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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 25, 2025

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

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 25 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, 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. After the Secretariat Meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand Regional Border Committee (RBC) which was smoothly concluded with positive progress yesterday, this morning there will be an Extraordinary Meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand Regional Border Committee (RBC) between the Military Region 5 of Cambodia and the Chanthaburi-Trat Border Defence Command of Thailand, following the agreed-upon agenda in Pailin province, the Kingdom of Cambodia. This meeting will be co-chaired by Lieutenant General EK Sam Oun, the Commander of the Military Region 5 of Cambodia and Vice-Admiral Apichat Sapprasert, Commander of the Border Defence Command of Chanthaburi-Trat Province. We firmly hope that the meeting would yield further positive outcomes, allowing both parties to enhance the full and effective implementation of the ceasefire agreement which will bring peace, stability and the restoration of normalcy.

Since the entered into force of the ceasefire agreement on 28 July 2025, we have seen some positive developments through bilateral discussions between the two countries,

such as the Extraordinary Meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand General Border Committee (GBC) on August 7, 2025 and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand Regional Border Committee (RBC) on August 16 and 22, 2025 between the Military Region 5 of Cambodia conducted at Trat province, Thailand and Sa Kaeo province.

Therefore, the third meeting between the Military Region 5 of Cambodia and the Border Defence Command of the Chanthaburi-Trat Province of Thailand will be held in Pailin province. In this sense, it is essential that both sides continue to work on this positive development to promote peace and stability, especially to restore the constructive relationship between the two countries across all sectors for the benefit of both people.

The Extraordinary Meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand Regional Border Committee (RBC) is the confirmation of the importance of maintaining regular communication between all the army areas and military regions and units along the borders of both parties and to try to resolve all issues peacefully and avoid clashes and in accordance with the spirit agreed upon in the GBC meeting.

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 captured these Cambodian military soldiers immediately after the ceasefire took effect on the morning of 29 July 2025; as of 7:00 AM on 25 August 2025, their detention has lasted 26 days, 23 hours, and 10 minutes.

The Ministry of National Defense, the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces, and the International Community will continually demand that Thailand uphold its obligations under international law, and we wish to underscore that we will never abandon or leave any one of our family members behind.

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 not only something that our two side's people aspire, but also it is the wishing of the whole world as clearly proven 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, as well as all relevant partners, such as the United States of America and the People's Republic of China, so as 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 people of Cambodia stand firmly united and resolutely determined to defend our territorial integrity, national sovereignty, and dignity.

Thank you.



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

Good morning member of the press and all,

As the spokesperson of the Royal Government, I would like to illuminate the truth for our fellow citizens, based on historical facts, as follows:

1- In our modern history of the past 500 years, counting from the post-Angkor era, Cambodia under the Techo-Thipadei leadership has experienced greater development than at any other era. We have enjoyed longer-lasting peace than ever before. The country now has better social infrastructure, making it more convenient for citizens to travel comfortably and quickly, as we have more diverse and modern means of transportation than any time in the past. Cambodian children and youth have more opportunities to study and travel abroad, so as to enjoy a blissful life compared to any other era. These are undeniable facts that can all be verified.

2- When we look at these facts, we can immediately realize the value of peace and the sacrifices made by the founding father and the main architect of peace under the leadership of Samdech Techo Hun Sen. This is the very reason why the Royal Government, led by Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, is so determined to safeguard peace at any cost. Along with that, the vast majority of Cambodians, both at home and abroad — including the Buddhist monks and followers of other religions — clearly understand this value and are stepping forward to defend peace and the foundations laid by the Royal Government with unwavering commitment.

3- Concerning the matter of protecting the national sovereignty and territorial integrity, one can obviously see that only the government led by former Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen and the current Prime Minister Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet have successfully established the most defined borderlines through peaceful negotiations and demarcation efforts with neighbouring countries. They have also built the longest border protection roads ever recorded in our history. These major and unprecedented achievements are the result of the tireless efforts of the Royal Government under the Cambodian People's Party in preserving territorial integrity sustainably for the sake of

future generations. This, too, is a historical reality that can be verified and cannot be denied by those who are ignorant of history.



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4:00 PM, August 25, 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's session, I would like to brief you all regarding the outcome of the extraordinary meeting of the RBC between the Military Region 5 of Cambodia and Chanthaburi-Trat border

defense command of Thailand, which was concluded at 11:20 AM today. The press release on the outcome of the extraordinary meeting of the RBC regards as follows:

The Cambodia-Thailand Extraordinary Regional Border Committee (RBC) Meeting was held on 25 August 2025 with the Kingdom of Cambodia as the host. The Cambodian delegation was led by His Excellency Lieutenant General EkSam Aun, Commander of the 5th Military Region and Co-Chairman of the Extraordinary Regional Border Committee (RBC) Meeting. The Thai delegation was led by His Excellency Vice Admiral Apichat Sapprasert, Commander of the Chanthaburi and Trat Border Defense Command and Co-Chairman of the Extraordinary Regional Border Committee (RBC) Meeting.

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.

During the Meeting, both Cambodia and Thailand 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 sides 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 avoiding clashes.

Both sides 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 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.

Both sides also 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.

This Extraordinary RBC Meeting concluded with Cambodia and Thailand reiterating their shared resolve to work together towards restoring normalcy along the border, advancing the spirit of good neighbourliness, and promoting peace, stability, and prosperity for the peoples of both countries. The two sides also agreed to convene the next RBC Meeting within one month after this Extraordinary Meeting, or as appropriate, with Thailand as the host.

I also would like to highlight that the secretariat meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand Regional Border Committee (RBC) between the Military Region 4 of Cambodia and Military Region 2 of Thailand, is scheduled for August 26, 2025, at the International Border Checkpoint of Chaom in Anlung Veng District, Oddar Meanchey Province.

Thank you.



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

1. In the spirit of building trust and de-escalation, I would like to make the following clarifications on Thailand’s recent allegations of laying new landmines:

- His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, during a diplomatic briefing held at the Ministry on 21 August

2025 categorically rejected Thailand's allegation of laying new landmines. He reaffirmed Cambodia's full compliance with the Ottawa Convention, to which it has been a State Party since 2000, and underscores that Cambodia has never authorized the laying of new mines.

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation wishes to reiterate that Cambodia's objective is to ensure the safety of civilians, to advance humanitarian mine clearance, and to uphold peace and stability along the common border.

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation underlines that Cambodia remains deeply committed to the ceasefire agreement and the spirit of good neighborliness, consistently pursuing peaceful means to address border issues through bilateral mechanisms and ASEAN frameworks. Instead of spreading accusations that risk heightening tension, the two countries should work together to promote confidence-building, de-escalation, and cooperation. Cambodia stands ready to continue dialogue with Thailand in the spirit of mutual respect and international law.

2. Facing Thailand's diplomatic campaign in using "new landmines and Ottawa Convention" against Cambodia, I would like to highlight the following key points:

(1). Cambodia's Leadership in Mine Action and Ottawa Convention

- On Mine Clearance Achievements: Cambodia has cleared more than 3,500 sq. km of contaminated areas and destroyed over 4 million explosive devices, including 1.2 million antipersonnel landmines left from Cambodia's civil war in 1970s and 1980s.

- On International Recognition:

- Cambodia has been commended by the international community and UN officials as a global model for mine clearance at the 5th Review Conference of the Mine Ban Treaty held in Siem Reap Province in November 2024.

- On Ottawa Convention Commitment:

- Cambodia has never planted new mines, upholds the Convention in both letter and spirit, and contributes to its global implementation.
- Cambodia hosted the 5th Review Conference of the Mine Ban Treaty in Siem Reap Province in November 2024.

(2). Cambodia's Contribution to UN Peacekeeping

- Cambodia has deployed over 8,000 Cambodian military personnel, including deminers to UN Peacekeeping Missions since 2006.
- Cambodia was commended by the UN Secretary-General for its steady, reliable contributions to UN Peacekeeping.

(3). Cambodia's Role in the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Center (ARMAC)

- Cambodia has proudly hosted ARMAC's headquarter in Phnom Penh since 2016. We have fully funded ARMAC's operational budget during 2017–2018, ensuring its early functioning.

- Cambodia has also hosted ARMAC's Enhance Victim Assistance Program (2021–2025).

(4). Cambodia calls on international community to:

- Support ASEAN mechanisms to ensure ceasefire monitoring.
- Reject fabricated allegations and focus on cooperative demining.
- Recognize Cambodia's achievements in mine clearance, Ottawa Convention adherence, ARMAC leadership, and UN peacekeeping.

(5). Cambodia's Message:

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation underlines again that Cambodia remains deeply committed to the ceasefire agreement and the spirit of good neighborliness, consistently pursuing peaceful means to address border issues through bilateral mechanisms and ASEAN frameworks.
- Cambodia's goal is to transform the border into a zone of peace, stability, and shared prosperity for the benefit of both nations and the wider region.
- Instead of spreading accusations that risk heightening tension, the two countries should work together to promote confidence-building, de-escalation, and cooperation.