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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia has conveyed the formal protest of the Royal Government of Cambodia against activities conducted by Thai armed forces, on 18 April 2026, to further consolidate their illegal occupation in violation of Cambodia's sovereignty and territorial integrity, in several locations, including, but not limited to those listed below:

- **Preah Vihear Province:**
 - In Sra Em Commune, Choam Ksan District, Thai armed forces constructed an observation post in the Preah Vihear Temple area.
- **Oddar Meanchey Province:**
 - In Anlong Veng District, Thai armed forces continued road construction near the present Boundary Pillar No. 2 and in the Doeum Ta Trav area of Trapeng Prasat District.
 - In Banteay Ampil District, Thai armed forces dug bunkers in the area of Chup Koki International Border Checkpoint.
 - In Sangkat Kon Kriel, Samraong City, Thai armed forces constructed an observation post, east of the Chup Doeum Knul area, and continued land-clearing activities, north of the same area.
 - In Thmar Daun area, Thai armed forces continued the construction of a concrete walkway, and also constructed bunkers and a road, east of Thmar Daun border checkpoint.
- **Pursat Province**
 - In Thmar Da Commune, Veal Veng District, Thai armed forces used heavy machinery to conduct additional land-clearing activities in O Plouk Domrey area.



These activities are also in breach of Thailand's own commitment under the United Nations Charter, the ASEAN Charter, and the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC), particularly the principle of resolving disputes peacefully, respecting territorial sovereignty, and refraining from the use of force against another state. Cambodia rejects any attempt to mischaracterise these activities as defensive and conforming to the arrangements set out in the Joint Statement of the 3rd Special General Border Committee Meeting held on 27 December 2025.

The Royal Government of Cambodia re-emphasises that it does not accept any boundary line or territorial claim unilaterally asserted by Thailand, and that the above-mentioned activities shall not prejudice the legal rights or position of the Kingdom of Cambodia with respect to its international boundary.

The Royal Government of Cambodia calls upon Thailand to refrain from further unilateral actions in the above-mentioned areas or any other areas under similar circumstances, with a view to de-escalating the situation, fostering mutual trust and confidence, and preserving peace, stability and good neighbourliness along the Cambodia-Thailand border.

The Royal Government of Cambodia wishes to reaffirm its consistent and unwavering commitment to seeking an amicable resolution to all boundary disputes with Thailand, as with all its neighbours, exclusively through peaceful means in accordance with international law and bilateral agreements, while remaining resolute in upholding its principled position that borderlines must not be changed by force.



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