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**His Excellency Lieutenant General Rath Dararoth,
Secretary of State of the Ministry of National Defence Briefs Military Attachés Corp
Phnom Penh (MACPP) on the Situation along the Cambodia–Thailand Border**

On 3 September 2026 at 9:00 a.m., **His Excellency Lieutenant General Rath Dararoth, Secretary of State of the Ministry of National Defence**, led a briefing for the Military Attaché Corps Phnom Penh (MACPP), comprising 22 representatives from 18 countries, on the latest developments and situation along the Cambodia–Thailand border. The briefing was held at the Ministry of National Defence.

During the meeting, **His Excellency the Secretary of State** expressed his appreciation to the Military Attaché Corps Phnom Penh (MACPP) for attending the briefing, as well as for their participation in previous field visits to observe the situation directly along the Cambodia–Thailand border.

His Excellency the Secretary of State briefed the participants on the sequence of developments leading up to the armed clashes along the border, the subsequent ceasefire reached in December 2025, and the evolving security situation in the border areas at present. He also highlighted Cambodia's efforts undertaken to date to address the Cambodia–Thailand border issue.

In addition, technical working teams from relevant institutions provided briefings on developments in their respective areas of responsibility. In this regard, a representative of the Secretariat of State for Border Affairs briefed the participants on the progress and achievements of work undertaken to date, particularly the placement of temporary markers along sections of the border between Border Pillars No. 52 and No. 59, as well as between Border Pillars No. 42 and No. 47, during November and December 2025, prior to the second round of clashes along the border. The representative also highlighted Cambodia's efforts to promote the convening of meetings of the Joint Boundary Commission (JBC) and to request the Thai side to deploy Joint Survey Teams (JSTs) to resume fieldwork on the ground. These constitute existing bilateral mechanisms between Cambodia and Thailand aimed at seeking a lasting solution to the border issue between the two countries.

Subsequently, the Cambodian Coordination Team (CLG) briefed the participants on the establishment, roles, and contributions of the CLG in strengthening and enhancing the effectiveness of coordination with the ASEAN Observer Team (AOT), in accordance with the spirit of the Peace Agreement of 26 October 2025, signed in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and other relevant mechanisms. The briefing highlighted the achievements and efforts of the CLG in facilitating the AOT's field missions to observe, verify, and report on the actual situation along the Cambodia–Thailand border, in accordance with the spirit of the Joint Statement of the Third Special Meeting of the Cambodia–Thailand General Border Committee (GBC), dated 27 December 2025. At the same time, the CLG expressed its

appreciation and gratitude to Malaysia for its leadership and significant contribution during the initial phase of the AOT mission in Cambodia, as well as to the succeeding ASEAN Chair, the Philippines, which has continued to play an active and responsible role in supporting the implementation of ASEAN mechanisms and contributing to peace, stability, and solidarity in the region.

The meeting provided an important platform for the Cambodian side to directly share information, exchange views, and respond to questions from the Military Attaché Corps Phnom Penh (MACPP), particularly concerning the mechanisms for border surveying and demarcation between the two countries. It also contributed to promoting transparency, mutual understanding, and a clear and accurate understanding of the latest developments and evolving situation along the Cambodia–Thailand border.

His Excellency the Secretary of State emphasized that, notwithstanding the agreement reached by both sides on a ceasefire and the existence of mechanisms for its implementation and for addressing border issues between the two countries, the situation on the ground along the border continues to face a number of adverse developments, including troop movements, the installation of barbed-wire barriers, the placement of containers, and the construction of permanent structures. These actions have altered the situation on the ground and impeded the return of innocent Cambodian civilians to their homes. These issues remain significant challenges and require urgent resolution.

The meeting also demonstrated Cambodia's continued commitment to maintaining peace, security, and stability along the border, while promoting constructive dialogue, communication, and coordination through existing mechanisms and appropriate channels.

His Excellency the Secretary of State concluded by reaffirming Cambodia's firm, sincere, and unwavering commitment to fully and faithfully respect and implement the Joint Statement of the Third Special Meeting of the Cambodia–Thailand General Border Committee (GBC) on December 27, 2025, the Joint Declaration on the Peace Agreement between Cambodia and Thailand on October 26, 2025, and all other relevant agreements. This commitment is made with the aim of ensuring rapid recovery and restoring normalcy, and long-lasting peace and stability.

Phnom Penh, September 3, 2026