

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

28 August 2025

- I. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia—the Spokesperson of the Ministry made some clarifications on recent allegations made by the senior officials of Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs:
- On using civilians as human shields: “Cambodian civilians have long resided [in the areas] and are in fact the victims of unilateral military actions, including the laying of barbed wire and barricades that prevent them from accessing their homes and farmland.”
  - On new mine planting—Cambodia has reiterated many times that “it has not laid new anti-personnel mines. As one of the most mine-affected countries in the world, Cambodia has no policy, rationale, or interest in the use of such dangerous weapons. Any tragic incidents that may occur are the result of remnants of mines from past decades of armed conflict, which continue to pose danger to civilians on both sides along the border area.”
  - On human rights violations: “Cambodia reaffirms its full adherence to the UN Charter and all core international human rights treaties, to which Cambodia is a State Party, underscoring that “Cambodia has consistently worked in close cooperation with the United Nations system and international partners to strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights.”
  - “Cambodia attaches importance of de-escalation and constructive engagement” and reaffirmed Cambodia’s strong commitment to the ceasefire agreed in Putrajaya on July 28, 2025, as well as the Extraordinary Meeting of the General Border Committee ( GBC ) in Kuala Lumpur on August 7, 2025.

## II. The Spokesperson of the Royal Government of Cambodia —

- On August 20, 2025, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, sent a letter to Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister, written as follows:

“Thank you for your kind letters and especially for nominating me for the Nobel Peace Prize.

It was a great honor to speak with you to help end the fighting with Thailand. Cambodia has a long and storied history and culture. I can tell that you are a strong leader who values human life and appreciates peace. I am proud to be a part of the cease-fire deal that ended the horrible fighting and saved thousands of lives. Now we can focus on prosperity for our two great countries.”

- After receiving the letter, Samdech Thipadei, Prime Minister, wrote, “just like indicated in the letter, the effective and timely personal intervention of President Donald Trump, which contributed greatly to a quick ceasefire between Cambodian and Thai troops has saved many lives.”
- The Spokesperson took note that the Ceasefire agreement between Cambodia and Thailand officially turned one month on August 28, 2025. He emphasized that “Cambodia has diligently respected and fully implemented all the terms of the agreement. The value placed on this ceasefire mirrors a profound regard for human life, as well as the compassionate pacifist mindset of Cambodia's leadership and its citizens.
- The Spokesperson pointed out that the Pacifist hearts of Cambodia's leadership and its citizens are “demonstrated by actions that go beyond words. Cambodia has shown its sincere and faithful commitment to peace and the well-being of its people; this is what makes the pacifist hearts of Cambodia's leadership widely acknowledged both domestically and internationally.” And it is further proven “in a letter from President Donald J. Trump addressed to Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of Cambodia, dated August 20, 2025...”

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

- The mine explosion incident occurred on August 27, 2025:
  - The Ministry issued a press release regarding the incident, expressing its regret, while reiterating several points:
    - Reaffirming that Cambodia has not used or placed any new landmines and remains fully committed to the Ottawa Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines, to which it is a State Party.
    - Cambodia has reminded Thailand and the international community on multiple occasions that the areas in Cambodia's territory along the border still have explosives, which are the remnants of the past civil war.
    - Cambodia reiterates its firm, clear-cut, and unwavering commitment to respect and strictly implement the Ceasefire agreement achieved on July 28, 2025, and the 13-point Agreed Minutes reached during the extraordinary meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand General Border Committee ( GBC ) on August 7, 2025. Cambodia calls on Thailand to honor all terms and conditions stipulated in the ceasefire agreement, as well as the spirit and agreement during the extraordinary GBC meeting, which stipulates that "Both sides agree to maintain current troop deployments without further movement as it is at the time ceasefire came into force at 24:00 hours ( local time ) on July 28, 2025. There shall be no troop movements including patrol towards the other side's position."
    - Reiterating its firm and unequivocal commitment to uphold the spirit of consensus agreed by both parties in the recent extraordinary meetings of the RBC, particularly the extraordinary meeting of the RBC between the 4th Military Region of Cambodia and the 2nd Army Area of Thailand, concluded at 11:53 AM, on August 27, 2025, which both parties agreed to increase confidence to de-escalate tension and maintain peace along the border using all necessary mechanisms to resolve differences peacefully and avoid clashes in the spirit of good neighborliness, friendship, and solidarity. And on the occasion when

problems arise, both parties shall work together to resolve them through existing mechanisms.

- It has been **30 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.

#### **IV. Cambodia Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA)–**

- On August 27, 2025, CMAA issued a Statement concerning the mine explosion incident. CMAA expressed its sincere sympathy to the injured soldiers while reiterating that the area is well known as a high-risk zone where remnants of war remain scattered.
- CMAA also highlighted that “this unfortunate incident is far more plausibly the result of such a pre-existing mine than any recent activity,” and underscored the need for continued humanitarian clearance rather than premature or unfounded accusations.”