

## **News Updates as of 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

1. H.E. Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, wrote a letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 to H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and to other Foreign Ministers namely, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Cuba, Republic of Korea, Egypt, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Japan, Kuwait, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Russia, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Swiss, Timor-Leste, Türkiye, United Kingdom, United States of America, Ministers of Foreign Affairs of ASEAN Member States, including H.E. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General of ASEAN,

Key points in the letter are as follows:

- (1) The Royal Government of Cambodia's sincere appreciation for the U.N. SG's principled and unwavering support for the ceasefire, which made possible through the leading efforts by H.E. Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America, H.E. Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia and current Chair of ASEAN, with the active and valuable participation of the PR China;
  - (2) Informed about Cambodia wholeheartedly embraces the ceasefire, and remains firmly committed to its full implementation in good faith, with the resolve not only to make it work, but also last.
  - (3) Cambodia remains seriously concerned about certain developments on the ground that could place this fragile progress at risk. At a time when both sides share the responsibility to uphold the ceasefire, recent actions attributed to Thai forces – including encroachments by patrolling troops into Cambodian positions and instances of small arms fire – have heightened tensions.
  - (4) Calls on partners and friends to urge Thailand to fully respect the ceasefire;
  - (5) Reiterated Cambodia's firm commitment and full readiness to work proactively and constructively with the ASEAN Chair, Thailand, other ASEAN Member States, and all concerned partners toward the swift establishment of a credible and impartial observation mechanism to monitor, verify, and report on the comprehensive and effective implementation of the ceasefire.
  - (6) Reiterated Cambodia remains steadfast in its commitment to uphold international law and the Charters of the United Nations and ASEAN.
2. In a Press Communique on 30 July 2025, the International Organisation de la Francophonie (OIF) calls on Thailand to respect the rulings of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) regarding its border disputes with Cambodia.

3. In a press briefing on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025, the Spokesperson of the Ministry of National Defence stressed that Cambodia reaffirms its firm commitment to the full and effective implementation of the ceasefire agreement between Cambodia and Thailand that came into effect midnight of July 28<sup>th</sup> 2025. In addition, the spokesperson also called for the prompt establishment of the observation mechanism, to be coordinated by Malaysia in its capacity as Chair of ASEAN, with the active participation of other ASEAN member states and concerned partner countries; expressed Cambodia's sincere gratitude to Malaysia for its kind facilitation and for providing the venue for the conduct of the General Border Committee (GBC) in Kuala Lumpur, and proposed that the three countries, Malaysia, the United States of America and the People's Republic of China to attend the GBC Extraordinary session as observers.
4. The Spokesperson of the Ministry of National Defence made an announcement on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025 that the 20 Cambodian troops are remained in Thailand's custody. Cambodia is actively engaging in negotiations to secure the release in an immediate and unconditional manner.
5. According to the Breaking DEFENCE news issued on 29 July 2025– The Royal Thai Airforce (RTAF) has confirmed that the Saab Gripen fighter aircraft were used against Cambodia over the weekend. According to media reports, the Gripens, alongside F-16s, conducted precision airstrike using GBU-12 laser-guided bombs on Cambodian territory. The question now is whether Thailand's use of the jet might impact Saab's next sale, which Thailand announced its plans to purchase 12 E/F Gripens. Spokesperson of Swedish MFA said that "it is of the utmost importance that international law, including international humanitarian law, is respected and that all parties work toward de-escalation, dialogue and a peaceful resolution of the conflict.
6. Spokesperson of the Ministry of National Defence of Cambodia – on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025, at 11h00a.m., the Thai side had returned only two Cambodian troops to Cambodia. Cambodia continues to urge the Thai side to promptly repatriate the remaining personnel in accordance with international law.