

Press Release
On the Impacts on Civilian Areas and Cambodian Civilians Resulting from Acts of Aggression by the Thai Government and Military Against Cambodia's Sovereign Territory from 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM on 21 December 2025



From 7 December until 1:00 PM on 21 December 2025, acts of aggression by the Thai Government and Military against Cambodia's sovereign territory, particularly the firing and dropping of various types of munitions into civilian areas, have resulted in the deaths of 19 Cambodian civilians, injuries to 79 others, extensive damage to homes, property, and physical infrastructure, and a growing number of displaced persons, both in provinces directly affected by the aggression and in other provinces. **From 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM on 21 December, the impacts are as follows:**

- 1. Deaths and Injuries:** There are no additional civilian casualties or injuries.
- 2. Displacement of Civilians:** There is a total of **517,815 displaced persons**, including **269,768 women** and **165,216 children**. These figures may continue to change.
- 3. Destruction of Civilian Physical Infrastructure:** There is no additional property damage. Therefore, since 7 December, the total damage includes 76 civilian houses, five schools, one health center, one market, a few ancient temples, five pagodas, one almsgiving hall, one monks' dormitory, one customs and excise office building, nine privately owned buildings, three hotels, one community agricultural center, two concrete bridges, one steel bridge, one ancient bridge, one bridgehead, one gas station, 28 vehicles, one vehicle warehouse, and one cassava purchasing warehouse. At present, more than half a million Cambodian civilians, including women and children, are suffering severe hardship due to forced displacement from their homes and schools to escape artillery shells, rockets, and aerial bombardments carried out by Thailand's F-16 aircraft, which have repeatedly destroyed their homes and communities.

The Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia fully supports the position reaffirmed by **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet** to the Chinese Special Envoy. We warmly welcome the Special ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting on the Current Situation between Cambodia and Thailand, to be held in Malaysia on 22 December, which aims to foster mutual understanding and confidence, promote the de-escalation of tensions, and restore peace, stability, and good neighbourly relations. We are optimistic that the Thai side will demonstrate sincerity and adhere to the principles of peaceful resolution, dialogue, and diplomacy, in accordance with existing mechanisms, international law, the Charter of the United Nations, and the ASEAN Charter, in order to bring about peace for the people on both sides, which is a shared objective of people in the region and the world.

The Ministry of Interior takes great pride in all Cambodian citizens who have united in spirit and stood shoulder to shoulder in support of the national defense strategy led by **Samdech Techo Hun Sen** and **Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet**. **This powerful unity has provided tremendous strength to the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces under the Ministry of National Defence and the Border Protection Police under the Ministry of Interior**, who are courageously defending the integrity of the national territory. We respectfully call upon our fellow citizens to continue strengthening this single Khmer spirit of unity and to uphold it permanently.

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