

Press Release
on the Situation Following the Ceasefire Agreement
from 6:00 AM on 26 January to 6:00 AM on 27 January 2026
and the Position of the Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia



The Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia hereby informs the national and international community that Cambodia and Thailand have implemented the ceasefire for one month, from 27 December 2025 until 27 January 2026. Despite the cessation of fighting, the impacts on civilians and civilian areas caused by the aggressive acts committed by the Thai side still persist. **The Ministry of Interior** wishes to provide an update on the overall situation from 6:00 AM on 26 January to 6:00 AM on 27 January 2026 as follows:

1. Situation of Displaced Persons: An additional 992 displaced persons returned to their homes. Therefore, approximately 530,000 people, equivalent to about 82 percent of the total of more than 640,000 displaced persons, have reintegrated into their communities. As a result, there are 113,040 displaced persons, including 59,159 women and 37,088 children, remaining in displacement camps.

2. The Continued Suspension of Essential Public Services: 14 schools and 7 hospitals/health centers in **Oddar Meanchey Province**, 5 schools and 1 hospital/health center in **Banteay Meanchey Province**, and 29 schools and 14 hospitals/health centers in **Preah Vihear Province** remain temporarily closed. In its capacity as the Royal Government's lead institution for territorial administrative management, **the Ministry of Interior** has been leading sub-national administrations, in cooperation with relevant ministries and institutions, to promote the restoration of people's livelihoods and the operation of affected and suspended public services, with an emphasis on protection and comprehensive support for displaced citizens who are not yet able to return to their homes.

3. Destruction of Civilian Physical Infrastructure: From 7 December 2025, **damage to private property** includes 980 houses, 7 privately owned buildings, 10 apartments/hotels, 4 gas stations, 1 private market, 34 cars, 10 motorcycles, 1 cassava purchasing warehouse, 1 storage warehouse, 3 cell towers, 6 water reservoirs and water treatment facilities, 1 rice barn, and 2 animals/wildlife. **Damage to public property** includes 26 schools, 14 hospitals/health centers, 42 government office buildings, 19 pagodas, 1 almsgiving hall, 2 statues, 1 vehicle, 4 ancient temples, 5 bridges, 1 market, 87 road sections, 1 electricity supply facility, and 3 electricity transmission lines. The local authorities continue to assess and collect data on the impacts.

The Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia fully supports and respects **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen**, who clearly stated that **Cambodia will not make any concessions compromising its sovereignty or dignity**. In this regard, **the Ministry of Interior** hereby declares its support for the Royal Government under the leadership of **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet**, which is fully implementing the Joint Statement of the 3rd Special General Border Committee (GBC) Meeting of 27 December 2025, and relevant agreements, in strict adherence to the principles of international law, under which it is also well understood by the Thai side that **borders must not be altered by force**. Therefore, it is imperative that our fellow citizens stand behind the Royal Government's mission to resolve the border conflict with Thailand based on peaceful principles and international law. At the same time, **the Ministry of Interior**, categorically opposes the activities of the Thai armed forces after the ceasefire came into force up to the present time, which have undermined efforts to de-escalate tensions, particularly through the acts of illegal occupation, destruction of houses, plunder of property, and hindering the return of civilians to their homes. These activities constitute serious violations of the International Humanitarian Law, as stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the International

Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), and the Geneva Conventions of 1949. Furthermore, threat or the use of force against the territorial integrity of any State constitutes a violation of international law, in accordance with Article 2(4) of the Charter of the United Nations. In this regard, the Cambodian representative also clearly reaffirmed, during the high-level open debate of the United Nations Security Council on the reaffirmation of international law held on 26 January, that the peaceful settlement of disputes is a legal obligation that Member States must uphold, in particular through the settlement of disputes by means of the International Court of Justice, which is a reliable mechanism capable of ensuring lasting peace for Member States.

Upholding the principle of peace as a longstanding and fundamental prerequisite for the nation and the people of Cambodia, the Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia hereby expresses its full support and highest appreciation for the wise and visionary decision of **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to prepare to join as a founding member of the Board of Peace, upon the invitation of **the Honorable Donald J. Trump**, President of the United States of America and Chair of the Board of Peace. This decision reflects Cambodia's genuine commitment to supporting and contributing to global peace-building efforts, as emphasized by **Samdech Thipadei** on the night of 26 January 2026, in his original remarks, stating: **"Goodwill, love of peace, support and contribution to building and maintaining peace are principles that Cambodia has always adhered to, especially through sending peacekeeping forces under the umbrella of the United Nations to carry out missions in several countries affected by war."**

In this opportunity, **the Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia** calls upon fellow citizens to continue standing united in solidarity, grounded in one enduring Khmer national spirit, and to avoid falling victim to the political agenda of extremist opposition groups that are spreading false information, undermining national unity, and causing harm to the nation's vital interests and the Royal Government's efforts to resolve the conflict based on peaceful principles, international law, and existing agreements.

Phnom Penh, 27 January 2026