

**Updates on the situation of the Cambodia-Thailand border**  
**08 August 2025**

- I. Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of Cambodia, on 7 August 2025, sent a letter to the Norwegian Nobel Committee to propose nomination of Nobel Peace Prize to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America, for his historic contributions in advancing world peace.

Samdech Prime Minister stated in his letter that “President Trump’s extraordinary statesmanship-marked by his commitment to resolving conflicts and preventing catastrophic wars through visionary and innovative diplomacy-was most recently demonstrated in his decisive role in brokering an immediate and unconditional ceasefire between Cambodia and Thailand.”

The Prime Minister also emphasized that – *“according to the wishes of Cambodian people both inside and outside Cambodia, as well as to express our sincere appreciation for President Donald Trump’s initiative and support contributing greatly to immediate ceasefire between Cambodian and Thai forces and his continuous attention on its successful implementation until peace is fully achieved between the two countries.”*

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- II. The Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia (MFA-IC) made statements on two issues.

- 1) On the outcomes of the Extraordinary Cambodia–Thailand General Border Committee (GBC)

underlined that there are a number global reactions to the outcomes of the Extraordinary Cambodia–Thailand General Border Committee (GBC) meeting held on 7 August 2025, in Kuala Lumpur.

Based on the reports – regional states and ASEAN institutions lauded the agreement and observer mechanisms as steps toward peaceful de-escalation. International media and diplomats showed optimism, strong

interest. Media coverage emphasized the significance of this agreement in defusing the conflict. However, the reports noted that while progress was made, some concerns—particularly regarding the fate of 18 Cambodian soldiers currently under the control of Thailand—remain unresolved.”

Malaysia stressed that the GBC meeting in Kuala Lumpur was held in a “constructive and positive atmosphere,” yielding a 13-point agreement. Malaysia also coordinates the Interim Observer Teams, part of ASEAN efforts to monitor the ceasefire.

The United States called the GBC outcomes an “important milestone,” noting that achieving a durable, sustainable ceasefire remains the main goal. The U.S. presence was significant, which underscores Washington’s continued engagement and support for ASEAN-led mediation efforts.

China’s Foreign Ministry spokesperson welcomed the GBC meeting and the mechanisms being established to sustain the ceasefire. He affirmed that China would continue supporting ASEAN-led peace processes and “play a constructive role” in the restoration of Cambodia–Thailand relations.

The United Kingdom, Hon. Catherine West, PM and Under Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office stated in her tweet on 7 August 2025 that – “ *I welcome the agreement between Thailand and Cambodia of a framework to ensure a full and effective ceasefire. We encourage both sides to uphold this agreement, which sets out key terms for sustainable peace including ensuring the protection of civilians.*”

Regarding the ICRC’s visit the captured Cambodian soldiers – the MFA-IC spokesperson emphasized that the Ministry has been closely monitoring the situation of the 18 Cambodian military personnel currently under the control of the Thai military. The Ministry takes positive note of the recent visit by the International Committee of the



Red Cross (ICRC) to these 18 Cambodian soldiers. Cambodia welcomes Thailand's facilitation of private interviews and physical check-ups conducted by the ICRC, as reported in the press release issued by Thailand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 7 August 2025.

The MFAIC appreciates the ICRC's visit, which helps ensure that the basic rights and dignity of the 18 Cambodian soldiers are respected in accordance with the 1949 Geneva Conventions. Cambodia regards this as an important step toward transparency and adherence to international humanitarian law. However, Cambodia maintains a cautious stance, emphasizing that the continued detention of the 18 Cambodian soldiers — who were captured during an agreed ceasefire — raises legal and ethical concerns.

With reference to Thailand's claim that the Cambodian soldiers "will be released and repatriated without delay after the end of hostilities," as stated in the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs' press release, Cambodia reiterates its call for their immediate and unconditional repatriation, and urges Thailand to prioritize good-faith dialogue and de-escalation, in the spirit of peace and cooperation.

## **2) On the Baseless Accusations by Thai Military:**

Cambodia expresses its deep disappointment and strong objection to the inflammatory and misleading remarks made by a Thai military source, publicly circulated on social media on 7 August 2025.

Categorically rejects these baseless accusations, which falsely portray Cambodia's commitment to peace, transparency, and respect for international norms as acts of manipulation.

Calls upon the Thai authorities to exercise restraint and professionalism in their public communication, and to refrain from issuing unsubstantiated statements that threaten the fragile peace and bilateral relations.

Reaffirms its unwavering commitment to resolving all outstanding issues through peaceful means, based on mutual respect, international law, and the principles of ASEAN.

**III. Cambodian Mine Action Authority (CMAA)** urges caution after Thai cluster bomb attacked injures civilians in Preah Vihear – the Cambodian Mine Action Authority (CMAA) has expressed grave concern on the remaining of cluster bombs used by Thai armed forces during attack on Cambodian territory in the armed clashes between 24-28 July 2025, in Preah Vihear province, which left several civilians—particularly children—injured, caused property damage, and displaced thousands of people.

In response to the growing threat posed by unexploded cluster munitions, the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA) has issued a public warning to residents living along the border and urged civilians to avoid touching or tampering with any suspicious objects resembling cluster bombs.

**IV. Spokesperson of the Ministry of National Defence of Cambodia** – As part of the implementation of the agreement reached by the General Border Committee (GBC) meeting between Cambodia and Thailand on 7 August 2025, an observer team (Interim Observer Team-IOT) consists of Defence Attaché from Malaysia, Myanmar, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Lao PDR and the Philippines based in Cambodia, led by Colonel Zazlee Bin Abdul Rahim, Malaysian Defence Attaché, on 8 August 2025, carried out their mission to Oddar Meanchey province, on 8 August 2025.