

Press Release
on the Situation Following the Ceasefire Agreement from 6:00 PM on 31 December 2025
to 1:00 PM on 1 January 2026



From 6:00 PM on 31 December 2025 to 1:00 PM on 1 January 2026, 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 were 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 6:00 PM on 31 December, 2025 to 1:00 PM on 1 January 2026, **5,192** displaced persons continued to return to their homes, resulting in a remaining total of **512,263** displaced persons, including **267,063** 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**, 212 schools, 14 hospitals/health centers, 1 provincial administration, 2 municipal/district administrations, 9 commune-sangkat administrations, and 1 administrative police station remain temporarily closed, while 48 schools, 7 hospitals/health centers, 3 district administrations, 10 law-enforcement units, 16 commune administrations, and 23 administrative police stations have resumed operations. As for **Koh Kong Province**, 62 schools have resumed operations out of 66 schools that had been temporarily closed.

3. Destruction of Civilian Physical Infrastructure: Newly collected data indicates **damage to 117 civilian houses, 5 schools, 3 government office buildings, and 1 statue.** From 7 December 2025, **damage to private property** includes 277 civilian houses, 7 privately owned buildings, 5 apartments/hotels, one gas station, 33 cars, one motorcycle, one cassava purchasing warehouse, one storage warehouse, 2 cell towers, one rice barn, and 2 animals/wildlife. **Damage to public property** includes 12 schools, 2 health centers, 17 government office buildings, 5 pagodas, one almsgiving hall, one vehicle, 4 ancient temples, 5 bridges, one market, 3 road sections, and one electricity supply facility.

4. Measures to Rehabilitate Houses and Villages of Displaced Persons: In **Oddar Meanchey Province**, 14,092 families equal to 47,594 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. 29,357 families equal to 110,924 civilians in **Banteay Meanchey Province** and 2,303 families equal to 8,960 civilians in **Preah Vihear Province** 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.

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 noted that **the implementation of the ceasefire does not constitute surrender, nor does it involve exchanging territorial integrity or national sovereignty for peace** and emphasized that the international boundary between Cambodia and Thailand continues to be determined by existing international treaties and conventions, and that Cambodia retains its full rights to address border issues in accordance with international law, treaties, conventions, and all applicable bilateral mechanisms. The Ministry calls upon fellow citizens to place their trust in the Royal Government, to unite under a single spirit of Khmer national solidarity, and to refrain from falling victim to propaganda and incitement by any extremist groups that could undermine the peaceful, lawful, and diplomatic implementation of the **“Quiet but Not Silent”** strategy. In particular, the **“Quiet but Not Silent”** strategy has resulted in the dignified return of all 18 Cambodian heroic soldiers, an outcome that the Ministry of Interior notes with the utmost appreciation. This achievement reflects both the sound leadership of the Royal Government and the strong surge of national consciousness demonstrated by the Cambodian people in welcoming the return of the heroic soldiers, as highlighted by **Samdech Techo Hun Sen** during the meeting with the 18 heroic soldiers on 1 January 2026, which underscored the meaning and strength of national solidarity that continues to resonate among every Cambodian.

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, 1 January 2026