



Cambodian Human Rights Committee

Statement of the Cambodian Human Rights Committee

“The Indiscriminate Attacks by the Thai Armed Forces against Cambodia Constitute War Crimes and Grave Violations of Human Rights (Geneva Convention: Protection of Civilians in War)”

The Cambodian Human Rights Committee (CHRC) expresses its profound concern and strongly condemns the barbaric attacks carried out by the Thai military under the command of Lieutenant General Weerayuth Raksil, Commander of Thailand’s 2nd Army Region, and Lieutenant General Worayos Luangsuwan, Commander of the 1st Army Region. These acts of aggression involved the use of a wide range of heavy artillery, including mortars, tanks, war planes and toxic smoke, against populated areas in the Cambodian provinces of Banteay Meanchey, Pursat, Oddar Meanchey, Battambang, and Preah Vihear. The Thai forces deliberately and disproportionately escalates the attack to a non-combative zones targeting civilians and the destruction of ancient temples that are protected national and world heritage sites. As of the morning of 11 December 2025, the attacks have resulted in 10 civilian deaths, 50 injuries, and nearly 200,000 displaced persons.

These inhumane and brutal acts constitute serious violations of fundamental principles of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, and amount to war crimes. It must be emphasized that under the 1949 Geneva Conventions, attacks directed against civilians or civilian objects are absolutely prohibited. Moreover, Thailand's use of toxic military smokes is a flagrant violation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, to which Thailand is a State Party.

The CHRC will lodge additional urgent appeals regarding the brutal and barbaric attacks of the Thai military, Mr. Weerayuth Raksil, Commander of Thailand’s 2nd Army Region, and Mr. Worayos Luangsuwan, Commander of Thailand’s 1st Army Region, to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva and to other relevant stakeholders, to call for an independent investigation for immediate and effective measures, and full accountability under the law. These urgent appeals serve as important and traceable documentation for investigation, assessment and verification within the UN Human Rights Council mechanisms and under international human rights treaty procedures concerning the serious human rights violations committed by Thai authorities against Cambodia.

CHRC would like to further emphasized on the repeated unprovoked attacks launched by the Thai Armed Forces against Cambodia using all types of weapons, including F-16 fighter jets and toxic smoke, as a grave violation of international law, international humanitarian law, the Ceasefire Agreement, and the Joint Declaration on the Peace Agreement between Cambodia and Thailand, signed in Kuala Lumpur in the presence of U.S. President Donald J. Trump and Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim.

The CHRC strongly urges the international and regional community to exert strong pressure on Thailand to immediately cease these unlawful actions and to condemn Lieutenant General

Weerayuth Raksil, Lieutenant General Worayos Luangsuwan, and other responsible individuals, and ensure they are held fully accountable under international law for the harm caused by Thailand's aggression.

Cambodia is fully committed to adhere to the Ceasefire Agreement and the Kuala Lumpur Peace Accord. Cambodia reaffirms our commitment to peace and peaceful resolution of disputes in line with international law.

The CHRC will continue to monitor, document, and fully report these human rights violations and stand in solidarity with all Cambodian civilians affected by these criminal military acts of the Thai military. *P*

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