

Press Release
on the Situation of Displaced Persons and Impact on Civilian Areas
from 6:00 AM on 16 March to 6:00 AM on 17 March 2026



The Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia wishes to inform that, since the ceasefire between Cambodia and Thailand came into effect on 27 December 2025, the Thai side has not fully adhered to the Joint Statement of the 3rd Special General Border Committee (GBC). **The Ministry of Interior** has continued to document all acts of bad faith by the Thai side. Simultaneously, the Ministry remains committed to addressing the impacts of aggression on the civilian population and the community, particularly for citizens who remain displaced from their homes.

In this regard, **the Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia** would like to provide an update on the overall situation from 6:00 AM on 16 March to 6:00 AM on 17 March 2026, as follows:

1. Situation of Displaced Persons: An additional 41 displaced persons have continued to return to their homes. Therefore, approximately 610,000 people, equivalent to about 94 percent of the total of over 640,000 displaced persons, have returned to their homes. There are 36,548 displaced persons remaining, including 18,946 women and 12,216 children, who have not yet been able to return to their homes.

2. The Continued Suspension of Essential Public Services: 8 schools and 5 hospitals/health centers in **Oddar Meanchey Province**, 5 schools and 1 hospital/health center in **Banteay Meanchey Province**, and 7 schools and 2 hospitals/health centers in **Preah Vihear Province** remain closed.

3. Destruction of Civilian Physical Infrastructure: Since 7 December 2025, no new reports have been recorded regarding damage to public and private property beyond the cases already documented by the Ministry.

The Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia wishes to declare its support and draw public attention to the Royal Government's clear position regarding the resolution of border issues. The Royal Government strictly adheres to and implements the spirit of the Joint Statement dated December 27, 2025, and other existing agreements, to enable the Joint Boundary Commission (JBC) to commence its work as expeditiously as possible, without waiting until after the New Year. In practice, since December 27, 2025, Cambodia has submitted 5 official requests to the Thai side to dispatch joint working groups for on-site border demarcation; however, the Thai side has repeatedly postponed.

In this regard, **the Ministry of Interior of the Royal Government of Cambodia** continues to call upon fellow citizens and the international community to support and attach the highest importance to the position on resolving the border dispute, as clearly underscored by **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of Cambodia**, that **peace remains Cambodia's core value. Cambodia calls for the full and faithful implementation of existing agreements between Cambodia and Thailand, the peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with international law and existing treaties and agreements to end uncertainty along the border, the safe return of Cambodian civilians to their homes and livelihoods, and the renunciation of the threat or use of force.**

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