

The United Kingdom has expressed its regret over Thai troops' shelling of cluster munitions into Cambodia's territorial integrity. The remarks were made known by Mr. Charles Style, head of the UK Military School delegation, during a meeting here on May 18 with H.E. Heng Ratana, Director General of Cambodian Mine Action Center (CMAC).

Following two independent investigations, the Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC) has concluded that Thailand used cluster munitions in February this year in its border conflict with Cambodia. Both military and civilian targets were hit. This is the first time the use of cluster munitions has been registered after the international ban came into force on Aug. 1, 2010.

During the meeting, Mr. Charles Style also told the CMAC director general of his visit the purpose of which, he said, is to learn about the Cambodia's post-war crisis such as landmine issue and people's integration into communities.

On the occasion, H.E. Heng Ratana briefed Mr. Charles Style on CMAC's activities in landmine clearance and in searching for unexploded artillery shells at disputed border areas, fired by Thai troops.

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