

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

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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 Note N° 206 MFA/AC/LA and N° 741 MFA/AC/LA dated 20 April 2011, N° 104 MFA/AC/LA dated 27 April 2011 and N° 798 MFA/AC/LA dated 28 April 2011, has the honor to draw the latter's attention to further violations of Cambodia's territorial integrity by Thailand's armed forces, which resumed in the night of 28 April 2011 and repeated again and again until 02 May 2011 as follows:

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

In a meeting on 28 April 2011 at 10:00 a cease-fire was agreed between the commander of Cambodia's military region 4 and Thai military region 4. However, in spite of this agreement, Thai armed forces still continued their attacks against Cambodian troops.

At 09:00 of 28 April 2011, Thai armed forces resumed attacks on Cambodian troops in the area of TA KRAMET Temple, using mortar M79 and 60 mm, 81 mm, 120 mm mortar shells, being 37 rounds.

At 15:00 of 28 April 2011, Thai armed forces continued their attacks on Cambodian troops in the area of Cambodia's Temples of TA KRAMET and TAMBONG, using mortar M79 and 60 mm, 81 mm, 120 mm mortar shells, which total 400 rounds.

Between 20:00 of 28 April and 06:00 of 01 May 2011, Thai armed forces continued attacks with mortar shells on Cambodian troops in the area of TA KRAMET and TAMBONG Temples.

From 16:00 of 01 May 2011 until the evening of 02 May 2011, Thai armed forces continued attacks on Cambodian troops in the area of TA KRAMET and TAMBONG Temples, using M79 and 60 mm, 81 mm mortars, grenades and machine guns.

From 20:47 of 02 May to 05:20 of 03 May 2011, Thai armed forces fired more 106 120mm and 60mm, 81 mm, 120mm mortar shells, on Cambodian troops in the area of TA KRAMET 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 right to self-defence 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 constant violation of Cambodia's sovereignty and territorial integrity by Thailand, which are only possible if relevant Thai armed units had also the effect to seek a peaceful settlement in Cambodia-Thailand border problem.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia took full of this opportunity to raise to the Royal Thai Embassy in Phnom Penh the concerns of its legitimate government.



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