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**Deputy Prime Minister PRAK Sokhonn Meets with Hon. Michael George DeSombre  
United States Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs**

On 10 January 2026, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, met with the Honorable Michael George DeSombre, United States Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, during his brief visit to Phnom Penh. The meeting provided an opportunity to exchange views on further strengthening Cambodia–United States relations. It followed Honorable DeSombre’s courtesy call on Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister HUN Manet.

Both sides expressed satisfaction with the continued deepening of bilateral relations between Cambodia and the United States, particularly in the areas of trade and investment, as well as defence and security cooperation. The United States welcomed Air Cambodia’s decision to purchase at least ten Boeing aircraft, underscoring growing economic ties between the two countries. The two sides also agreed on the importance of further strengthening cooperation in combating cybercrime, which affects many countries worldwide, particularly online scams. In this regard, His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn expressed appreciation to the United States for extending assistance of USD 10 million to support capacity-building for Cambodia’s law enforcement agencies.

During the meeting, His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister briefed Honorable DeSombre on the Cambodia–Thailand border situation. He emphasized that Cambodia’s priorities are to maintain the ceasefire, allow all the displaced civilians to return to their homes, and expedite demarcation work. He reiterated Cambodia’s deep appreciation to the United States, in particular President Donald J. Trump, whose steadfast leadership played a pivotal role in facilitating the ceasefire on 28 July 2025 and the landmark peace agreement reached by Cambodia and Thailand in Kuala Lumpur on 26 October 2025. He emphasized that Cambodia highly values the United States’ continued commitment to encouraging the full implementation of the ceasefire, as outlined in the Joint Statement of the Third Special Meeting of the Cambodia–Thailand General Border Committee signed on 27 December 2025.



**Honorable DeSombre** reaffirmed that the United States, under the leadership of President Trump, remains firmly committed to urging full compliance with the ceasefire, further de-escalation and resumption of the bilateral border demarcation process in order to achieve lasting peace and stability between the two countries. He welcomed the release of 18 Cambodian soldiers, who have now reunited with their families.

**His Excellency PRAK Sokhonn** further expressed gratitude to the United States for allocating USD 15 million to help stabilize the livelihoods of displaced border communities in Cambodia and Thailand, as well as an additional USD 10 million to support humanitarian demining efforts in Cambodia.

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