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Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn hosted Field Visit to Oddar Meanchey and Siem Reap

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation hosted a field visit to the provinces of Oddar Meanchey and Siem Reap, on 1-2 August 2025, which was participated by heads and representatives of 26 Diplomatic Missions and specialized agencies of the United Nations.

The visiting delegation viewed the ground situation of two areas in Thmor Daun village and Tamone Sen Chey village, Kok Mon commune, Banteay Ampil district, Oddar Meanchey province, where several civilian structures, including homes, schools, health centers and religious site were damaged by Thai aerial bombing and shelling during the recent Cambodia-Thailand border conflict, before the 28 July ceasefire came into effect.

The delegation visited 2 temporary shelters for internally displaced people. The delegation interacted with 440 displaced families at the Phnom Thmor Kambor pagoda in Por Chas Village, Beng Commune, Oddar Meanchey Province, and 690 families at Prasat Banteay Srei pagoda in Sotnikum District, Siem Reap Province. According to the National Committee for Disaster Management of Cambodia, a total of 40,872 households or 136,013 persons, were displaced in five affected border provinces.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn conveyed love and heartfelt sympathies and condolences from Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen, President of the Senate, and Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadel HUN Mane Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia to everyone affected by the recent border

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conflict, in particular families of the civilians and armed forces who have been killed or injured. He assured the displaced communities of the firm commitment of the Royal Government of Cambodia to making every possible effort to alleviate their hardship and safe return to their homes as soon as possible, by ensuring full and effective ceasefire.

Members the diplomatic corps and United Nations Agencies who joined the site visit expressed deep condolences to the bereaved families for the loss of their loved ones, and conveyed sincere sympathies to all those affected by the armed clashes. They emphasized the importance of full respect and effective implementation of the ceasefire agreement, as a critical step toward achieving a peaceful and lasting resolution. In general, they expressed hope that complete peace would be restored soon, and welcomed the upcoming meeting of the General Border Committee (from 4 to 7 August 2025). They voiced strong support for the continued dialogue between Cambodia and Thailand, with the goal of achieving a durable peace that would enable displaced communities to return homes and resume their lives in safety and dignity.

During this visit, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn also had a separate program to visit and hand over some gifts to the Cambodian armed forces, in Samrong City, Oddar Meanchey Province.

