Foreign Ministry's Note to Thai Embassy in Phnom Penh 4 May 2011

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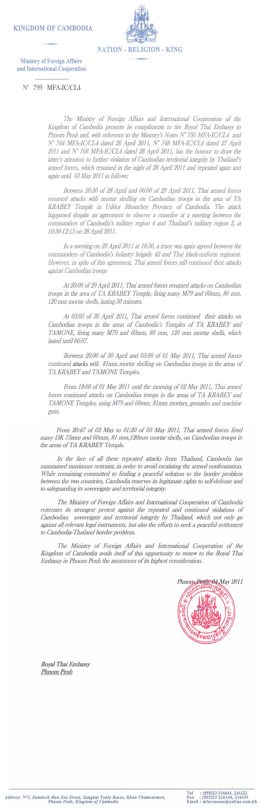

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia presents its compliments to the Royal Thai Embassy in Phnom Penh and, with reference to the Ministry's Notes N° 536 MFA-JCCL4 and N° 744 MFA-JCCL4 dated 26 April 2011, N° 748 MFA/JCCL4 dated 27 April 2011 and N° 768 MFA/JCCL4 dated 28 April 2011, has the honour to draw the latter's attention to further violation of Cambodian territorial integrity by Thailand's armed forces, which resumed in the night of 29 April 2011 and repeated again and again until 03 May 2011 as follows:

Between 20:30 of 28 April and 06:00 of 29 April 2011, Thai armed forces resumed attacks with mortar shelling on Cambodian troops in the area of TA KRABEY Temple in Ubkor Meanchey Province of Cambodia. The attack happened despite an agreement to observe a ceasefire at a meeting between the commanders of Cambodia's military region 4 and Thailand's military region 2, at 10:00-12:15 on 28 April 2011.

In a meeting on 29 April 2011 at 10:30, a truce was again agreed between the commanders of Cambodia's Infantry brigade 42 and Thai black-uniform regiment. However, in spite of this agreement, Thai armed forces still continued their attacks against Cambodian troops

At 20:00 of 29 April 2011, Thai armed forces resumed attacks on Cambodian troops in the area of TA KRABEY Temple, firing many M79 and 60mm, 80 mm, 120 mm mortar shells, lasting 30 minutes.

At 05:05 of 30 April 2011, Thai armed forces continued their attacks on Cambodian troops in the areas of Cambodia's Temples of TA KRABEY and TAMONE, firing many M79 and 60mm, 80 mm, 120 mm mortar shells, which lasted until 06:05.

Between 20:00 of 30 April and 05:00 of 01 May 2011, Thai armed forces continued attacks with 81mm mortar shelling on Cambodian troops in the areas of TA KRABEY and TAMONE Temples.

From 18:00 of 01 May 2011 until the morning of 02 May 2011, Thai armed forces continued attacks on Cambodian troops in the areas of TA KRABEY and TAMONE Temples, using M79 and 60mm, 81mm mortars, grenades and machine guns.

From 20:47 of 02 May to 01:20 of 03 May 2011, Thai armed forces fired many DK 75mm and 60mm, 81 mm,120mm mortar shells, on Cambodian troops in the areas of TA KRABEY Temple.

In the face of all these repeated attacks from Thailand, Cambodia has maintained maximum restraint, in order to avoid escalating the armed confrontation. While remaining committed to finding a peaceful solution to the border problem between the two countries, Cambodia reserves its legitimate rights to self-defense and to safeguarding its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia reiterates its strongest protest against the repeated and continued violations of Cambodias sovereignty and territorial integrity by Thailand, which not only go against all relevant legal instruments, but also the efforts to seek a peaceful settlement to Cambodia-Thailand border problem.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Royal Thai Embassy in Phnom Penh the assurances of its highest consideration.

Phnom Penh, 04 May 2011

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