

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) will make a decision on Cambodia's request for conservatory measures for the Khmer sacred Preah Vihear Temple within 40 to 45 days.

Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation told reporters here this morning at Phnom Penh International Airport upon his return from The Hague, Netherlands, where he attended the ICJ's public hearing on the issue of Preah Vihear Temple on May 30-31.

"We have internationally recognized documents and maps to support this issue. [...] Cambodia's request is reasonable. The Court will make a decision accordingly," he said.

During the two-day public hearing, Cambodia proposed to the ICJ to order Thailand to withdraw its troops from the Preah Vihear Temple area, to stop all actions affecting Cambodia's right to preserve and protect the temple, and to ban Thai military activities at the disputed border area, i.e. to ban Thai's aggression against Cambodia, said H.E. Hor Namhong.

The Thai side demanded the Court not to accept Cambodia's request, he added.

The current general border situation is still fragile as Thailand does not respect the ICJ's verdict of 1962 ruling that the Temple of Preah Vihear and its surrounding areas belong to Cambodia, said the Cambodian deputy prime minister, stressing that Cambodian forces are still on alert to prevent Thai aggression.

He further affirmed that Cambodia has not bought any weapon from Indonesia.

On April 28, Cambodia submitted a request to the ICJ for the interpretation of the Court's verdict of 1962 on the case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear, and for conservatory measures for the temple.