

The second Cambodian Field Engineering Contingent 603 has been dispatched to Lebanon to replace the old one after having fulfilled the UN peacekeeping mission in the country. The departure ceremony of the Cambodian Field Engineering Contingent 603 was held at

Phnom Penh Military Airbase on Nov. 22 in the presence of Four-Star Gen. Pol Saroeun, Commander-In-Chief of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF); Gen. Sem Sovanny, Director General of the National Management Center for Peacekeeping Forces and ERW (Explosive Remnants of War) Clearance; and Mr. Douglas Broderick, United Nations Resident Coordinator. Speaking at the ceremony, Gen. Pol Saroeun raised the recommendations given by Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen to the Cambodian troops and advised them to respect and obey the military disciplines, ethics, and other international laws and regulations, as well as to behave well during their mission to uplift Cambodia's reputation and dignity on international arena. For his part, Mr. Douglas Broderick applauded the Cambodian Royal Government for upholding the global peace by sending its troops to join the UN peacekeeping mission and being ready to send an additional contingent of peacekeepers for the UN peacekeeping mission in the future. According to Gen. Sem Sovanny, the Engineering Unit 603 of 218 men is a construction unit, attached with a mechanical and manual demining unit. Cambodia has so far trained and dispatched five demining units to Sudan and one order keeping unit of 42 men for movement control for the UN missions in Chad and Central African Republic.