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**Briefing on Developments of the Cambodia-Thailand Border Issue  
in the Areas of Prey Chan and Chok Chey Villages**

On the morning of 25 September 2025, Her Excellency EAT Sophea, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, met with members of the Diplomatic Corps and representatives of United Nations agencies to brief them on recent developments concerning the Cambodia–Thailand border issue. The meeting was also attended by representatives from other relevant ministries and institutions.

Her Excellency EAT Sophea stated that following the entry into force of the ceasefire at 24:00 hours (local time) on 28 July 2025, and the agreement on ceasefire terms reached between Cambodia and Thailand at the Extraordinary Meeting of the General Border Committee (GBC) on 7 August 2025, Cambodia has made continuous efforts to implement the agreement. These efforts have resulted in the successful convening of four meetings of the Regional Border Committee (RBC) and the First Special Meeting of the GBC. At all of these meetings, Cambodia has consistently demonstrated goodwill in seeking concrete measures to reduce tensions, build mutual confidence, and restore normalcy in relations between the two countries and their peoples.

Regarding practical cooperation, Her Excellency Eat Sophea informed the participants that the Joint Coordinating Task Forces for Humanitarian Mine Action and for Combating Cross-Border Crime from both countries have met and achieved several notable outcomes, in line with the spirit of the First Special GBC Meeting. She further emphasized that Cambodia remains fully committed to continued coordination



with the Thai side to convene RBC meetings in a timely manner, even as Thailand undergoes adjustments and changes in its regional military leadership.

She also noted that, despite these positive developments, the Deputy Spokesperson of the Royal Thai Army, the Sa Kaeo provincial administration, and certain Thai media outlets have presented and disseminated to both national and international public satellite imagery and maps showing boundary pillar locations in the areas of Prey Chan Village and Chouk Chey Village, O'Bei Choan Commune, O'Chrov District, Banteay Meanchey Province. Some bilateral documents and other information were also used in these presentations, creating a misleading impression of the boundary situation. This has, in effect, served to validate the expansion of the scope of the conflict and justify generating tensions through unlawful expulsion of Cambodian civilians from homes and lands they have inhabited and relied upon for decades.

Specifically, on 19 September 2025, the Facebook page "Royal Thai Army: Update" published information about the same border case, inaccurately suggesting that the heads of the Cambodia–Thailand Joint Survey Teams—H.E. Lay Siengly and General Chhakan Bunphakdy—had officially signed recognition of the boundary in the area of Prey Chan Village, located between Border Pillars No. 42 and No. 43, during 2016 and 2017. In response, the State Secretariat of Border Affairs issued a statement on 20 September 2025 rejecting this claim.

Her Excellency Eat Sophea further emphasized that even using the unofficial line unilaterally drawn by Thailand on satellite imagery—between Border Pillars 42 and 43, and Border Pillars 44 and 47—the actual situation on the ground clearly shows that Thai civilians are occupying and exploiting territory on the Cambodian side of the border.

Acknowledging the complexity and sensitivity of border issues, Her Excellency stressed the importance of addressing such matters carefully and precisely, while upholding the principles and agreements previously reached by both parties. In this regard, she called for close cooperation between Cambodia and Thailand in fully implementing the spirit of the Special GBC Meeting of 10 September 2025, particularly Agenda Item 8.1, in which both sides agreed to refer the disputes concerning Prey





Chan and Chok Chey Villages to the Joint Boundary Commission ( JBC ) as a matter of priority.

Her Excellency Eat Sophea also recalled that the same GBC Meeting assigned the Governors of Banteay Meanchey Province ( Cambodia ) and Sa Kaeo Province ( Thailand ) to jointly manage the situation on the ground in a peaceful manner, including the cessation of all activities that could exacerbate disputes or escalate tensions, pending a resolution from the JBC.

On this occasion, Her Excellency EAT Sophea reaffirmed Cambodia's unwavering commitment to upholding and implementing the ceasefire terms and all previously agreed arrangements, while strictly adhering to the principle of resolving all disputes through peaceful means. This commitment is grounded in international law and the Memorandum of Understanding on the Survey and Demarcation of the Land Boundary between the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand ( MOU 2000 ), which remains a binding treaty between the two nations.

In conclusion, she expressed her sincere gratitude to members of the Diplomatic Corps and the representatives of United Nations agencies for their continued support of the ceasefire between Cambodia and Thailand. She also thanked them for encouraging both parties to resolve the dispute peacefully, in accordance with international law, avoiding the use or threat of force, and working towards the swift restoration of normalcy in bilateral relations, in the supreme interest of both nations and their peoples.



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