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**A Telephone Conversation between Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn and
His Excellency Jean-Noël BARROT on Cambodia-Thailand Border Conflict**

On the afternoon of 23 December 2025, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister **PRAK Sokhonn**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, held a telephone conversation with His Excellency **Jean-Noël BARROT**, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, concerning the ongoing Cambodia-Thailand border conflict.

At the outset, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister expressed Cambodia's profound gratitude for France's steadfast support in seeking a peaceful resolution to the Cambodia-Thailand border conflict, in accordance with international law, particularly the Ceasefire Agreement of 28 July 2025 and the Kuala Lumpur Joint Declaration of 26 October 2025. He informed his French counterpart of the grave impact of the ongoing hostilities, which have displaced more than half a million Cambodian civilians and created a serious humanitarian crisis. He underscored that the indiscriminate attacks by Thailand have destroyed civilian infrastructure and inflicted significant damage on ancient Cambodian temples, including UNESCO World Heritage Sites. He also voiced deep concern over the deteriorating situation, noting that Thai military aggression, by land, sea, and air, has penetrated up to 90 kilometers into Cambodian territory, constituting an invasion of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Cambodia, a member state of ASEAN.

In this regard, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister emphasized the urgent need for the immediate cessation of Thailand's military incursions.

Furthermore, His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister briefed His Excellency **Jean-Noël BARROT** on the outcomes of the Special ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting on the current situation between Cambodia and Thailand, held on 22 December 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He also outlined the diplomatic efforts undertaken by Malaysia (as ASEAN Chair), as well as by China through the visit of the Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of its Ministry of Foreign



Affairs, and the United States, all aimed at facilitating an immediate end to the armed conflict between Cambodia and Thailand.

In response, **His Excellency Jean-Noël BARROT** commended the ASEAN Chair's statement delivered at the Special ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting on the Cambodia–Thailand situation, held on 22 December 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which emphasized the resumption of dialogue to resolve the border conflict. He also welcomed the convening of the General Border Committee on 24 December 2025 as a positive step forward. Furthermore, he expressed France's support for the initiatives undertaken by Malaysia, China, and the United States to achieve a peaceful resolution through diplomatic channels.

During the conversation, the two Foreign Ministers also took the opportunity to exchange views on ways to further strengthen the longstanding bonds of friendship between Cambodia and France, and recalled the historic visit of then French General Charles de Gaulle to the Kingdom of Cambodia, during which he delivered his renowned speech calling for respect for Cambodia's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

In closing, **His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn** reaffirmed Cambodia's unwavering commitment to a peaceful, just, and lasting solution grounded in international law and existing treaties and agreements. He emphasized the need for the full, honest, and sincere implementation of an immediate ceasefire, the cessation of hostilities, and the rebuilding of mutual trust. He also reiterated Cambodia's demand, as outlined in the joint statement, for the immediate release of all 18 detained Cambodian soldiers.



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