

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

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

- On August 28, 2025, H.E. Koy Kuong, Ambassador of Cambodia to the United States, held a telephone discussion with Mr. Hunt Vandertoll, Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, to brief him on developments related to the Cambodia–Thailand border conflict.
- During the discussion, H.E. Koy Kuong mentioned several points as follows:
 - Recalled the meaningful letter from H.E. Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, to Samdech Thipadei, Prime Minister, which reflected his role in facilitating the immediate ceasefire between Cambodian and Thai troops, thereby saving many lives—an effort fully aligned with the wishes of the Cambodian Prime Minister.
 - Rejected Thailand’s accusations that Cambodia used civilians as human shields and that Cambodia had laid new landmines. H.E. Ambassador also called on the international community to intervene for the release of 18 Cambodian soldiers, whom Thai forces had illegally captured as hostages after the official entry into force of the 28 July 2025 Ceasefire Agreement.
 - H.E. Ambassador also reiterated the firm position of the Royal Government of Cambodia in resolving the border disputes with neighboring countries peacefully, in accordance with international law. At the same time, he affirmed Cambodia’s strong commitment to further advancing cooperation with the United States in all areas.

- In response, Mr. Hunt Vandertoll reaffirmed support of the U.S. President for a peaceful settlement of the border conflict between Cambodia and Thailand, stressing that the United States encourages both countries to continue sincere dialogue and to urgently establish an ASEAN Observers [Team] (AOT), to effectively monitor and oversee the implementation of the ceasefire.
- Mr. Hunt Vandertoll emphasized that the United States hopes both sides will avoid any actions that could escalate tensions or destabilize the border situation, and also confirmed that the United States stands ready to strengthen and expand Cambodia–U.S. bilateral cooperation.

II. The Spokesperson of the Royal Government of Cambodia —

- On the afternoon of August 28, 2025, Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister, received a courtesy call from the U.S. Congressional Delegation at the Peace Palace. The delegation comprised Her Excellency Beth Van Duyne, a congresswoman of Texas, Congressman Dr. Richard McCormick of Georgia, and Congressman Suhas Subramanyam of Virginia.
- Samdech Thipadei, Prime Minister, expressed gratitude towards U.S. President, H.E. Donald J. Trump, for his swift facilitation of the ceasefire between Cambodia and Thailand, which has saved many lives, emphasizing that it was in this spirit that Cambodia nominated President Donald J. Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize as a token of gratitude for President Trump's personal dedication to initiating efforts to initiate this Ceasefire, and as requested by Cambodian citizens both at home and abroad.
- Samdech Thipadei also briefed the delegation on the progress of the Cambodia-Thailand border situation, including the implementation of the ceasefire, aimed at restoring the relationship between the two countries.
- In response, the U.S. Congressional Delegation affirmed the United States' position in supporting the ceasefire and restoring peace and stability, and that the U.S. would continue to closely monitor this matter.

- On August 30, 2025, the delegation of the U.S. Congress (CODEL), led by Her Excellency Beth Van Duyne, a congresswoman of Texas, headed to directly inspect the situation of displaced civilians at Wat Pou 5000 Derm, in Kolen District, Preah Vihear Province. The delegation was warmly welcomed by H.E. Kim Rithy, the governor of Preah Vihear Province.

III. The Ministry of National Defence of Cambodia–

- It has been **32 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.