

Press Release
on the Situation Following the Ceasefire Agreement from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM on 31 December 2025



From 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM on 31 December 2025, the heroic Cambodian forces and the Thai military have implemented the ceasefire, resulting in a calm situation during which displaced civilians gradually resumed residence in their homes, and all 18 Cambodian heroic soldiers safely repatriated to the country in accordance with the Joint Statement of the 3rd Special General Border Committee (GBC) at the Prum International Border Crossing in Pailin Province on 27 December 2025.

1. Situation of Displaced Persons: According to preliminary report, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM on 31 December, 2025, **55,596** displaced persons have continued to return to their homes. Meanwhile, **Koh Kong Province** no longer has any displaced persons staying in safety camps. As a result, the remaining number of displaced persons stands at 517,555, including 269,954 women and 161,989 children.

2. The Continued Closure and Resumption of Essential Public Services: In **Banteay Meanchey Province**, 321 schools (237 public and 84 private), and 7 hospitals/health centers, remain temporarily closed, while 9 schools, 15 hospitals/health centers, and a number of provincial and city/district administrative offices have resumed operations. In **Preah Vihear Province**, 61 schools and 14 hospitals/health centers remain temporarily closed, while 1 district administration and 6 commune administrations have resumed operations. In **Oddar Meanchey Province**, 218 schools, 14 hospitals/health centers, 1 provincial administration, 2 municipal/district administrations, 9 commune-sangkat administrations, and 1 administrative police station remain temporarily closed. Meanwhile, 42 schools, 4 hospitals/health centers, 3 district administrations, 10 security force units, 15 commune administrations, and 23 administrative police stations have resumed operations. As for **Koh Kong Province**, 62 schools have reopened out of 66 schools that had been temporarily closed.

3. Measures to Rehabilitate Houses and Villages of Displaced Persons: In **Oddar Meanchey Province**, 11,130 families equal to 39,750 civilians have returned to reside in their homes, and a total of 84 villages remains inaccessible for civilian to return, while preparations for resettlement have been completed in 172 villages by the relevant authorities and officials. In **Banteay Meanchey Province**, 29,357 families equal to 110,924 civilians have returned to reside in their homes. Overall, **the Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia**, in coordination with relevant institutions and provincial, municipal, district, and commune-sangkat administrations, is focusing its attention on reviewing and addressing multiple priority matters in order to ensure the restoration of normalcy of basic public services across cities, districts, and communes-sangkats, particularly in border provinces that were closed or suspended in the past period, as well as creating favorable conditions for displaced persons to return to their homes safely and as soon as possible. These efforts include addressing immediate needs related to damaged houses and villages, clearing unexploded ordnance, as well as **reviewing and continuing the prohibition on the operation of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones)** in all locations and at all times until further notice.

With regard to the latest developments in the pursuit of peace, **the Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia** hereby expresses its support for the firm and clear stance of **Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet**, who has emphasized that **the implementation of the ceasefire does not constitute surrender, nor does it involve exchanging territorial integrity or national sovereignty for peace**. On the contrary, this approach is firmly grounded in the principle of safeguarding the lives of civilians and protecting national sovereignty through peaceful means in accordance with international law, with the aim of ending hostility

between the two countries. Furthermore, the Ministry calls upon fellow citizens to place their trust in the Royal Government, to unite under the single spirit of Khmer national solidarity, and to transform this hardship into an opportunity for all Cambodians to work hand in hand to build a stronger and more prosperous nation. At the same time, **the Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia** expresses its appreciation for another positive outcome arising from the implementation of the Royal Government's "**Quiet but Not Silent**" strategy, namely the safe and dignified repatriation of all 18 Cambodian heroic soldiers on 31 December 2025.

The Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia respectfully expresses its sincere gratitude and full support for **Samdech Techo Hun Sen** and **Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet** for the soundly formulated and effective national defense strategy, which has provided the Cambodian people, both within the country and abroad, with an increased sense of reassurance. In particular, the Ministry extends its recognition to the frontline forces who maintained a firm and resolute presence for **20 nights and 21 days** in defense of national sovereignty and the people. **We pay our deepest respect and tribute to the fallen heroes and share in the sorrow and mourning of their families, honoring their sacrifice and service to the nation.** We also wish a swift and full recovery to the wounded forces who are currently receiving medical treatment in hospitals. May our fellow citizens continue to uphold the enduring spirit of Khmer unity forever.

Phnom Penh, 31 December 2025