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**Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn had a telephone call with UK Minister on
Cambodia-Thailand Border Situation**

On the afternoon of 18 December 2025, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, discussed the Cambodia-Thailand border situation in a telephone conversation with Her Excellency Seema Malhotra MP, Minister for Indo-Pacific of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom.

At the outset, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister thanked the United Kingdom for consistently supporting the Cambodia-Thailand peace process, particularly the Ceasefire Agreement of 28 July and the Kuala Lumpur Joint Declaration signed on 26 October 2025. He reaffirmed Cambodia's unwavering commitment to the peaceful dispute settlement, while underscoring the country's firm adherence to the agreed ceasefire and the Joint Declaration, noting with regret that the Thai side has unilaterally withdrawn from these arrangements.

His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn briefed Her Excellency Seema Malhotra on Cambodia's grave concerns over the deteriorating humanitarian situation, with nearly half a million Cambodians already displaced while the number is growing, as Thai forces continue their indiscriminate assault. He highlighted that the worsening situation is no longer confined to the border areas, as attacks are extended deep into Cambodia's territory, reaching distances of up to 90 kilometers from the border. In this regard, he underscored the urgent need to stop Thailand's illegal armed aggression against Cambodia.

In response, Her Excellency Seema Malhotra conveyed her deep condolences for the loss of lives and her heartfelt sympathies to the affected families and communities. She expressed serious concern over the harm on civilian lives and



facilities, and underscored the United Kingdom's strong desire to see an end to this armed conflict. She expressed the United Kingdom's keen interest in playing a constructive and stabilizing role, alongside ASEAN and other partners, in support of a peaceful resolution and the prevention of further escalation. She also emphasized the importance of both sides engaging constructively within the ASEAN framework and expressed hope for a positive outcome from the forthcoming ASEAN Ministerial Meeting.



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