

Press Statement
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Outcomes of the 2nd Special Meeting of the General Border Committee (GBC)
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Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Press,

It is my great honour to brief you on the results of today's 2nd Special Meeting of the General Border Committee (GBC) between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Kingdom of Thailand, which I co-chaired with H.E. General Nattaphon Narkphanit, Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of Thailand. This meeting was observed by the representative of the Malaysian, representatives from the United States, and members of the Interim Observer Teams in Cambodia and Thailand. I would like to express my profound gratitude to our Malaysian and American friends for their exceptional efforts in facilitating this highly fruitful meeting today.

Our meeting here today is a crucial follow-up of the Special Meeting between **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and His Excellency **Phumtham Wechayachai**, Acting Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, held in Putrajaya, Malaysia, on 28 July 2025, hosted by Malaysia and co-organized by the United States with the active participation of the People's Republic of China and to follow up on the positive outcomes of the Extraordinary GBC Meeting in Kuala Lumpur on 7 August 2025, and the 1st Special GBC Meeting in Koh Kong Province, Cambodia, to reach consensus on important documents to enhance the practical cooperation needed to promote peace and stability between the two countries, and facilitating a swift return to normalcy.

From 20 to 22 October 2025, the Secretariat teams from both sides held meetings here in Kuala Lumpur in a very cordial and constructive atmosphere for the preparation of the 2nd Special General Border Committee (GBC) Meeting.

Both sides agreed on a number of key mechanisms designed to de-escalate tensions through the establishment of the initial action plan on the removal of heavy and destructive weapons back to their respective normal military installations. This plan will be implemented under the observation and verification of the ASEAN Observer Team (AOT). Importantly, the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the establishment of the ASEAN Observer Team (AOT) was officially signed by the GBC Co-Chairs today.

The two sides have agreed on a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for humanitarian demining operation. This SOP is aimed at directly contributing to socio-economic development and protecting the lives of citizens, while simultaneously ensuring the maintenance of national sovereignty and territorial integrity. In particular, a consensus has not yet been reached on the priority areas for humanitarian demining operation. Consequently, the two sides will continue to meet and hold discussions to identify these priority areas.

We also reached an agreement on an action plan for cooperation on the prevention and suppression transnational crime including cyber scam and human trafficking between the Cambodian National

Police and the Royal Thai Police. Both sides reaffirmed their strong support for the efforts of the relevant institutions of both countries and committed to mutual information sharing. This cooperation aims to ensure that these critical issues are addressed effectively, in full accordance with national laws and humanitarian principles.

I welcome and highly appreciate the peace agreement between Cambodia and Thailand, which is scheduled to be signed on October 26, 2025, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This landmark agreement was successfully facilitated by the United States and Malaysia, demonstrating a shared spirit of building mutual trust and confidence, and a firm commitment to improving relations and achieving a return to normalcy between the two countries. Crucially, the signing of the Kuala Lumpur Peace Agreement will also pave the way for the release of the 18 detained Cambodian soldiers.

Finally, we agreed that the next Special General Border Committee Meeting will be held within 90 days or as necessary after this meeting, with Cambodia as the host.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterated Cambodia firm commitment to maintain and elevate peace, stability and cooperation with all neighboring and friendly countries.

Thank you!