

## Updates on the situation of the Cambodia-Thailand border

24 August 2025

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

#### - On the diplomatic visit to Banteay Meanchey and Oddar Meanchey Provinces:

- On 22–23 August 2025, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister **PRAK Sokhonn**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, led a diplomatic visit with the participation of over 60 members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of United Nations specialized agencies, international organizations, and foreign non-governmental organizations working on humanitarian mine action.
- The delegation visited affected areas in Banteay Meanchey Province, where barbed wire, barricades, and other obstacles laid by Thai military forces have prevented local residents from returning to their homes. The delegation also inspected the site of bomb explosions in Oddar Meanchey Province, including Wat Prasat Tamone Sen Chey and the MK-84 bomb site in Thmor Doun village.
- **H.E. Prak Sokhonn** reaffirmed the Royal Government's strong commitment to alleviating the hardships of affected families and ensuring their safe return, while making every effort to achieve a full and effective ceasefire.
- The delegation expressed its firm expectation that complete peace and stability will be restored soon, allowing displaced Cambodian citizens to return to their homes in safety and dignity. It underscored that the full implementation of the ceasefire agreement remains a crucial step toward lasting peace and a peaceful resolution of the border issue.

- **Cambodia welcomes the diplomatic corps' call to uphold the Ceasefire:**
  - The MFAIC welcomes the Diplomatic Corps' appeal in favor of upholding the Ceasefire between Cambodia and Thailand as expressed during the diplomatic visit in Oddar Meanchey Province on 22 Aug 2025.
    - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan, **H.E. Ueno Atsushi**, told the journalists in Oddar Meanchey Province that: "the Japanese government firmly supports the unconditional and prompt ceasefire. Also, we (Japan) would like to provide support for the people affected. We (Japan) hope that this issue will be resolved through the peaceful dialogue between the two countries, not by fighting."
    - **Ms. Bridgette Walker**, Chargé d'Affaires of the United States Embassy in Phnom Penh, underlined in her interview with journalists in Oddar Meanchey Province that: "it is very helpful for us to have eyes on in the actual areas."
    - First Secretary and Deputy Head of Cooperation of the Delegation of the European Union to Cambodia, **Mr. Koen Everaert**, told the journalists in Oddar Meanchey Province that "EU encourages both sides to continue to hold the ceasefire agreements, as well as continued good communication from both countries in order to rebuild trust and stability in the border".
- It should be noted that **President Trump** and Secretary of State **Marco Rubio** are very interested in seeing the ceasefire hold and have spoken with both the Cambodian and Thai governments, and encourage and expect that each government in each country will uphold its commitments.

## II. The Ministry of National Defence of Cambodia–

- **On the Secretariat Meeting of the Cambodia–Thailand Extraordinary Regional Border Committee (RBC):**
  - The Secretariat Meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand Military Region Border Committee (RBC) between the Military Region 5 of Cambodia and the Chanthaburi-Trat Border Defense Command of Thailand was co-chaired by Major General Sar Kimpak, Head of the Cambodian



Secretariat, and Captain Kittiphon Kunsiripanyo, Head of the Thai Secretariat. The meeting commenced at 9:25 AM and ended at 2:00 PM on August 24, 2025, hosted by Cambodia, in Pailin Province, in accordance with the program agreed by both sides.

- This preparatory meeting concluded with noteworthy positive outcomes for the upcoming Extraordinary Meeting of the Cambodian-Thailand Regional Border Committee ( RBC ) between Cambodia's Military Region 5 and Thailand's Chanthaburi-Trat Border Defense Command scheduled for August 25, 2025.
- It has been **26 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 Spokesperson of the Royal Government of Cambodia—

- Reiterating the Government's stance on peace:
  - "Peace remains a defining identity of Cambodia for eternity. Although some entities have questioned and raised trivial reasons to overshadow Cambodia's peaceful efforts, our stance for peace still glows brightly and relentlessly from within the hearts of our leadership and every Khmer people forever."
  - The Win-win policy, which is the legacy of **Samdech Techo Hun Sen**, a former Prime Minister and currently the President of the Senate, has helped "put an end to the civil war which lasted almost three decades, achieving a complete peace and an unprecedented national reconciliation like never before."
  - The current government under the leadership of Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister, "is a Guardian of Peace, and the fruitful achievements of the nation resulted from Samdech Techo Hun Sen's earnest efforts. The current government continues to develop the country based on this solid foundation."

- The Spokesperson also repeated that “the Royal Government of Cambodia fully supports the initiative proposed by President Donald Trump regarding the ceasefire and demonstrates its strong commitment to respecting the ceasefire agreement, and has been implementing this truce with utmost restraint, as witnessed by both the Cambodian and international communities. Cambodia also fully supports and strongly encourages broader participation from international observers, especially the ASEAN Observers Team, as agreed upon during the Extraordinary Meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand General Border Committee ( GBC ) on August 7, 2025.”