

Cambodia has never known the area of 4.6 square kilometers as claimed by Thailand and it cannot withdraw its troops from its own territory, said here yesterday Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Gen. Tea Banh.

Before leaving for Jakarta, Indonesia to attend the 5th ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting to be held from May 18 to 21, Gen. Tea Banh said there will be a short meeting between him and his Thai counterpart Prawit Wongsuwon on May 18 in the evening in Jakarta under the preparation of Indonesian Defense Minister Purnomo Yusgiantoro.

“There would be a discussion on the border dispute between Cambodia and Thailand on the occasion,” he stressed.

Regarding the GBC and JBC meetings, Gen. Tea Banh reiterated that the meetings can be held only if the IOT (Indonesian Observers Team) survey team is dispatched as agreed by the Cambodian-Thai-Indonesian foreign ministers during their meeting on May 9, 2011 in Jakarta.

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