



Cambodian Human Rights Committee

## Statement of the Cambodian Human Rights Committee

*“Thailand’s Indiscriminate Attacks Against Cambodia Constitute the Crime of Aggression, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, and Serious Human Rights Violations”*

The Cambodian Human Rights Committee (CHRC) vehemently condemns Thailand’s continued brutal and barbaric attacks, deploying heavy weaponry, F-16 and T-50TH fighter jets, naval warships, the use of toxic smoke, and cluster munitions against populated areas in the Cambodian provinces of Banteay Meanchey, Pursat, Oddar Meanchey, Battambang, Preah Vihear, and Koh Kong.

The intensified airstrikes, bombardment of towns, and armed aggression have killed 21 Cambodian civilians and injured 83 others as of 24 December, 2025. The number of displaced persons has sharply risen to 607,980, while civilian infrastructure has been destroyed, including homes, ancient temple sites, private buildings, residential buildings/hotels, gas stations, potato warehouses, storage facilities, telecommunication antenna towers, schools, health centers, government buildings, pagodas, bridges, markets, roads, cars, and motorcycles.

These cruel and inhumane acts do not only constitute violations of Cambodia’s sovereignty and territorial integrity, but also represent grave violations of the fundamental human rights of the Cambodian people, particularly the right to life and personal security of civilians, and the right to property, which are firmly protected under international human rights law. Furthermore, attacks directed against civilians and civilian property are blatant violations of international humanitarian law, especially the fundamental principles of the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols, which strictly prohibit attacks on civilians and require the protection of civilian populations at all times.


The cross-border use of military force and attacks against the territory of another sovereign state, without lawful grounds of self-defense constitute the Crime of Aggression under international statutes. Widespread and systematic attacks against civilians and civilian objects, and the destruction of cultural heritage, amount to War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity that must entail international legal responsibility and full accountability.

**The CHRC will submit additional urgent appeals concerning these brutal and barbaric acts committed by the Thai Government and armed forces to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva and to other relevant stakeholders, urging condemnation and the immediate and firm application of all available mechanisms, as well as demanding full accountability before the law. These urgent appeals serve as important and traceable documentation for investigation and assessment within various human rights mechanisms of the UN Human Rights Council and international human rights treaty bodies regarding the grave human rights violations committed by the Thai forces against Cambodia.**

It should be emphasized that the Thai military has repeatedly launched unprovoked attacks against Cambodia using weapons of all types, including F-16 and T-50TH fighter jets penetrating deeply into Cambodia's sovereign territory. These acts of aggression must not be viewed under mere pretense of border disputes as they gravely breach international laws and violate the ceasefire agreements and the Joint Statement 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. Moreover, His Excellency Donald J. Trump has recently stated: ***"You know they [Thailand] started with Cambodia. They [Thailand] started again"***, unequivocally confirming that Cambodia is the victim of Thailand's aggression and has the full right to exercise self-defense in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

In this context, the CHRC urgently calls upon the international community, the United Nations, international and regional human rights organizations, and all relevant stakeholders to utilize all available mechanisms to unequivocally condemn Thailand to immediately cease its acts of aggression, the illegal use of military force, and disproportionate attacks against civilians, and to ensure full accountability from those responsible for these violations.

The CHRC reiterates that peace, security, and respect for human rights cannot be achieved through the use of weapons and violence. Any violation of international law must be unequivocally condemned and addressed through justice, in order to safeguard regional peace and global order.

The CHRC continues to monitor, document, and comprehensively report on these human rights violations and remain steadfast in solidarity with all Cambodian people who have suffered from the criminal acts committed by Thailand. 

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