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UPDATES ON CAMBODIA-THAILAND
BORDER SITUATION

Updates on the situation of the Cambodia-Thailand border
31 August 2025

I. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia—

- During the press briefing on August 31, 2025, the Spokesperson highlighted Cambodia's multi-track diplomatic endeavors in complement with transparency and humanitarian measures to achieve a peaceful resolution to the Cambodia–Thailand border conflict:

- **At the 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 to the Thai government against Thailand's unilateral military actions, including 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.

- **At the regional level:**

- Cambodia engages actively and in good faith in peace dialogues brokered by Malaysian Prime Minister, H.E. Anwar Ibrahim, the rotating ASEAN Chair, co-organized by the US and with the active participation and strong support of the People's Republic of China, in Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur. These negotiations resulted in both countries agreeing to a ceasefire on July 28, 2025, and the 13-point Agreed Minutes adopted on August 7, 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.
- **At the international and multilateral level:**
 - Cambodia has underlined its commitment to resolving disputes peacefully and in accordance with international law. For instance, 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.
 - 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 the UN Charter on the prohibitions of using 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 July 28, 2025, and the 13-point Agreed Minutes reached in the Extraordinary GBC meeting on August 7, 2025.
 - Cambodia has also sought other international platforms, such as the Ottawa Convention on the Anti-Personnel Mines, and its partnerships with international humanitarian organizations, as well as the UN agencies, to mobilize support for demining, protection of civilians, and humanitarian relief.
 - In addition, Cambodia's 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.

- **At the international and multilateral level:**
 - H.E. Deputy Prime Minister Prak Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, has held a series of diplomatic briefings to inform the diplomatic corps, international organizations, as well as 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.
 - In the efforts to demonstrate transparency and to highlight the humanitarian impact of the conflict, H.E. Prak Sokhonn has organized multiple field inspection visits to the affected border areas for the Head of Diplomatic Missions, UN agencies, and international organizations, including the recent one on August 22–23, 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.
- The Spokesperson underscored that "... 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." Even in this regard, Cambodia has deliberately chosen to exercise its utmost restraint over retaliation, aware that escalation would only worsen the humanitarian situation and further displace vulnerable and innocent civilians.
- In addition, the Spokesperson stressed that "the ceasefire is a humanitarian necessity." Meaning that, its full and effective

implementation not only protects many lives of villagers from cross-fire, facilitates the safe return of displaced families, but also allows humanitarian agencies such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), UN agencies, and NGOs to deliver life-saving assistance to affected communities.

- In this sense, Cambodia calls upon Thailand to demonstrate responsibility and sincerity by fully honoring the ceasefire. As a member of the United Nations and ASEAN, Thailand has an obligation to uphold the commitments it undertook in Putrajaya and Kuala Lumpur.

II. The Spokesperson of the Royal Government of Cambodia —

- **Bilateral Meeting between Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister, and His Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, on the afternoon of August 30, 2025:**
 - President Xi Jinping regarded Samdech Thipadei's presence at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit as an important opportunity to further strengthen the iron-clad friendship and expand the solidarity between China and Cambodia, especially following the President's state visit to Cambodia in April this year.
 - H.E. Xi Jinping reaffirmed China's position in supporting the ceasefire, supporting the ceasefire monitoring mechanism led by Malaysia, and expressed the urgent need to establish the ASEAN Observers Team (AOT) at the soonest possible. At the same time, [China] also supported and provided humanitarian assistance to Cambodia to help restore damages and to ease the hardships of the people affected by the armed clashes that took place at the end of July.
 - In response, Samdech Thipadei also expressed appreciation for China's active role in facilitating the swift realization of the ceasefire between Cambodia and Thailand, aimed at protecting civilian lives and restoring the livelihoods of affected communities.

- The courtesy and working meeting between Samdech Thipadei and His Excellency Wang Huning, Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC):
 - H.E. Wang Huning reiterated China's support for the ceasefire, for Malaysia's role in facilitation, and encouraged Cambodia-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 treaties, and international law.
- Through the abovementioned meetings, the Spokesperson underlined that "whether inside or outside the country, [Cambodian] leaders consistently conduct active diplomacy to safeguard Cambodia's sovereignty and territorial integrity, never forgetting the hard-earned and invaluable peace for the nation and Cambodian people. He also emphasized "the significance of diplomatic efforts, and especially the patience and determination of [Cambodian] leaders to prevent armed confrontation by prioritizing diplomatic activities to protect territorial integrity and preserve peace.

III. The Ministry of National Defence of Cambodia—

- It has been **33 days** since **18** Cambodian military personnel have been held in unlawful custody by the Thai side, counting from the morning of July 29, 2025, a few hours right after the Ceasefire came into effect.