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**Cambodia Strongly Protests against Thailand's Unlawful Activities
in Occupied Border Areas**

The Royal Government of Cambodia has lodged its formal protest against Thailand over unlawful and repeated activities conducted by Thai armed forces in the illegally occupied areas in Sra Em Commune, Choam Ksan District, Preah Vihear Province.

On 4 April 2026, Thai armed forces conducted land-clearing activities near the Preah Vihear Temple area, north of Keo Sikha Kiri Svava Pagoda. Thai troops also laid approximately 100 metres of barbed wire and deployed armoured personnel vehicles in the Bosbov-Choam Tae area.

These actions are neither defensive in nature nor consistent with the 27 December 2025 Joint Statement of the 3rd Special General Border Committee (GBC).

The Royal Government of Cambodia categorically rejects any attempt to mischaracterize the situation creating a fait accompli on the ground, and strongly protests against these activities which violate Cambodia's sovereignty and territorial integrity under the 1904 Franco-Siamese Convention and the 1907 Treaty. The actions are also contravening the de-escalation measures outlined in the 27 December 2025 of the GBC Joint Statement and existing agreements of the two countries.

Cambodia does not recognize any boundary line or territorial claim unilaterally asserted by Thailand, and stresses that the recent activities shall not prejudice Cambodia's legal rights regarding its international border.

The Royal Government of Cambodia demands Thailand to immediately cease all of such unlawful activities, refrain from further unilateral actions, and work to de-escalate tensions, foster mutual trust, and preserve peace and good neighborliness along the border.

While firmly upholding its principled position that borderlines must not be changed by force, Cambodia reaffirms its unwavering commitment to resolving all boundary disputes with Thailand through peaceful means, in line with international law and bilateral agreements.

Phnom Penh, 5 April 2026

