



Cambodian Human Rights Committee

Statement of the Cambodian Human Rights Committee

“Sexual Violence: A Grave Crime and Serious Human Rights Violation that Must be Unequivocally Punished”

The Cambodian Human Rights Committee (CHRC) unequivocally condemns the continuing acts committed by the Thai Armed Forces against Cambodian civilians—acts that are cruel, inhumane, and in blatant violation of international human rights and international humanitarian law.

The CHRC notes with grave concern Thailand’s persistent record of discrimination, intimidation, and violence against Cambodian migrant workers employed within its territory.

During this conflict, the Thai Armed Forces have carried out unprovoked attacks and bombings on Cambodia, erected barbed wire to seize the homes, land, and farmland of Cambodian citizens, and used disturbing sounds as a form of psychological warfare—particularly targeting women, children, persons with disabilities, and the sick. Furthermore, eighteen (18) Cambodian soldiers remain in Thai military custody despite the signing of the Joint Declaration of 26 October 2025. As of 18 November 2025, one hundred and twelve (112) days have elapsed since their capture.

On 12 November 2025, Thai soldiers launched an unprovoked attack against innocent Cambodian civilians, resulting in deaths, injuries, and the forced displacement of hundreds of families in the dead of night.

Recently, on the night of 15 November 2025, an 18-year-old Cambodian female migrant worker returning home from Thailand was brutally gang-raped by seven Thai black-uniformed soldiers.

The CHRC condemns this abhorrent act in the strongest possible terms, affirming that sexual violence constitutes a grave crime and a serious violation of human rights that must be severely punished.

The CHRC underscores that Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, has consistently instructed Cambodian citizens to refrain from any form of discrimination or violence against Thai nationals, Thai businesspeople, or Thai inmates in Cambodian prisons.

The CHRC urgently calls on the competent Thai authorities to immediately bring the perpetrators to justice in accordance with international and domestic law, and to ensure justice and adequate reparations for the victims. The CHRC further appeals to the international community to hold the Thai government accountable and to press Thailand to fulfill its obligations under international human rights and international humanitarian law.

Failure to act swiftly and deliver justice would expose Thailand as a state that undermines the rule of law and shields perpetrators from accountability.

Cambodia reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the principles of international law and to mutual respect between nations.

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