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The Royal Government of Cambodia has formally protested against Thailand's continued violations of Cambodia's sovereignty and territorial integrity in areas that have been illegally occupied by the Thai armed forces since 27 December 2025. The latest protest concerns the construction of at least 36 Buddha statues at several locations in the provinces of Preah Vihear and Oddar Meanchey, and the installation of two flagpoles in Preah Vihear Province.

Following the ceasefire on 27 December 2025, the Thai military has progressively consolidated its control and unlawful occupation of Cambodian territory through the construction of permanent structures, such as roads, large Buddha statues, the installation and reinforcement of blockages using containers and barbed wire, the erection of flagpoles at several locations, and the organization of cultural and tourism activities.

These actions cannot be regarded as measures to maintain military positions. Rather, they clearly contradict the measures set out in Item I of the Joint Statement of the 3rd Special Meeting of the General Border Committee (GBC) on 27 December 2025, particularly Point 2 and 3:

Point 2 states "Both sides agree to maintain current troop deployments without further movement. There shall be no troop movements, including patrol towards the other side's position"; and

Point 3 states "Both sides agree that all arrangements under this Joint Statement are without prejudice to the border demarcation and international boundary between the two countries. Both sides agree to refer to the Joint Boundary Commission to resume, at the earliest, the survey and demarcation work, in accordance with existing agreements between the two countries to achieve lasting peace along the border. Both sides agree to utilize Joint Boundary Commission's existing mechanisms to ensure safety and security of the joint survey team on the ground, including its safety from landmines. Both sides agree that the Joint Boundary Commission will accord the first and foremost priority for the immediate survey and demarcation works in the affected border areas where the civilians resided."



The Royal Government of Cambodia reaffirms that Cambodia does not recognize any boundary line established through the use of force or any unilateral territorial claim asserted by Thailand. The above-mentioned activities shall not prejudice the legal rights or position of the Kingdom of Cambodia with respect to its international border.

The Royal Government of Cambodia calls on Thailand to uphold the commitments undertaken in the Joint Statement of the 3rd GBC Special Meeting, with a view to restoring mutual trust and confidence and fostering peace, stability, and good-neighbourly relations along the common border between the two countries, in accordance with the principles of international law, the United Nations Charter, the ASEAN Charter, and the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC).

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