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**Cambodia Strongly Protests against Thai Prime Minister's Unauthorised Visit to
Cambodia's Sovereign Territory in Preah Vihear Province**

The Royal Government of Cambodia has formally lodged the strongest protest against the visit of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand to the An Seh area in Choam Ksan District, Preah Vihear Province on 23 August 2026.

The unauthorized visit constitutes a deliberate attempt to assert illegitimate claims over Cambodia's sovereign territory—an area that has been illegally occupied by Thai armed forces since last year. The Royal Government of Cambodia emphasizes that no legal right can arise from an unlawful act; therefore, the illegal occupation of Cambodia's sovereign territory cannot be legitimized by a visit from the Thai Prime Minister.

The visit amounts to a grave violation of Cambodia's sovereign territory as defined and delimited by the 1:200,000 scale maps produced by the Commissions of Delimitation of the Boundary between Indo-China and Siam, and Item I of the Joint Statement of the 3rd Special General Border Committee (GBC) Meeting on 27 December 2025, which explicitly prohibits provocative actions that may escalate tensions along the border. The Royal Government of Cambodia underscores that neither a unilaterally drawn map nor any visit premised on such a map can alter the internationally recognized boundary.

The Royal Government of Cambodia re-emphasizes that it does not accept any boundary line or territorial claim unilaterally asserted by Thailand. The aforementioned visit shall not prejudice the legal rights or position of the Kingdom of Cambodia with respect to its international boundary.

The Royal Government of Cambodia demands that Thailand cease such actions 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.



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