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**Briefing on Cambodia-Thailand Border Developments by Her Excellency Eat Sophea,  
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation**

On 15 August 2025, Her Excellency Eat Sophea, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, conducted a briefing to members of the diplomatic corps and representatives of United Nations agencies in Cambodia on the latest developments along the Cambodia-Thailand border.

Her Excellency the Acting Minister provided an overview of the **Special Meeting on the Situation between Cambodia and Thailand**, held on 28 July 2025 in Putrajaya, Malaysia, which resulted in a ceasefire agreement. She further updated participants on the **Extraordinary Meeting of the Cambodia-Thailand General Border Committee (GBC)**, in Malaysia, which was successfully concluded on 7 August 2025, with encouraging progress on the implementation of the ceasefire and initial steps toward restoring normalcy.

The Acting Minister expressed Cambodia's **deep concern over rising threats to the fragile truce**, citing ongoing activities by Thai forces—including troop movements, road and trench construction using heavy machinery, drone incursions into Cambodian airspace, demolition of homes, and the installation of barbed wire and physical barriers. These actions have, in effect, obstructed Cambodian villagers from accessing their homes.

Reaffirming Cambodia's **strong commitment to the ceasefire**, Her Excellency Eat Sophea appealed to Malaysia, as ASEAN Chair, and other relevant partners to expedite the establishment of the **ASEAN Observers Team (AOT)**, particularly through the swift finalization of its Terms of Reference (TOR). She thanked Malaysia for its proactive role in this regard and emphasized Cambodia's principled position that **no international border should be altered by force**, and urged Thailand to fully honor and implement the ceasefire agreement and to resolve all border disputes in accordance with international law.



Her Excellency Eat Sophea **categorically rejected allegations** that Cambodia had planted new landmines, reiterating the Kingdom's unwavering adherence to the **Ottawa Convention** and its enduring commitment to peace. She affirmed Cambodia's readiness to begin **joint demining operations** with Thailand in clearly demarcated or undisputed areas, stressing that in disputed zones, **full and effective implementation of the 28 July 2025 ceasefire agreement** and the **Agreed Minutes of the 7 August 2025 GBC Meeting** is essential. This is crucial for ensuring peace and stability, and for creating the conditions necessary for the Joint Commission on Demarcation for Land Boundary to resume its work on the ground.

Her Excellency Eat Sophea also highlighted the outcome of the **Tea Chat Meeting**, held on the sidelines of the Mekong-Lancang Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 14 August 2025 in Anning, Yunnan Province, China, which was participated by the Foreign Ministers of Cambodia, China, and Thailand. During this meeting, Cambodia and Thailand reaffirmed the commitment to enhance engagement, improve communication, and work towards the **early resumption of normal exchanges** and the restoration of stability along the border. She expressed gratitude to China for convening this important meeting and for its commitment to continue playing a constructive role, particularly in assisting with **demining in the border areas** agreed by both Cambodia and Thailand.

This marked the **third official briefing** by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to the Diplomatic Corps and UN agencies accredited to the Kingdom of Cambodia, aimed at keeping them informed of the latest developments along the Cambodia-Thailand border.



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