



Cambodian Human Rights Committee

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To: His Excellency Mr. Volker Türk

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

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Subject: Follow-up on Urgent Appeal Concerning the Use of Disturbing Sounds as a Form of Psychological Persecution, Intimidation, and Harassment along the Cambodia–Thailand Border by the Thai Armed Force

Excellency,

The Cambodian Human Rights Committee (CHRC) respectfully reiterates its urgent appeal, dated 11 October 2025, concerning the use of disturbing sounds as a method of psychological persecution, intimidation, and harassment along the Cambodia–Thailand border by Thailand.

As reported by Thai daily newspaper, *Khaosod English* (17 October 2025), a convoy of vehicles equipped with large sound system have gathered at Ban Nong Chan to broadcast from 17–19 October 2025. These sound systems reportedly generated **extreme noise levels** far exceeding safe human exposure limits. Scientific literature indicates that exposure above 140 decibels can rupture eardrums, while levels approaching 200 decibels may cause fatal internal injury. Any action to project such intensities constitutes a severe and deliberate assault on human health and dignity.

Such extreme noise poses a grave threat to residents of **Chouk Chay** villages, including women, children, the elderly, the sick, and persons with disabilities. These hostile and provocative actions exemplify a **“law-of-the-jungle” approach**, that flagrantly disregards established international legal norms. Beyond endangering individual safety, they undermine **regional stability** and erode the credibility and effectiveness of **international human rights mechanisms** designed to protect innocent and vulnerable populations.

The CHRC notes that even Thai public figures—including a Senator, law enforcement officials, a Human Rights Watch advisor, and political party leaders—have acknowledged that the use of disturbing sounds for psychological intimidation constitutes a serious violation of human rights and international law, particularly under the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT).

In light of the above, the CHRC respectfully urges the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to undertake timely and concrete measures, including **an on-site observation mission** to the Cambodia–Thailand border area at the earliest opportunity, where serious human rights violations have been reported.

The CHRC emphasizes that a lack of timely and concrete action risks being interpreted as acquiescence to, or tacit disregard of, grave violations of international human rights and humanitarian law. Such inaction would risk setting a dangerous precedent of impunity, thereby weakening the credibility and effectiveness of the international human rights protection system.

Cambodia has deliberately refrained from retaliatory measures, despite ongoing provocations, out of deep respect for international mechanisms and a firm commitment to the rule of law, mindful that any escalation would endanger civilians on both sides—especially their fundamental right to life and security.

The CHRC remains committed to cooperating with *Your Excellency* and your esteemed office in addressing this serious matter and safeguarding the human rights of all innocent civilians along the Cambodia–Thailand border.

Please accept, *Excellency*, the assurances of my highest consideration. 

Respectfully yours,



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