Phnom Penh, April 30, 2011 AKP –Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister H.E. Hor Namhong has expressed his hope that the International Court of Justice (ICJ) will interpret the Court's judgment of 1962 on the case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear in two or three months.

The interpretation of the Court's judgment is a peaceful mean to solve the border conflict with Thailand as negotiations since 2008, including the recent meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia, all failed, H.E. Hor Namhong told reporters at Phnom Penh International Airport upon his return from submitting Cambodia's request to the ICJ.

"I have also asked the ICJ to take an urgent measure because of Thailand's repeated aggressions against Cambodia despite the ceasefire agreed by both countries' regional military commanders on Apr. 28," said the Cambodian foreign minister, adding that last night and even this morning, Thai armed forces continued to attack Cambodia.

H.E. Hor Namhong further said he received on Thursday the revised terms of reference (TOR) from Indonesian foreign minister H.E. Marty Natalegawa, current Chair of ASEAN for Indonesian ceasefire observers to be deployed in the disputed border areas.

Cambodia has responded immediately to the first four TOR, but we can not responded positively to this 5th modified TOR because, he explained, Thailand has proposed four locations for the observers on its side, but one of the locations is in Cambodian territory. We call the area "Svay Chhrum", but Thailand uses a different name.

Svay Chhrum area is located well inside Cambodian territory, some 7 kilometers from the border line, he stressed.

According to H.E. Hor Namhong, Cambodia has proposed three locations near Preah Vihear Temple including Ta Sem, Chak Chreng and Pram Makara for the deployment of Indonesian observers on its side. –AKP

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