

Updates on the situation of the Cambodia-Thailand border  
07 August 2025 ( Part II )

- I. **Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet**, Prime Minister of Cambodia, on 6 August 2025 stated that – I am delighted to see the patriotic spirit and national unity of Cambodian people around the world who have gathered to express their support for peace, support our forces in defending their territorial integrity, and demand that Thailand release 18 of our soldiers who are being held by the Thai army.

*"On behalf of the Royal Government of Cambodia and on my own behalf, I would like to thank the Cambodian people at home and abroad for their noble spirit. All these actions clearly demonstrate the patriotic spirit and national unity, which are important factors for our Cambodian nation, especially the spirit of peace that is needed to end the war – The Royal Government remains firmly committed to protecting territorial integrity and resolving disputes peacefully in order to quickly end the conflict between Cambodia and Thailand. August 7, there will be a special meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand General Boundary Committee (GBC) between Cambodia and Thailand in Malaysia, with the participation of observers from Malaysia, the United States, and China, to discuss promoting the implementation of the ceasefire agreed on July 28, 2025. At the same time, we do not forget the 18 Cambodian soldiers who are under the custody of the Thai army, and the Royal Government has been continuously trying through all mechanisms to demand their release and return to Cambodia as soon as possible."*

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- II. **Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet**, Prime Minister of Cambodia, expressed congratulations on the successful holding of the Extraordinary GBC Meeting between Cambodia and Thailand, with the participation of observers from Malaysia, the United States, and the People's Republic of China, on 7 August 2025.

The Prime Minister stated that – this meeting is the implementation of the points agreed upon between me and His Excellency Phumtham Wechayachai, Acting Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, at the Special Meeting in Putrajaya, Malaysia, on 28 July 2025, co-hosted by Malaysia and the United States, with the active participation of the People's Republic of China.

The two sides, agreed on the terms of the ceasefire implementation and increased communication between the two armies with the following concrete points:

1. To promote the preparation of the terms of reference for the ASEAN Observer Team monitoring mechanism;
2. To have an Interim Observer Team led by the Malaysian Military Attaché to conduct immediate observation and continue to organize the ASEAN Observer Team.
3. To hold a joint meeting of the Regional Border Committee ( RBC ) within two weeks and a meeting of the General Cambodia-Thailand Border Committee ( GBC ) within one month after this extraordinary GBC meeting.
4. In case of need, the two sides may convene an extraordinary meeting of the General Cambodia-Thailand Border Committee ( Extraordinary GBC Meeting ) in the same format as this one.

The Cambodian side also requested the immediate release of the 18 Cambodian soldiers currently in Thai custody.

As the result of the meeting, both sides agreed on the Joint Statement ( see attached ).

### **III. Cambodia's Reaction to Thailand's Disinformation Campaign –**

The spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia (MFA-IC) made his statement on 7 August concerning Thailand's disinformation campaign that – Cambodia noted with disappointment the disinformation campaign being conducted by Thailand while both countries are engaging in dialogue for the full implementation of the ceasefire. This campaign is seen as an attempt to mislead the international community, mischaracterize

Cambodia's position, and divert attention from Thailand's own actions on the ground.

The statement emphasized the Cambodia's point of view as follows:

### **1. Clarification of Cambodia's Actions and Intentions**

Cambodia has consistently demonstrated its goodwill, restraint, and commitment to peace, notably by:

- Fully complying with the ceasefire agreement reached during the Special Meeting on 28 July 2025 in Malaysia;
- Actively participating in good faith in General Border Committee (GBC) talks, seeking a diplomatic, negotiated solution to the crisis;
- Hosting inspection tour of foreign diplomats and UN agencies to refugee sites to ensure transparency;
- Cambodia has never initiated hostilities, and any military engagement was defensive and within its own territory.

### **2. Cambodia's Response to Some Allegations**

Cambodia firmly rejects the unfounded allegations made by Thai officials, which falsely portray Cambodia as the aggressor and accuse it of violating the ceasefire and targeting civilians. These claims are not only factually incorrect, but also dangerously misleading.

Cambodia reiterates that it has acted only in self-defense in response to incursions into its territory and has consistently observed the ceasefire with restraint. The Cambodian Armed Forces have not targeted civilian areas.

Cambodia also rejects the accusation that it has used civilian populations or refugee movements for political gain. On the contrary, Cambodia has provided international diplomats and UN agencies full access to displacement sites, facilitated humanitarian aid, and publicly called for the safe return of civilians to their homes through the complete implementation of the ceasefire.

Cambodia considers such allegations aimed at discrediting Cambodia.

### **3. Call for End to Disinformation and Return to Dialogue**

Cambodia strongly urges Thailand to abandon its current course of public misinformation and instead return to the path of good-faith dialogue and regional cooperation. The current campaign of disinformation not only undermines trust

between the two countries but also threatens the progress made under the ceasefire agreement.

Cambodia remains committed to resolving all disputes peacefully through diplomatic mechanisms, particularly the General Border Committee (GBC), which has yielded productive results.

#### **4. Appeal to the International Community**

Cambodia respectfully calls on the international community, including ASEAN member states, UN agencies, Observer nations, particularly the current ASEAN Chair Malaysia, U.S., and China to support objective mechanisms for monitoring the situation—such as the proposed ASEAN Monitoring Team (AMT).

Cambodia also urges global media outlets to seek objective truth by supporting independent verification mechanisms—such as the proposed ASEAN Monitoring Team (AMT)—and to avoid legitimizing one-sided narratives that ignore facts on the ground and Cambodia's demonstrated commitment to restraint and diplomacy.

As a peace-loving nation, Cambodia affirms its strict compliance with the ceasefire agreement and its full cooperation with all regional and international efforts to stabilize the situation.