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Cambodia Protests against Thailand's Illegal Action in Chouk Chey Village

The Royal Government of Cambodia has formally lodged its strong protest against Thailand's continued violations of Cambodia's sovereignty and territorial integrity along the border.

On 13 August 2026, Thai authorities conducted another round of land allocation to Thai citizens in Chouk Chey Village, O Bei Choan Commune, O Chrov District, Banteay Meanchey Province of Cambodia, situated along the border segment between Boundary Pillars 45 and 47. This unlawful administrative action is a clear attempt to legitimise Thailand's illegal occupation, while denying the right to safe return of Cambodian people who have been forcefully evicted from their homes and farmland in the area.

The above-mentioned activities prejudice the ongoing demarcation works of the Joint Boundary Commissions of both countries and are in breach of Article 5 of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Survey and Demarcation of the Land Boundary (MoU 2000) signed between Cambodia and Thailand on 14 June 2000, the Agreed Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Joint Boundary Commission (JBC) dated 22 October 2025, and Item I (De-escalation Measures) of the Joint Statement of the 3rd Special Meeting of the General Border Committee (GBC) on 27 December 2025.

Cambodia reiterates 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 Cambodia with respect to its international boundary.

Cambodia urges Thailand to cease further activities in the above-mentioned areas, as well as any other areas unlawfully occupied by Thai armed forces since last year, with a view to de-escalating the situation, fostering mutual trust, facilitating peaceful settlement of disputes, thereby restoring peace, stability and good-neighbourly relations along the Cambodia-Thailand border.

Cambodia remains committed to resolving all boundary disputes with Thailand, as with all its neighbours, exclusively through peaceful means, in line with international law and existing bilateral agreements, while firmly upholding its principled position that borderlines must not be changed by force.

Phnom Penh, 14 August 2026