

PM Welcomes Cambodian-Thai Military Commanders' Ceasefire Formula

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Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, has welcomed the formula of both Cambodian-Thai frontline military commanders to put an end to the latest fighting.

Last night, they [Cambodian and Thai troops] slept together, said the Cambodian premier at an inauguration ceremony in Tuol Sangke pagoda on May 4 in Phnom Penh, praising both sides' frontline military commanders for having built this mutual trust, so as to reach a permanent ceasefire.

The night of May 3 until early morning of May 4 was the "first night" without the sound of weapon explosion since Thai aggression on Cambodian territory from Apr. 22 to May 3 at Ta Moan and Ta Krabey Temples in Oddar Meanchey province, he said.

The remaining 200 evacuated families, whose houses are too close to the fighting zones, have all returned home as a result of this ceasefire, said the Cambodian prime minister.

According to a press release of the spokesman of Cambodia's National Defense Ministry dated May 4, after their 30-minute meeting on Wednesday morning, Cambodian Maj. Gen. Chea Mon, commander of Military Region 4, and Lt. Gen. Sowatchai Samutsakorn, commander of Thai Army Region 2 agreed on six points – making the situation at Ta Moan and Ta Krabey Temples to return to normalcy as it was before Apr. 22, making the situation at Thmar Daun and Chup Koki as good as before, allowing all evacuated villagers to return homes, re-opening of O'smach and Anlong Veng border checkpoints from 10:00 am on Wednesday, having trust on each other, and avoiding dissemination of distorted information. AKP Phnom Penh, May 4, 2011

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