Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Hor Namhong said Cambodia does not depend on goods from Thailand to be in supply in Cambodian troops, adding that Thailand can close whatever it wanted.

Upon arrival at Phnom Penh International Airport on May 10 on his way from the 18th ASEAN Summit in Jakarta, Indonesia, H.E. Hor Namhong, also Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation told this to reporters, referring to information published by the Bangkok Post saying that Thai 2nd Army command ordered a halt to further exports of Thai fuel and other products the Cambodian military may need to support their troops in operations against Thai forces along the disputed border.

“The export ban will last until the border situation really returns to normal,” said the Thai command.

“The ban on exporting fuels and other products is imposed on Choam Sra Ngam checkpoint and other checkpoints on Cambodian-Thai border in the provinces of Banteay Meanchey and Oddar Meanchey of Cambodia adjacent to Thailand’s provinces of Surin and Sisaket.”

Cambodian army does not live on products imported from Thailand, the Cambodian foreign minister said.

If Thailand linked the army issue to the trading, it may be a big mistake, he said, adding that we do not care about any kind of products because there are many checkpoints for goods being imported from other countries.

“We do not care about the warning of Thai 2nd Army command on the ban on Thai products and the closing of checkpoints, but we feel pity for Thai people who make their daily lives with Cambodian people along the border,” said H.E. Koy Kuong, spokesman at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

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