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**Cambodia Protests against Thailand's Continued Violations of Cambodian Sovereignty
and Territorial Integrity**

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

On 18 September 2026, following land-clearing activities, Thai armed forces, accompanied by Thai monks, installed a Buddha statue in the Phnom Beng area of Anlong Veng District, Oddar Meanchey Province, between Boundary Pillars No. 2 and No. 3. This constitutes yet another case of Thailand's repeated use of religious structures and symbols to consolidate its unlawful occupation of Cambodian territory.

The Royal Government of Cambodia strongly protests against the above-mentioned activity, which constitutes a clear violation of Cambodia's sovereignty and territorial integrity as defined and delimited by the 1:200,000-scale maps produced by the Commissions for the Delimitation of the Boundary between Indo-China and Siam, pursuant to the Franco-Siamese Convention of 1904 and the Treaty of 1907.

Such activity also violates Article 5 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand on the Survey and Demarcation of the Land Boundary, signed on 14 June 2000, 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.

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 activity 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 all such unlawful activities, refrain from further unilateral actions, and work to de-escalate tensions, foster mutual trust, and preserve peace and good neighbourliness along the 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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