

Press Release

On the Impacts on Civilian Areas and Cambodian Civilians Resulting from Acts of Aggression by the Thai Side Against Cambodia's Sovereign Territory from 6:00 PM on 25 December until 7:00 AM on 26 December 2025



From 6:00 PM on 25 December until 7:00 AM on 26 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 following severe impacts:

1. Deaths and Injuries: There were no additional deaths or injuries. In total, since 7 December, there have been 30 civilian deaths and 88 injuries.

2. Displacement of Civilians: Since 7 December, there is a total of **644,442 displaced persons**, including **336,240 women** and **204,992 children**. These figures may continue to change.

3. Destruction of Civilian Physical Infrastructure: **3 civilian houses** and **one government office building** in Battambang Province were damaged. In total, since 7 December, **damage to private property** includes 145 civilian houses, 6 privately owned buildings, 5 apartments/hotels, one gas station, 27 cars, one motorcycle, one cassava purchasing warehouse, one storage warehouse, and 2 cell towers. **Damage to public property** includes 6 schools, 2 health centers, 14 government office buildings, 5 pagodas, one almsgiving hall, one vehicle, a number of ancient temples, 5 bridges, one market, and 3 road sections. As of now, more than half a million Cambodian people, of whom over 50% are women and more than 30% are children, are suffering severe hardship after being forced to flee gunfire, light and heavy artillery shelling, and aerial bombings by Thailand's fighter jets, which have repeatedly destroyed their homes, schools, and communities. In particular, as of the morning of 26 December, preliminary official reports have confirmed that additional civilian injuries occurred in Phsar Kandal Commune, Poipet City, as a result of shrapnel from Thai artillery shells.

In accordance with its long-standing principled commitment to the pursuit of peace, the **Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia** expresses its full support for the substance of the telephone conversation held on the night of 25 December 2025 between **Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet**, Prime Minister of Cambodia, and **the Honorable Marco Rubio**, Secretary of State of the United States of America. During the discussion, **the Honorable Secretary** reaffirmed the position of the United States in favor of peace and stability and emphasized efforts to encourage the swift implementation of a ceasefire. In response, **Samdech Thipadei** reiterated Cambodia's steadfast commitment to strictly adhere to the spirit of the Kuala Lumpur Joint Declaration and expressed the hope that both parties would continue to cooperate constructively in accordance with existing agreements.

Today marks the twentieth consecutive day during which the Thai Government and military forces have violated the sovereignty of the Kingdom of Cambodia and committed crimes in violation of international law. Throughout this period, the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces and Border Protection Police, under the national defense strategy of **Samdech Techo Hun Sen** and **Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet**, have resolutely and courageously carried out their duties to safeguard the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the nation. Concurrently, the spirit of national unity and solidarity among the Cambodian people has grown increasingly strong, as all Cambodians everywhere have united with unwavering resolve, demonstrating confidence in and providing profound moral support to the national leadership and frontline forces, while also actively contributing to alleviating the hardships faced by displaced civilians. The Ministry of Interior takes great pride in formally recording this significant historical moment and respectfully calls upon all Cambodian citizens to continue upholding and preserving this enduring culture of unity and solidarity for generations to come.

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