

Updates on the situation of the Cambodia-Thailand border

25 August 2025

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

- On Thailand's recent allegations of laying new landmines:
 - In the briefing for the diplomatic corps held on August 21, 2025, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, reaffirmed Cambodia's full compliance with the Ottawa Convention, to which it has been a State Party since 2000, and underscored that Cambodia has never authorized the laying of new mines.
 - The Spokesperson of MFAIC reiterated that:
 - "Cambodia's objective is to ensure the safety of civilians, to advance humanitarian mine clearance, and to uphold peace and stability along the common border.
 - Cambodia remains deeply committed to the ceasefire agreement and the spirit of good neighborliness, consistently pursuing peaceful means to address border issues through bilateral mechanisms and ASEAN frameworks. Instead of spreading accusations that risk heightening tension, the two countries should work together to promote confidence-building, de-escalation, and cooperation. Cambodia stands ready to continue dialogue with Thailand in the spirit of mutual respect and international law."
- Concerning Thailand's diplomatic campaign using "new landmines and the Ottawa Convention" against Cambodia, the Spokesperson underlined several key points:

- Cambodia's leadership in Mine Action and the Ottawa Convention, including:
 - 1). Mine Clearance Achievements: The country has cleared more than **3,500 sq. km** of contaminated areas and destroyed over **4 million** explosive devices, including **1.2 million** antipersonnel landmines left from Cambodia's civil war in the 1970s and 1980s.
 - 2). Cambodia has received international recognition and was commended by the international community and UN officials as a global model for mine clearance at the 5th Review Conference of the Mine Ban Treaty held in Siem Reap Province in November 2024.
 - 3). Cambodia's Commitment to the Ottawa Convention: The spokesperson reiterated that "Cambodia has never planted new mines, upholds the Convention in both letter and spirit, and contributes to its global implementation. Such commitment is proven in the 5th Review Conference of the Mine Ban Treaty held in Siem Reap Province in November 2024, with Cambodia as the host.
- Cambodia has proudly hosted the headquarter of ASEAN Regional Mine Action (ARMAC) in Phnom Penh since 2016. And Cambodia has also hosted ARMAC's Enhanced Victim Assistance Program (2021–2025).

II. The Ministry of National Defence of Cambodia—

- On the Extraordinary Meeting of the Cambodia–Thailand Extraordinary Regional Border Committee (RBC):
 - The Extraordinary Meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand Regional Border Committee (RBC) between Military Region 5 of Cambodia and the Chanthaburi-Trat Border Defence Command of Thailand of August 25, 2025, commenced at 10:30 AM and successfully concluded at 11:20 AM on August 25, 2025, with Cambodia as the host.
 - This extraordinary meeting concluded with notable positive outcomes as both sides "agreed to maintain regular communication between their

respective army areas and military regions, and units along the Cambodia-Thailand border”, emphasizing the importance of further strengthening relations at all levels in order to build trust and promote good neighborliness.

- It should be noted that the Secretariat Meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand Regional Border Committee (RBC) between the Military Region 4 of Cambodia and the Military Region 2 of Thailand is scheduled to take place on August 26, 2025, with Cambodia as the host.
- It has been **27 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— in the press briefing on August 25, 2025, the Spokesperson highlighted several irrefutable historical facts under the era of Techo-Thipadei:

- “In our modern history of the past 500 years, counting from the post-Angkor era, Cambodia under the Techo-Thipadei leadership has experienced greater development than in any other era. We have enjoyed longer-lasting peace,” allowing its peoples to enjoy blissful lives.
- “...only the government led by former Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen and the current Prime Minister Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet have successfully established the most defined border lines through peaceful negotiations and demarcation efforts with neighboring countries. They have also built the longest border protection roads ever recorded in our history.”