

Press Release
on the Situation Following the Ceasefire Agreement from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM
on 3 January 2026

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In accordance with the spirit of the Joint Statement of the 3rd Special Meeting of the General Border Committee (GBC) on 27 December 2025, specifically paragraph 1, both countries have continued to implement the ceasefire, resulting in a calm situation from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM on 3 January 2026. At the same time, displaced civilians have been gradually returning to their homes, while the authorities have been implementing a number of priority tasks, as outlined below:

1. Situation of Displaced Persons: 46,415 displaced persons continued to return to their homes, resulting in a remaining total of 280,091 displaced persons, including 147,430 women and 90,670 children.

2. The Continued Closure of Essential Public Services: In **Oddar Meanchey Province**, 107 schools, 10 hospitals/health centers, 1 provincial administration, 2 municipal/district administrations, 9 commune-sangkat administrations, and 1 administrative police station remain temporarily closed. In **Banteay Meanchey Province**, 321 schools (237 public and 84 private) and 5 hospitals/health centers remain temporarily closed. Similarly, in **Preah Vihear Province**, 61 schools and 14 hospitals/health centers remain temporarily closed.

3. Destruction of Civilian Physical Infrastructure: There was no additional damage. Therefore, from 7 December 2025, **damage to private property** includes 323 civilian houses, 7 privately owned buildings, 5 apartments/hotels, 3 gas stations, 1 private market, 33 cars, 5 motorcycles, 1 cassava purchasing warehouse, 1 storage warehouse, 2 cell towers, 1 rice barn, and 2 animals/wildlife. **Damage to public property** includes 25 schools, 7 health centers, 39 government office buildings, 6 pagodas, 1 almsgiving hall, 1 statue, 1 vehicle, 4 ancient temples, 5 bridges, 1 market, 4 road sections, and 1 electricity supply facility. **It was observed that in Pursat Province, Thai armed forces cut locks and forcibly entered civilian homes in Sangkum Thmei Village, subsequently confiscating valuable property from 8 houses, including 4 motorcycles and 2 village garbage carts.**

4. Measures to Rehabilitate Houses and Villages of Displaced Persons: In **Preah Vihear Province**, the impacts and damage in Choam Khsant District are being assessed, and food supplies have been transported to civilians who are not yet able to return to and reside in their homes. In **Oddar Meanchey Province**, a total of 84 villages remains inaccessible for civilian to return, while officials are actively preparing housing and village conditions in 172 villages. In **Banteay Meanchey Province**, officials have arranged temporary shelters for civilians who are not yet able to return to their homes. In **Battambang Province**, authorities are repairing 8 civilian houses in Phnom Proek District and 27 houses in Sampov Lun District and are coordinating with unexploded ordnance clearance teams operating in residential villages. In **Pursat Province**, officials have conducted inspections of civilian houses in Sangkum Thmei Village. **The Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia**, in coordination with relevant institutions and local authorities, is continuing its efforts to restore suspended public services, facilitate the safe return of displaced persons, address damage to civilian homes and villages, support operations to clear unexploded ordnance, and implement a nationwide prohibition on the operation of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) until further notice.

The Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia expresses its full support for the Royal Government's strong and resolute protest carried out under the strategy of "**Quiet but Not Silent**", through peaceful means, legal channels, and diplomacy, in response to Thailand's violations. These violations include the unlawful station and occupation of

territory, particularly military operations conducted by the Thai armed forces in several locations across four Cambodian provinces, namely Banteay Meanchey Province, Pursat Province, Preah Vihear Province, and Oddar Meanchey Province.

At the same time, **the Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia** categorically opposes the destruction of civilian structures by the Thai armed forces, which stands in stark contradiction to the progress achieved by the Joint Boundary Commissions, especially along border segments near Boundary Pillars No. 52–59 and No. 42–47. These actions have raised serious concerns that Thailand is attempting to undermine ongoing border demarcation efforts through the establishment of military presence on the ground.

The Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia therefore calls upon the Cambodian people to strengthen their support, both in principle and in stance, for the Royal Government, particularly regarding the following 4 demands addressed to Thailand: (1) To immediately cease all hostile military activities along the Cambodia–Thailand border and within Cambodian territory; (2) To withdraw all military personnel and equipment from the territory of the Kingdom of Cambodia to positions fully consistent with the legally established boundary; (3) To respect the mandate of the Joint Boundary Commissions of the two countries to demarcate the boundary based on existing agreements and international law; and (4) To comply in good faith with the terms and the spirit of the Ceasefire Agreement of 28 July 2025, the Joint Declaration on peace and the peaceful settlement of disputes between Cambodia and Thailand, signed in Kuala Lumpur on 26 October 2025, and the Joint Statement of the Special GBC Meeting of 27 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, confidence, and pride. **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, 3 January 2026