

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) at The Hague will hold a session from May 30 to 31 to take necessary actions for Preah Vihear Temple border issue raised by Cambodia, said Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Hor Namhong.

Before leaving Phnom Penh International Airport on May 5 for the ASEAN Summit in Indonesia, H.E. Hor Namhong, also Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation told reporters that in the morning of May 30 Cambodia will be asked to present a statement for two hours, while in the afternoon Thailand will be asked to give a clarification for two hours.

“In the morning of May 31, Cambodia will be allowed to present arguments for half an hour, while in the afternoon Thailand will reply back,” he said.

ICJ will decide what urgent necessary actions will be taken to ensure a ceasefire, stability and security along the deputed border, as well as keeping the calmness so that ICJ could clarify the 1962 verdict on Preah Vihear Temple, he said, adding that the interpretation will take a little long time.

The Cambodian foreign minister recalled Cambodia’s petition filed on April 28, saying that Cambodia asked ICJ to take immediate necessary actions for how to make a ceasefire.

Cambodia has not just made a preparation for the resolution at this time, he said, we have prepared this matter for many years, referring to Cambodia’s preparation to enter the meeting to deal with the dispute issue requested by the Cambodian side to ICJ.

Cambodian team comprises lawyers from France, England, the United State and Australia, he said.

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