

Updates on the situation of the Cambodia-Thailand border

5-6 September 2025

I. The Senate of Cambodia–

- On September 5, 2025, Samdech Techo Hun Sen, President of the Senate of Cambodia, received a courtesy call from Ms. Bridgette L. Walker, Chargé d'Affaires of the U.S. Embassy in Cambodia.
 - The spokesperson highlighted that Samdech Techo expressed his deep gratitude for the timely action taken by the administration of H.E. Donald J. Trump and the U.S. Secretary of State, who have paid great attention to monitoring and resolving the Cambodia-Thailand border issue.
 - Samdech Techo emphasized that the ceasefire, initiated by President Donald J. Trump, has immensely helped both countries, especially by preventing soldiers and civilians from dying in further armed conflicts.
 - Samdech Techo also expressed concern about the recent developments regarding the Cambodia-Thailand border issue, particularly the ongoing illegal laying of barbed wire. Samdech Techo Hun Sen urged the United States to monitor the situation closely to ensure the full implementation of the ceasefire.
 - Samdech Techo affirmed that Cambodia has been exercising its utmost restraint in every way to ensure respect for the ceasefire as agreed by both sides and that Cambodia wants the Cambodia-Thailand border situation to return to normalcy.
 - Samdech Techo also took the opportunity to thank the United States for providing humanitarian assistance to displaced civilians affected by the Cambodia-Thailand border dispute.
 - In response, Ms. Bridgette L. Walker stressed that the United States, particularly President Donald J. Trump and the Secretary of State, has

shown significant concern about the ongoing developments of the border disputes between the two countries, emphasizing that the United States wishes to see the border situation between the two countries return to normalcy.

- In addition, Ms. Bridgette L. Walker underscored that the U.S. wishes to see both countries fully implement the ceasefire, particularly the establishment of the ASEAN Observer Team (AOT), and that the U.S. will strive to push for the establishment of the AOT as agreed upon by both parties.

II. The Ministry of National Defence of Cambodia–

- It has been **39 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.

III. The Cambodia Human Rights Committee

- On September 6, 2025, the Cambodian Human Rights Committee sent a letter to **Dr. Ganna Yudkivska**, Chair-Rapporteur of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, regarding the urgent appeal on the arbitrary detention of 18 Cambodian soldiers by the Thai Armed Forces.
- The letter requested the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention to:
 1. Examine the case under its urgent procedure and issue an opinion declaring the detention arbitrary;
 2. Call for their immediate release and repatriation, consistent with international human rights and humanitarian laws;
 3. Monitor and follow up with the Thai authorities to ensure compliance with international legal obligations;
 4. Remind Thailand of its obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), particularly the prohibition of arbitrary detention, and the Third Geneva Convention (1949); and
 5. Include the case in its annual report to the Human Rights Council, ensuring international oversight and accountability.