

PRESS RELEASE

The **State Secretariat of Border Affairs** has the honor to inform all compatriots and the national and international public that the special meeting of the Joint Boundary Commission (JBC) of the two sides, which Cambodia had requested to be held during the second or third week of January 2026 in Siem Reap, has been requested to be postponed for the second time by the Thai side, for reason of finalization of its internal procedures required to appoint a new composition of the JBC (Thai Side) after the formation of a new Thai Cabinet following the General Election in early February.

While awaiting the upcoming special meeting of the JBC and in order to expedite the implementation of the field works as agreed upon in the past, in accordance with the Agreed Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Cambodian–Thai Joint Commission on Demarcation for Land Boundary (JBC) dated 22 October 2025 in Chanthaburi Province, the Cambodian Side has once again requested the Thai Side, through a diplomatic note dated 13 January 2026, as follows:

1. Request to dispatch the Joint Survey Teams (JSTs) of both sides to resume the works of the joint survey and emplacement of the temporary markers on the terrain, at the boundary segment between Boundary Pillars 42-47 and 52-59 on any suitable date between 19 and 23 January 2026. The Joint Survey Teams (JSTs) of both sides will communicate directly to determine the exact time and location of the field work.

It is also noted that the emplacement of temporary markers on the boundary segment between Boundary Pillars No. 42–47 began on 19 November 2025, and on the segment between Boundary Pillars No. 52–59 on 8 November 2025. These activities were temporarily suspended on 8 December 2025 due to acts of aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Cambodia.

2. Request to dispatch the Joint Survey Teams (JSTs) of both sides on the terrain, from any suitable date between 26 and 30 January 2026, to replace 15 Boundary Pillars which both sides agreed on the location to their original locations and specifications.

The State Secretariat of Border Affairs wishes to reaffirm that the dispatch of the Joint Survey Teams on the terrain to continue the field works is carried out in full compliance with the agreed procedures and technical instructions, and in line with the substance of the Agreed Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Cambodia–Thailand Joint Boundary Commission (JBC) dated 22 October 2025 in Chanthaburi Province. In this spirit, the Thai Prime Minister, **His Excellency Anutin Charnvirakul**, also stated on 5 January 2026, as reported in The Nation Thailand: *“During a caretaker period, (...) meetings of the Thai-Cambodian Joint Boundary Commission (JBC) cannot proceed because the JBC chair’s term has ended with the government’s mandate. (...) However, Working-level teams, he said, are still continuing their tasks.”*

On this occasion, **the State Secretariat of Border Affairs** wishes to reaffirm to compatriots and the national and international public that the JBC (Cambodian Side) firmly upholds its position in safeguarding the Cambodia–Thailand International Boundary as inherited from the Commissions of Delimitation of the Boundary between Indo-China and Siam, in full respect of international law, the principle of intangibility of frontiers (*Uti possidetis juris*), the Franco–Siamese conventions and treaties, the maps and the procès-verbaux of the Commission of the Abornement of the Boundary

between Indo-China and Siam, as well as all relevant agreements and documents mutually agreed upon by both parties. In this regard, the JBC (Cambodian Side) will continue to conduct land surveying and boundary demarcation works with the JBC (Thai Side), at the earliest, with a view to achieving lasting peace along the border and will not recognize any alteration of the boundary line resulting from the use of force.

The State Secretariat of Border Affairs hereby calls upon compatriots and the general public to place their full trust and confidence in the Royal Government of Cambodia and the Joint Commission on Demarcation for Land Boundary-JBC (Cambodian Side), which steadfastly uphold the highest standards of professionalism and responsibility, and consistently place the supreme national interest at the forefront, particularly with regard to the safeguarding of territorial integrity and national sovereignty.

The foregoing information is hereby conveyed for the information of compatriots and the general public.

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