

PRESS RELEASE

The State Secretariat of Border Affairs has the honor to inform all compatriots and the national and international public that in the past, the Joint Border Commission-JBC (Cambodian side) has sent Note Verbale many times to the JBC (Thai side) to propose to convene a special JBC meeting, but the Thai side has responded by requesting a subsequent postponement under the pretext of awaiting internal procedures to appoint its new JBC members after the formation of the new Thai cabinet.

The JBC (Cambodian side) once again proposed to the JBC (Thai side), through a Note Verbale dated 7 April 2026, to urgently convene a special JBC meeting and to resume the work on the terrain that both sides had previously agreed upon, which contains the following:

1- Propose to convene a special meeting of the Cambodian-Thai JBC at any suitable date between 17-22 April 2026 in Siem Reap, in accordance with the spirit of the Agreed Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Cambodian-Thai JBC dated 22 October 2025 in Chanthaburi Province.

2- Propose to dispatch the Joint Survey Teams (JSTs) of both sides to the terrain on any suitable date between 20-24 April 2026 to resume the works of the survey and emplacement of temporary markers at the boundary segment between Boundary Pillars No. 42-47 in Chouk Chey and Prey Chan villages, O Chrov district, Banteay Meanchey province, and the segment between Boundary Pillars 52-59 in the Kam Rieng district, Battambang province, in accordance with all previous agreements.

3- Propose to dispatch the Joint Survey Teams (JSTs) of both sides to the terrain on any suitable date between 20-24 April 2026 to replace the 15 Boundary Pillars in their original specifications and original locations, which both sides have already agreed upon.

4- Propose to dispatch the Joint Survey Teams (JSTs) of both sides to the terrain on any suitable date between 17-23 April 2026 to conduct survey and emplacement of temporary markers in the boundary segment between Boundary Pillars No. 33-37 (Boeung Trakuon area), the boundary segment between Boundary Pillars No. 14-17 (O Smach area), An Seh area, Thmor Da area, and in other border areas, in accordance with the spirit of Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Joint Declaration of the 3rd Special Meeting of the General Boundary Committee (GBC) dated 27 December 2025.

5- Propose to dispatch the Joint Survey Teams (JSTs) of both sides to conduct survey and demarcation on the terrain at the boundary segments between the agreed boundary pillars (the stream/river and straight boundary line) on any suitable date between 20-24 April 2026, in accordance with the spirit of the Agreed Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Cambodian-Thai Thai-Cambodian Joint Commission on Demarcation for Land Boundary (JBC) dated 15 June 2025 in Phnom Penh.

6- Propose to convene the 12th Cambodian-Thai Operational Group (OG) meeting and the 5th Cambodian-Thai Joint Technical Sub-Commission (JTSC) meeting during the first week of May 2026.

Taking this opportunity, **the State Secretariat of Border Affairs** wishes to reiterate to all compatriots and the national and international public that the JBC (Cambodian side) takes a firm

stance in protesting against the illegal occupation of Cambodia's territory by the Thai armed forces and the continued violation of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Cambodia. The JBC (Cambodian side) declares its strong rejection of any alteration of the boundary line resulting from the use of force whether in the past, present, and future.

The JBC (Cambodian side) firmly upholds its position in safeguarding the Cambodian–Thai 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 which are the results of the demarcation works of the Commissions of Delimitation of the Boundary between Indo-China and Siam 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.

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

Phnom Penh, 7 April 2026