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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 31, 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 ceasefire between the Cambodian and Thai Armed

Forces that came into force on July 28, 2025, and after the Extraordinary Meeting of the GBC that concluded on August 7, 2025, as of today:

1. Starting from 12:00 AM midnight on 31 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—are currently calm with no new developments reported yet. Our military forces stand strong and are performing their duty with full vigilance in defending the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

2. The Ministry of National Defense of the Kingdom of Cambodia reaffirms its full commitment to the ceasefire agreement between the Cambodian and Thai Armed Forces, which was reached through the leading efforts of His Excellency Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America, and His Excellency Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia, with the active participation of the People's Republic of China in Putrajaya, Malaysia on July 28, 2025, as well as the 13-point Agreed Minutes adopted at the Extraordinary Meeting of the GBC on 7 August 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, under the observation of Malaysia, and with representatives from the United States of America and the People's Republic of China.

It should be noted that this ceasefire is widely welcomed and supported by the international community and reflects the shared aspiration for peace in the region. Cambodia, as a highly responsible and peace-loving country, has fully adhered to all terms of the ceasefire by resolving to dialogue and cooperation instead of confrontation and conflict.

Cambodia reaffirmed its stand to resolve the issue peacefully in good faith in accordance with international law, the UN Charter, and the ASEAN Charter. Cambodia called on Thailand to honor all terms stipulated in the ceasefire agreement as well as the spirit of the agreement during the Extraordinary GBC meeting.

In addition, Cambodia reiterated its firm and unequivocal commitment to upholding the spirit of consensus agreed upon by both parties in the recent Extraordinary Meeting of the RBC, in which both parties agreed to increase confidence to de-escalate tensions and maintain peace along the border, using all necessary mechanisms to resolve differences peacefully and avoid clashes in the spirit of good-neighbourliness, friendship, and solidarity, and on the occasion when problems arise, both parties shall work together to solve them through existing mechanisms. In this sense, Cambodia urged that Thailand adhere to the same spirit.

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 31 August 2025, their detention has lasted 32days, 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.

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.

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Cambodia's Endeavors for Peaceful Settlement of Cambodia–Thailand Border Conflict!

Cambodia pursues multi-track diplomatic endeavors—at the bilateral, regional, and international levels—while complementing these efforts with transparency and humanitarian measures aimed at achieving a peaceful resolution to the Cambodia–Thailand border conflict. This comprehensive approach reaffirms Cambodia’s steadfast commitment to de-escalation, the peaceful settlement of disputes, the protection of civilians, and the upholding of international law. The following are the key summarized endeavors:

#### 1. Endeavors at bilateral level

- Cambodia has consistently sought to resolve border tensions with Thailand through existing bilateral mechanisms. It actively participates in the General Border Committee ( GBC ), the Regional Border Committee ( RBC ), and the Joint Boundary Commission ( JBC ) under the 2000 MoU between both countries.
- Cambodia has lodged formal protests with the Thai government against unilateral Thai military actions, including encroachment, the installation of barbed wire fencing and barricades, and threats to forcibly remove Cambodian civilians, stressing that such actions contravene the 2000 MoU and violate the agreements reached between the two parties.
- Cambodia has repeatedly called on Thailand to fully implement the ceasefire agreement.

## 2. Endeavors at regional level

- Cambodia engages actively and in good faith in peace talks brokered by Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, the rotating ASEAN Chair, with the active participation and strong support of the United States and China, in Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. These negotiations resulted in both parties, Cambodia and Thailand, agreeing to a ceasefire on 28 July 2025 and the 13-point agreement on 7 Aug 2025.

- Cambodia cooperates and facilitates the deployment of a team of ASEAN defense officials, coordinated by Malaysia, as agreed by both Cambodia and Thailand in early August 2025, to monitor the ceasefire along the Cambodian side of the border. These observer teams, to be deployed on both sides of the border, aim to help ensure compliance with the ceasefire, strengthen military communication, and pave the way for continued dialogue.

## 3. Endeavors at international and multilateral level

- Cambodia has actively engaged in the international and multilateral frameworks to address the Cambodia–Thailand border conflict, underlining its commitment to resolving disputes peacefully and in accordance with international law.

- At the request of Cambodia, the United Nations Security Council convened an emergency meeting within less than 24 hours of the outbreak of armed hostilities along the Cambodia-Thailand border following Thailand's attack against Cambodia.



- At the United Nations, Cambodia has consistently informed the UNSC, UNSG, and UN member countries on the developments of the situation along the border, highlighting Thailand's violations of Cambodian sovereignty and the UN Charter, including threats of force and actions endangering civilians. Cambodia has reaffirmed its adherence to the UN Charter on the peaceful settlement of disputes while calling upon the international community to support the full implementation of the Putrajaya Ceasefire Agreement on 28 July 2025 and the 13-point agreement reached in the Extraordinary GBC meeting on 7 August 2025.

- Beyond the UN, Cambodia has used other international platforms, such as the Ottawa Convention on Anti-Personnel Mines, and its partnerships with international humanitarian organizations and UN agencies to mobilize support for demining, protection of civilians, and humanitarian relief.

- The Cambodian diplomatic missions abroad have provided information and clarification to the host countries on the developments of the Cambodia-Thailand border situation, underlining Cambodia's position to de-escalate tension and settle the conflict by peaceful means.

#### 4. Humanitarian and Transparency Measures

- HE Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn, Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, has held a series of diplomatic briefings to inform the diplomatic corps, international organizations, and humanitarian partners on the evolving Cambodia–Thailand border situation. These briefings are aimed at ensuring

transparency and complementing Cambodia's multi-track diplomatic endeavors—bilateral, regional, and multilateral—towards peaceful resolution.

- And also to demonstrate transparency and highlight the humanitarian impact of the conflict, HE Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn has organized field visits to affected border areas for heads of diplomatic missions, UN agencies, and international organizations, including the recent one on 22–23 August 2025 with 60 participants from embassies, UN agencies, and humanitarian NGOs.

These visits have enabled the international community to directly witness the plight of displaced persons, the damage caused by mines, and the resilience of local communities.



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

Good morning, Member of the press and all,

After the ceasefire took effect over a month ago, calm has prevailed since midnight on July 28, 2025. I would like to reaffirm that this ceasefire agreement was initiated and

coordinated directly by the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, through a special meeting held in Putrajaya, with Malaysia in its capacity as the ASEAN Chairman serving as the host, and with active participation from the People's Republic of China.

Since the ceasefire entered into force, every second, minute, hour, and day, efforts have been made to prevent further casualties and damages, both military and civilian. This demonstrates the government's strong commitment to respecting the ceasefire, as they highly value human life, peace, and stability for our nation and people.

Nevertheless, the government has never compromised even for a second on defending national sovereignty and territorial integrity. It is important to note that when the ceasefire took effect, armed confrontation was no longer a means to resolve issues. In contrast, in any outbreak of armed confrontation, the one who opened fire would be considered the violator of the ceasefire, which would lead to the destruction of peace as well as the efforts made so far through diplomatic channels. The party that conducted such actions would lose its support from the international community and would be called to be held accountable for its deeds.

Therefore, during the ceasefire period, diplomatic tools will be used instead of military forces to seek peaceful solutions. The General Border Committee of Cambodia and Thailand ( GBC ) and the Regional Border Committee of Cambodia and Thailand ( RBC ), which have recently held successive meetings, are examples of ongoing diplomatic efforts; further meetings are planned in the near future.

In addition to these meetings, active diplomatic activities include organizing diplomatic visits and facilitating the Interim Observers Team (IOT), composed of foreign defense attaches based in Cambodia, to inspect the conflict-affected zones. Moreover, regular communication between the top leadership of Cambodia, Thailand, and Malaysia has also been maintained. At the same time, numerous meetings with various diplomatic corps have been organized as well, and many more are scheduled in order to broadly inform the international community about the situation on the ground.

Official diplomatic notes and protests have been made repeatedly to Thailand and other relevant parties. Our top leadership, even at home or abroad, remains actively engaged in diplomatic efforts related to this border conflict. All diplomatic means and international laws are being utilized effectively.

It is important to note that the resolution of border issues must be based on technical and legal mechanisms, which are recognized internationally and agreed upon by both parties. No single party can unilaterally define its own border. It is for this reason that our government emphasizes diplomatic activities and international law as the best options, as they help protect territorial integrity and maintain peace.

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Intervention by H.E. Chum Sounry, Spokesperson of Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation

For this afternoon briefing, I would like to touch on Cambodia's commitment to ceasefire implementation and de-escalation.

Cambodia reiterates its unwavering commitment to the full and effective implementation of the ceasefire agreements reached on 28 July 2025 in Putrajaya, brokered by Malaysia, with the active participation of the US and China, and the strong support of regional and international partners, and further reaffirmed at the Extraordinary General Border Committee meeting on 7 August 2025 in Kuala Lumpur.

Cambodia regrets that, despite its strict adherence, repeated violations by the other side continue to undermine the fragile truce, putting at risk not only military personnel but also thousands of civilians living in the border provinces. In this regard, Cambodia has deliberately chosen restraint over retaliation, mindful that escalation would worsen the humanitarian situation and further displace vulnerable populations.

Cambodia underscores that the ceasefire is a humanitarian necessity. Its implementation protects villagers from crossfire, facilitates the safe return of displaced families, and allows humanitarian agencies such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, UN agencies, and NGOs to deliver life-saving assistance to affected communities.

Adherence to these agreements also reflects Cambodia's consistent respect for the principles of the United Nations Charter, including the prohibition on the use of force, and demonstrates its determination to pursue dialogue and peaceful settlement. Cambodia, therefore, calls upon Thailand to demonstrate responsibility and sincerity by fully honoring the ceasefire agreements it has signed. As a state party to the United Nations and ASEAN, Thailand has an obligation to uphold the commitment it undertook in Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur.

Cambodia urges Thailand to cease all actions that undermine the truth to prevent further incidents that endanger civilians and to work in partnership with Cambodia and ASEAN mechanisms to maintain peace and stability.

Thank you.





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

Members of the press, as I have often informed you about Cambodia's active diplomacy in advancing peacebuilding—particularly in the implementation of ceasefires—I would now like to share with you a new development.

His Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, reaffirmed China's position in supporting the ceasefire monitoring mechanism led by Malaysia and expressed the urgent need to establish the ASEAN Observer Team ( AOT ), as soon as possible. At the same time, His Excellency the President also supported and provided humanitarian assistance to Cambodia to help restore damages and to ease the hardship of the people affected by armed clashes that took place at the end of July.

The reaffirmation was made on the afternoon of August 30, 2025, during the bilateral meeting with Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, on the occasion of his attendance at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit from August 30 to September 1, 2025, in Tianjin City, People's Republic of China. On the occasion, President Xi Jinping regarded Samdech Thipadei's presence as an important opportunity to further strengthen the ironclad friendship and expand the solidarity between China and Cambodia, especially following the President's state visit to Cambodia in April this year. In response, Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet expressed his deepest gratitude to the Government and the people of China for their consistent support for Cambodian development in all sectors.

Samdech Thipadei expressed that China's support is a crucial driving force for advancing Cambodia's socio-economic development, infrastructure construction, and improving the livelihood of Cambodian people. Samdech Thipadei also expressed appreciation for China's active role in facilitating the realization of a ceasefire between Cambodia and Thailand, aimed at protecting civilian life and restoring the livelihood of affected communities. Both leaders exchanged views on strengthening and deepening cooperation in priority sectors such as political diplomacy, economic trade,

infrastructure development, and other key areas, aiming to enhance Cambodia's self-reliant development capacity and safeguard its sovereignty.

During a courtesy and working meeting with His Excellency Wang Huning, Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), the senior Chinese official reiterated China's support of the ceasefire and Malaysia's role in facilitating and encouraging Cambodian-Thailand relations to return to normalcy as soon as possible. In response, Samdech Thipadei also requested China's assistance in urging both parties to avoid the use of military forces and to resolve ongoing border issues, particularly in residential areas, through existing mechanisms and based on bilateral agreements relevant to treaty and international law. This is yet another example proving that Cambodian top leaders, both Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister, and Samdech Techo Hun Sen, President of the Senate, attach their highest attention to border issues with Thailand.

Whether inside or outside the country, our leaders consistently conduct active diplomacy to safeguard Cambodian sovereignty and territorial integrity, never forgetting the hard-earned and invaluable peace for our nation and Cambodian people.

We all still remember the letters from His Excellency Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, sent to Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, in which the U.S. President praised the Cambodian Prime Minister as a strong leader who values human life and law and peace. The U.S. President also highlighted his pride in being part of the achievement of the ceasefire agreement between Cambodia and Thailand.

Now, we also have heard from President Xi Jinping of China, who reaffirmed support for this ceasefire and called for the swift establishment of the ASEAN Observer Team ( AOT ) mechanism, in line with Cambodian aspiration. This is the most important point that I would like to call on our citizens to understand the significance of diplomatic efforts, and especially the patience and determination of our leaders to prevent armed confrontation by prioritizing diplomatic activities to protect territorial integrity and preserve peace.

In this spirit, I would like to urge all our fellow citizens to pay attention to the aforementioned determination and to continue working together to support the rightful stance of the royal government, as well as marginalize the small extremist groups that maliciously seek to undermine our nation's strong unity.

Thank you for your kind attention.