Area, which concluded just yesterday. This meeting was concluded with clear confirmation of the commitment from both parties to respect and implement the ceasefire, as well as to inform to improve the border situation and bilateral relations for mutual benefit.

Based on the above-mentioned positive developments, a follow-up meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, August 24, 2025, for the Secretariat Meeting of the Cambodian-Thailand Regional Border Committee (RBC), between Cambodia Military Region 5 and the Thailand Commander of the Chanthaburi-Trat Border Defence Command. This upcoming meeting will be held in Pailin Province with Cambodia as the host. It is anticipated that the meeting will yield positive outcomes, encouraging both parties to fully and effectively implement the ceasefire, which will lead to peace, stability, and the restoration of relations between the two nations at the soonest possible.

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 4:00 PM on 23 August 2025, their detention has lasted 25 days, 8 hours, and 10 minutes.

The Ministry of National Defense, the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces, and the International Community will 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.

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 to resolve disputes peacefully and in accordance with international law, the UN Charter, and the ASEAN Charter.

The Royal Government, the Armed Forces, and the Cambodian people stand firmly united and resolutely determined to defend our territory, dignity, and sovereignty.

Thank you.