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The Results of Opinion Survey on the Cambodia-Thailand Border Area Disputes

On 17 June 2025, the Asia Vision Institute (AVI) conducted an opinion survey on the Cambodia-Thailand border area disputes to develop an understanding of the public opinion and perceptions of Cambodian people, particularly on the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC)'s actions in resolving the border area disputes with Thailand. AVI collected primary data via online communications means and interview with a total of 1,588 participants, including young age, middle age and old age, coming from diverse backgrounds including domestic and foreign workers, private sector, government officials, students, business and other groups.

The key results of the opinion survey showed that:

1. The overwhelming majority of Cambodian people (over 93.6%) are satisfied with the RGC's actions in resolving the Cambodian-Thailand border area disputes.
2. 99.8% of the Cambodian people totally support the RGC in resolving the border disputes in the areas of Mom Bei, Ta Moan Thom Temple, Ta Moan Tauch Temple, and Ta Krabei Temple through the International Court of Justice (ICJ) mechanism. Among those, Cambodian people (29.3%) value bilateral negotiations as long as they are connected with the mechanism of ICJ, and there is a small percentage of Cambodian people, approximately 1.1%, believe in using the existing bilateral mechanisms. Among all participants, almost none (approximately 0.2%) supports war.
3. 88.7% of Cambodian people are satisfied with the RGC's border closure in response to the unilateral border closure by the Thai military. In addition, 88.6% of Cambodian people support the consumption of local products.
4. 73.8% of Cambodian people believe that the border disputes were provoked by the Thai military, and 23.1% believe that they were provoked by extremist Thai nationalists, and Cambodian people believe that the government of Thailand has little power in governing the state of Thailand.
5. In response to the measures to put the armed forces on full alert 24 hours a day, 95.8% of Cambodian people support the national defense cause of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF) in preparing to defend and respond to the invasion from Thai military.

In overall, based on the above opinion survey, AVI can conclude that RGC possesses independence, sovereignty, ownership, and mature political experience, with a comprehensive, in-depth and far-sighted strategy in resolving the border area disputes with Thailand. In addition, the Cambodian people generally support and join hand with the RGC in taking actions to resolve the border area disputes with Thailand by receiving clear, accurate, and solid information and explanations from Cambodian leaders. In this connection, Cambodia chooses a peaceful solution based on international law, particularly through the mechanism of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), to maintain peace, friendship, and good cooperation with the neighboring countries for the concrete tangible benefits of the two people of Cambodia and Thailand.



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