Thai armed forces has launched over 50,000 artillery shells, from 105 mm to 155 mm, into Cambodia during the latest war between the two neighboring countries in Cambodia's Oddar Meanchey province.

Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen told here this morning at Cambodian Red Cross (CRC)'s headquarters during a meeting to mark the 148th anniversary of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Day.

Some of these 50,000 shells are unexploded, said the Cambodian premier, thus calling on the CRC and relevant authorities to educate people about the danger of unexploded shells and to destroy them.

He further said that as of May 3, about 40,000 evacuees, or more than 10,000 families, who fled home for shelters due to the latest fighting, have returned home, except some 200 families whose houses are too close to the fighting zones remain at the same sites for a few more days until the situation has returned to normalcy.

According to the Cambodian prime minister, there is a negotiation between the two countries' frontline military commanders on Tuesday morning to ease the situation so that it can return to that before Apr. 22, 2011.

Thai armed forced has resumed its attacks against Cambodia since Apr. 22, killing and injuring Cambodian soldiers and civilians, and forcing thousands of civilians to flee homes for safety. AKP Phnom Penh, May 3, 2011

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